

## SERVICES for SUNDAY

Sunday School.....9:15 AM  
- Children's Classes (ages 2-11)  
- Youth Group (ages 12-18)  
Worship Service.....10:45 AM

**To Our Guests** ~ Thank you for worshipping with us today! You are our honored guest, and we pray that your visit with us will be a great help and encouragement. Please let us know if we can be a help to you and your family in any way. If you like to leave your email address on the clipboard near the bulletins, we would love to connect with you later in the week. Thank you for visiting Mercy PCA Church, and we hope to see you again!

### HELPFUL REMINDERS

- Parents, please keep your kids in the auditorium. South Middle rules prohibit us from wandering around their facility.
- Restrooms are located in back hallway & far end of the cafeteria.

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Celebrating the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
in Worship, Community & Mission

**Morning Worship**  
**April 12, 2026**

***We are so glad that you have joined us today  
to worship the Triune God!***

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*“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”*  
2 Peter 3:18

# Sermon Notes

**Title:** “The Body Nourished” by Rev. John Downs

**Text:** 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### †CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1-10

#### †PRAYER OF INVOCATION

#### †WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

How Sweet And Awesome Is The Place  
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

### CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O Living God, our sin is to look on our faults and be discouraged, or to look on our good and be puffed up. We fall short of thy glory every day by spending hours unprofitably, by thinking that the things we do are good, when they are not done to thy end, nor spring from the rules of thy Word. Our sin is to fear what never will be; we forget to submit to thy will, and fail to be quiet there. But Scripture teaches us that thy active will reveals a steadfast purpose on our behalf, and this quiets our souls, and makes us love thee. Keep us always in the understanding that saints mourn more for sin than other men, for when they see how great is thy wrath against sin, and how Christ’s death alone pacifies that wrath, that makes them mourn the more. Help us to see that although we are in the wilderness it is not all briars and barrenness. We have bread from heaven, streams from the rock, light by day, fire by night, thy dwelling place and thy mercy seat. It’s through Jesus Christ our Lord that we pray this, Amen.

### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 2:1–2 But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”

#### †WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

Psalm 63

#### †CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

### WORSHIPING GOD IN THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Wrenn Joanne Hillegas

### WORSHIPING GOD IN OUR GIVING

Who Is This?

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### WORSHIPING GOD IN THE PROCLAMATION OF HIS WORD

“The Body Nourished” 1 Corinthians 11:17-24 by Rev. John Downs

### WORSHIPING GOD AROUND THE LORD’S TABLE IN THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

#### †SONG OF RESPONSE

The Communion Song

#### †BENEDICTION

#### †DOXOLOGY

† Congregation standing, as you are able

**The grace of God meets us in the mess of a fallen world and nourishes us through the messianic meal up to maturity**

I. The mess v. 17-22

II. The Messianic meal v. 23-26

III. Moving into maturity v. 27-34

**Application – “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22).**

Our responsibility, by God’s grace and power, is to consistently apply the truths of God’s Word that we have heard to our lives (Phil. 2:1-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on the sermon and this passage of Scripture, ask yourself these questions:

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there an example to follow?
- Is there a promise to claim?
- Is there a sin to avoid?
- Is there a principle to follow?