



MERCY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MAY 19, 2024

Welcome to Mercy Presbyterian Church

Thank you for joining us in worship today. If you are visiting with us, we are delighted that you have chosen to be with us and our desire is to be a blessing to you. Our prayer is that God will transform our lives and enable us to live for His glory and the good of the world. We would love to get to know you better and answer any questions you may have. Please share your information with us by emailing us at church@mercydallas.com.

Our Worship

You will notice that we follow a thoughtful and connected rhythm in our worship, called liturgy. The order of our worship reflects the work of the gospel in our hearts. In worship, we come together to tell the story of the gospel by the structure of our worship, the content of our worship, and the way that we worship.

Parents of Young Children

We believe the church is for all people, young and old, and want Mercy to be a church where children are seen, heard, and loved. We invite you to involve your children in our service, help them understand what is going on, sing the songs with you, and participate in worship. Children learn how to worship by imitating you. We say and sing parts of our worship service every week in order to help our young children to participate. Children's bulletins with coloring activities are available by the door to the sanctuary. Nursery is also available for babies and toddlers. A Mother's Room (the Blumen Room) is available during the service if you need a space to feed or calm a little one. The Blumen Room is a private space set with comfortable chairs and a changing station to the north of the sanctuary, and down the hall to the right.

Connection Points

If you are a visitor, regular attender or member, we would love the chance to connect with you outside of Sunday mornings! Use the QR code below to receive more information about community groups and other ministries, as well as to communicate changes to your personal information.

Community Groups are a vital part of Mercy's ministry and worship. **The Weekly Update** is our email newsletter and the primary way we communicate announcements, information about church life, and details about upcoming events. Your **Prayer Requests** matter to us! If there is any way that we can pray for you, we would love the opportunity to join you in lifting your needs before the Lord. Use the QR code below or email church@mercydallas.com to connect with us!





ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 19, 2024

WELCOME

INVOCATION | *We pray for God's presence, power and blessing in worship*

CALL TO WORSHIP | *God invites us into His presence to worship Him*

Psalm 147: 1-3, 12-15

Praise the Lord!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

**The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

**He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.**

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

**For he strengthens the bars of your gates;
he blesses your children within you.**

**He makes peace in your borders;
he fills you with the finest of the wheat.**

**He sends out his command to the earth;
his word runs swiftly.**

HYMN OF ADORATION | *We sing praises to God*

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Words by William Williams | Music by Jeremy Casella | 2037 Music ©2002

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore;
Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.

Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee;
Songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee.

DOXOLOGY | *(Glory Words) We praise the Triune God*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN | *We acknowledge our sin and ask for God's grace*

from Third Mill Ministries

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE | *God forgives our sins and gives us grace*

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. The saying is trustworthy, for:

*If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he also will deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—*

for he cannot deny himself.

Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)

Words by Kathrina von Schlegel | Translated by Jane Laurie Borthwick | Music by Jean Sibelius

Additional Words and Music by Kari Jobe & Jason Ingram | Worship Together Music ©2013

Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
Leave to thy God to order and provide
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain
Be still my soul thy best thy heav'nly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Be still my soul thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past
Thy hope thy confidence let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still my soul the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

In You I rest, in You I found my hope
In You I trust, You never let me go
I place my life within Your hands alone
Be still my soul.

Be still my soul the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord
When disappointment grief and fear are gone
Sorrow forgot Love's purest joys restored
Be still my soul when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

In You I rest in You I found my hope
In You I trust, You never let me go
I place my life within Your hands alone
Be still my soul.

In You I rest in You I found my hope
In You I trust, You never let me go
I place my life within Your hands alone
Be still my soul, Be still my soul
Be still my soul.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDER CANDIDATES

Eric Clay

Jeff Dawson

Clark Morgan

Tim Thomason

Ordination Vows

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity, and edification of the Church?

Congregational Vow

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as ruling elders, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

PRAYER FOR MERCY AND ELDERS

HYMN OF PREPARATION | *We prepare our hearts to hear God's Word*

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Words by Elizabeth Cecelia & Douglas Clephane | Music by Christopher Miner | Christopher Miner Music ©1997

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock
Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat,
And the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus,
Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form
Of One who suffered there for me;
And from my stricken heart
With tears two wonders I confess
The wonders of redeeming love
And my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow
For my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine
Than the sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by
To know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory, all the cross.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH DISMISSAL | *Children 4 years old through 2nd grade*

SCRIPTURE READING | *Hebrews 13:5-6* | Rev. Doug Tharp

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | Rev. Doug Tharp | *Worship Matters: Offering*

SERMON NOTES

OFFERTORY | *Joyfully giving His tithes and our offerings in response to His grace*

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER | *The family meal of Christians*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION AND THANKSGIVING

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. While we are not worthy so much as to gather the crumbs under your table, we nonetheless come, gracious Lord, because we have been bought with a price. So we give thanks for our savior and shepherd Jesus Christ, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

Therefore, we lift our voices to praise you, saying:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Hallelujah! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Hallelujah!

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

The Lord's Supper, also called Communion or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who have believed the good news, have repented of their sins, and are baptized members in good standing in the Lord's Church. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the Church.

