



# MERCY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MERCY TO US | MERCY THROUGH US

JUNE 26, 2022

## ***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](mailto: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.

## ***Overview of I Corinthians***

Do you ever feel like there are so many diverging opinions in the church that it seems impossible to enjoy real unity? Sometimes people suggest this is a new problem - that pluralistic cultures rubbing against one another with different values are a product of postmodernity. That is not the case.

Corinth was a bustling city in 50 AD, about the time that Paul came as an apostle of Jesus Christ. It was a relatively new city - exploding with growth due to trade and cultural capital. One commentator likens Corinth to San Francisco during the gold rush. The city was composed of people from all over the Mediterranean world, which meant that the church was composed of people with very different views and opinions.

The church in Corinth became confused about how to handle a number of difficult cultural issues, and they ran into trouble when they allowed cultural values to shape their practice of Christianity. The church in Corinth wrote to Paul asking for clarity, and 1 Corinthians is Paul's response to their questions and struggles.

In his response, Paul returns again and again to the centrality of the cross, which is a demonstration of God's wisdom. "Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is folly with God." (3:18-19a). Paul calls the Corinthians, and therefore Mercy, to return to the cross in order to understand true wisdom. Together, we will pursue becoming fools in relation to the wisdom of this world so that we might know God's wisdom.



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
The Lord's Day | June 26, 2022

**REFLECTION**

*"When all is said and done, the life of faith is nothing if not an unending struggle of the spirit with every available weapon against the flesh."*

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*"People to whom sin is just a matter of words, to them salvation is just words too."*

- William Faulkner

**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 117*

Praise the Lord, all nations!

**Extol him, all peoples!**

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!**

**HYMN OF ADORATION** | *We sing praises to God*

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

*Written by Anonymous | Music by Felice de Giardini | Public Domain*

Come, thou almighty King,  
Help us thy name to sing;  
Help us to praise.  
Father all-glorious,  
O'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word,  
Gird on thy mighty sword;  
Our prayer attend.  
Come and thy people bless,  
And give thy Word success,  
And let thy righteousness  
On us descend.

Come, holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour!  
Thou, who almighty art,  
Now rule in ev'ry heart,  
And ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of pow'r.

To thee, great One in Three,  
Eternal praises be  
Hence evermore!  
Thy sov'reign majesty  
May we in glory see,  
And to eternity  
Love and adore.

**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.

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

**Holy God, Father most gracious! Rebuke us not in your anger, nor chasten us in your wrath! Heal us from our sin, for we are troubled. Deliver us for the sake of your steadfast love. Our sins trouble us, O God. We are troubled by how they have hurt others. We are troubled by how they have hurt us. Your ways are right, O righteous God! And whenever we have refused to follow them we have found out how right they are. Have mercy**

**on us, O God. Holy God, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us for the sake of your Son, who died to free us from our sins. To you be honor and glory! Amen.**

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

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

*Hebrews 8:10, 12*

*For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.*

## **BAPTISM**

*Staley Claire Stanford Nokes*

*Silas Alton Nokes*

*Wilder Allen Nokes*

*Archer William Nokes*

*Tate Stanford Nokes*

*Beckett Levi Nokes*

### **Parental Vows**

1. Do you acknowledge your children's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your children to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

### **Congregational Vow**

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of these children?

**HYMN OF GRACE** | *We celebrate God's gift of grace*

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

*Words by Louisa Stead | Music by William Kirkpatrick | Public Domain*

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;  
Just to rest upon His promise, just to know "Thus saith the Lord!"  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;  
Just in simple faith to plunge me, 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, precious Jesus, Savior, friend;  
And I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** | *We confess what we believe*

*The Heidelberg Catechism | Q38 & 39*

Why did he suffer "under Pontius Pilate" as judge?

**So that he, though innocent, might be condemned by an earthly judge, and so free us from the severe judgment of God that was to fall on us.**

Is it significant that he was "crucified" instead of dying some other way?