Please consider offering your tithes as a physical act of worship by placing your offering in the tithe box located at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer for Awakening

Lord Jesus, I have heard from the Bible for years, and have been in church for years, but very little of this seems real to me. Please show me the reality of what you are saying. Unnerve me with the badness of the bad news. Enthrall me with the goodness of the good news. Make what is familiar seem new. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Covenant Children

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.

Prayer for Those Struggling Against Sin

Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and desires, and help me to turn from every false source of satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN | *We celebrate the family meal of Christians*

Behold Our God

Words and Music by Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird & Stephen Altrogge | Sovereign Grace Worship ©2011

Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)
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You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

How Long

Words and Music by Isaac Wardell | We Are Younger We Are Faster Music ©2016

How long Will You turn Your face away
How long Do You hear us when we pray
On and on still we walk this pilgrim way
How long

How long 'til Your children find their rest
How long 'til You draw them to Your breast
We go on holding to Your promises - How long

'Til You wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye
'Til we see our home descending from the sky
Do we wait in vain
Jesus give us hope again

How long 'til Your word will still the storm
How long 'til You bare Your mighty arm
How we groan 'til You snatch us from the thorns

'Til You wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye
'Til we see our home descending from the sky
Do we wait in vain
Jesus give us hope again

How long Sweet the dawn that ends the race
How long Weak our hearts but strong our legs
Looking on - great that cloud of witnesses
How long

'Til You wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye
'Til we see our home descending from the sky
Do we wait in vain
Jesus give us hope again

Come then Jesus come

GLORIA PATRI | *(Glory to the Father) We praise the Triune God*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

BENEDICTION | *God sends us out into the world with His blessing*

Romans 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

DISMISSAL | *God sends us out into the world*

Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Installation Reception

Join us for a short reception with cake and coffee in the social hall, following today's service.

Promotion Sunday

Sunday, June 2nd is Promotion Sunday! We will celebrate all that the children of Mercy have learned and the ways that the Holy Spirit has worked in them this year, as well as look forward for what is to come as they grow into the next grade/Sunday school class.

Children's Ministry

Toddler Sunday School and Children's Church meet every Sunday. Elementary Sunday School (3rd - 5th grade) meets from 9-10am on 2nd and 4th Sunday mornings in Room 207. We still need weekly volunteers in both the nursery and toddler rooms. If you are interested in getting your family plugged in to the children's ministry at Mercy or if you have a teen or pre-teen interested in helping, contact Emily Freeman (emily@mercydallas.com)! The last Elementary Sunday School before summer is May 26th.

Youth Ministry

Youth Group meets 2nd and 4th Sundays at alternating homes. Our last meeting of the school year is Sunday, May 19th. We are working on a summer schedule and will send out details as soon as we can! Questions? Email youth@mercydallas.com!

Summer Fun Happy Hour!

Save the date for a fun night with your Mercy friends on Wednesday, June 26th. Look for details on this adult only night in the coming weeks.

Intro to Mercy

Our next membership class is in the works for this summer. If you are interested in joining the next class, email Jessica (jessica@mercydallas.com) for more information. The class will be held on a Sunday following church at the Tharp's home and lunch will be provided.

Summer Suppers

Registration is open for Summer Suppers! Join your Mercy Family for casual, "get to know you" Summer Suppers! Your group can decide to host in homes, head to a restaurant, or even potluck at a park. Ideally, each group will gather two to three times over the summer months. You can choose a group with kids or without kids, no matter your age or stage of life. Find the link in the Weekly Email and contact Joanna Dawson with any questions (women@mercydallas.com).

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 19

10 - 11:30am

Service & Officer Installation | Sanctuary

Immediately following the service

Installation Reception | Social Hall

6 - 8pm

LAST Youth Group | TBD

Sunday, May 26

9 - 10am

LAST Elementary Sunday School | Room 207

Sunday, June 2

Promotion Sunday

10 - 11:30am

Worship Service | Sanctuary

Tuesday, June 11

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Summer Study | Cindi's Deli

Tuesday, June 25

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Summer Study | Cindi's Deli

Wednesday, June 26

6:30 - 9:30pm

Happy Hour | TBD

Tuesday, July 9

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Summer Study | Cindi's Deli

Tuesday, July 23

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Summer Study | Cindi's Deli

Wednesday, July 31

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Mercy Family Worship Night | TBD

Tuesday, August 13

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Summer Study | Cindi's Deli

Tuesday, August 27

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Summer Study | Cindi's Deli

Sunday, September 8

10 - 11:30am

Worship Service | Sanctuary

12:30pm - 2:30pm

FALL KICKOFF | TBD

FINANCIAL UPDATE AND GIVING

Giving

If you have questions about giving, expenses or budget at Mercy, or would like more information, contact Bryan Hatfield (bryan@mercydallas.com).

If you would like to give to the work and worship of Mercy Presbyterian Church, you can:

- Mail a check to: Mercy Presbyterian Church, 6930 Alpha Rd., Dallas, TX 75240
- Place checks or cash in the offering box located by the door as you exit the sanctuary.
- Give by scanning the QR code:



2023/2024 Budget

\$655,000

July 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024 Expenses

\$436,941

July 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024 Giving

\$419,548

Variance

(\$17,393)

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