**Yes. By this I am convinced that he shouldered the curse which lay on me, since death by crucifixion was cursed by God.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER** | *We lift up our requests to God*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

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

*Just As I Am Without One Plea*

*Words by Charlotte Elliott | Music by William B. Bradbury | Public Domain*

Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to  
Rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. <sup>2</sup>And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you. <sup>3</sup>For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. <sup>4</sup>When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, <sup>5</sup>you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord. <sup>6</sup>Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? <sup>7</sup>Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. <sup>9</sup>I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— <sup>10</sup>not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. <sup>11</sup>But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. <sup>12</sup>For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? <sup>13</sup>God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** | Rev. Ryan Tompkins | *A Little Leaven*

**SERMON NOTES**

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## INTERLUDE

### 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.**

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, making us in your image. We praise you for your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who by His death on the cross and rising to new life offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for His people. 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!**

## PRAYER

Gracious God, we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine, and pray that we who receive them, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, according to our Savior's word, may share in victory and eternal life.

## 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*

***Mighty God We Thank and Praise You***

*Words by Wendell Kimbrough | Music by Ludwig van Beethoven | Wendell Kimbrough ©2012*

Mighty God we thank and praise you for this meal, this Bread of Life!  
Precious blood and body, broken, from your Son our Savior Christ.

In these myst'ries you assure us we are members of your Son.  
Heirs of your eternal Kingdom, with all faithful people One.

Humbly now we ask you, Father, in your grace to make us strong  
That, with all the saints before us, in good works we may press on!

Send us out to love and serve you! Send us out to sing your praise!  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Pow'r and glory to your name!

**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. Amen.

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

*1 Thessalonians 3:12-13*

*And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another  
and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless  
in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with  
all his saints.*

**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!**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the issue with which Paul deals in verses 1-2?
2. How do you understand verse 5? What is the goal of church discipline?
3. How is Paul using the analogy of leaven in verses 6-8?
4. In verses 9-13, Paul clarifies the church's relationship to those outside the church and those inside the church. What is Paul saying?
5. How does 1 Corinthians 5 challenge the church to take sin more seriously? How does this chapter challenge you?

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, June 26**

*Youth Volunteer Sunday*

7-9pm

Youth Group | Klinefelter's Home

### **Monday, June 27**

9am-11am

Mercy's Backyard Bible Club | Morgan's Home

### **Tuesday, June 28**

*Deadline to RSVP for July Summer Series*

9am-11am

Mercy's Backyard Bible Club | Morgan's Home

### **Wednesday, June 29**

9am-11am

Mercy's Backyard Bible Club | Morgan's Home

### **Thursday, June 30**

9am-11am

Mercy's Backyard Bible Club | Morgan's Home

### **Sunday, July 3**

7-9pm

Youth Group | Tompkin's Home

### **Tuesday, July 5**

9am-12pm

Family Park Playdate | Flagpole Hill

6-8pm

Summer Series | Social Hall

### **Tuesday, July 12**

9am-12pm

Family Park Playdate | Cottonwood Park

### **Sunday, July 17**

7-9pm

Youth Group | Thomason's Home

### **Tuesday, July 19**

9am-12pm

Family Park Playdate | Arbor Hills

### **Saturday, July 23**

2-4pm

Women's Book Swap | Brunaugh's Home

### **Sunday, July 24**

*Youth Volunteer Sunday*

### **Tuesday, July 26**

9am-12pm

Family Park Playdate | Churchill Park

### **Tuesday, August 2**

9am-12pm

Family Park Playdate | Watermark Tree Fort

### **Tuesday, August 9**

6-8pm

Summer Series | Social Hall

### **Sunday, August 21**

7-9pm

Youth Group | Dawson's Home

### **Sunday, August 28**

*Youth Volunteer Sunday*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ***Crates for Ukraine***

MTW missionaries Doug and Masha Shepherd have reached out to our Presbytery with a specific way we can help them minister in the midst of the war in Ukraine. They have sent us lists of supplies that we can pack and take to their team in Krakow, Poland, who will then distribute the aid to those most in need in Ukraine. To get involved or for more information, contact Elizabeth Cunningham ([cunningham.maryelizabeth@gmail.com](mailto:cunningham.maryelizabeth@gmail.com)).

### ***Summer is Here!***

Mercy's first ever *Backyard Bible Club* is this week, Monday, June 27 - Thursday, June 30 from 9-11am at the Morgan's home. Family Park Playdates will resume on Tuesdays from 9am-12pm following *Backyard Bible Club* this week. Specific parks are listed in the weekly email and the worship guide. Contact Emily ([emily@mercydallas.com](mailto:emily@mercydallas.com)) for more information.

### ***Infants and Children***

A mother's room is available for feeding and calming infants; it is located in the office space just outside the left exit door in the sanctuary. Nursery is available for infants (Nursery Room) and toddlers (Room 135). Children's Church does not meet during the summer. Contact Emily Freeman at [emily@mercydallas.com](mailto:emily@mercydallas.com) for more information.

### ***Youth Group***

This Summer, youth will meet Sunday evenings at rotating houses. The schedule is listed in the weekly email and the worship guide. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, youth have the opportunity to serve as part of the Set Up or Welcome Team. For more information about the youth ministry and schedule, contact Josh and Hannah Patch at [youth@mercydallas.com](mailto:youth@mercydallas.com).

### ***Women's Ministry***

The women's summer social is Saturday, July 23 from 2-4pm at the Brunaugh's home: 9928 Acklin Dr, Dallas. Join us for a time of fellowship as we enjoy snacks and swap books! Bring some books you would like to trade out and learn more about what others have been enjoying reading lately. Any genre is welcome, kids books included. Or just come for the food and company!

### ***Community Groups***

Community Groups are a vital part of Mercy's ministry and worship. If you are interested in joining a community group, please contact Jessica Nokes ([jessica@mercydallas.com](mailto:jessica@mercydallas.com)) for further information.

### ***Serve at Mercy***

Sunday morning volunteers are critical to the work and worship of Mercy. Contact Jessica at [jessica@mercydallas.com](mailto:jessica@mercydallas.com) for more information or to sign up.

### ***Summer Series: Jerusalem and Athens***

Have you ever felt like you don't belong in this world? Have you felt ill-equipped to respond intelligently to the cultural issues of our day? Do you know how to express the hope you have within you in the face of adversity? Join us for dinner, fellowship, and conversation at the Temple for our Summer Series as we discuss our citizenship in the city of God and the city of Man. We will meet from 6-8pm on July 5<sup>th</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup>. Dinner and childcare will be provided. **Please RSVP for the July session by Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**, using the link found in the weekly email. Contact [church@mercydallas.com](mailto:church@mercydallas.com) with any questions. Suggested age is 13+.

## CONNECTING

### ***Pastor Search Team***

If you have any questions about the ongoing pastor search, or are interested in contacting the Pastor Search Team, please email [pastorsearch@mercydallas.com](mailto:pastorsearch@mercydallas.com).

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### ***Weekly Update***

Our weekly email newsletter is the primary way we communicate announcements, information about church life, and details about upcoming events. Email [church@mercydallas.com](mailto:church@mercydallas.com) if you would like to receive weekly emails.

### ***Prayer Requests***

If you have a private matter that the session could be praying for, please email their private email at [session@mercydallas.com](mailto:session@mercydallas.com). They would love the opportunity to lift your needs before the Lord.

### ***Giving***

If you would like to give to the work and worship of Mercy Presbyterian Church, you can do so in three ways:

- Place checks or cash in the offering box located by the door as you exit the sanctuary on Sundays.
- Give online at [www.mercydallas.givingfire.com](http://www.mercydallas.givingfire.com).
- Mail a check to Mercy Presbyterian, P.O. Box 670035, Dallas, TX 75230

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