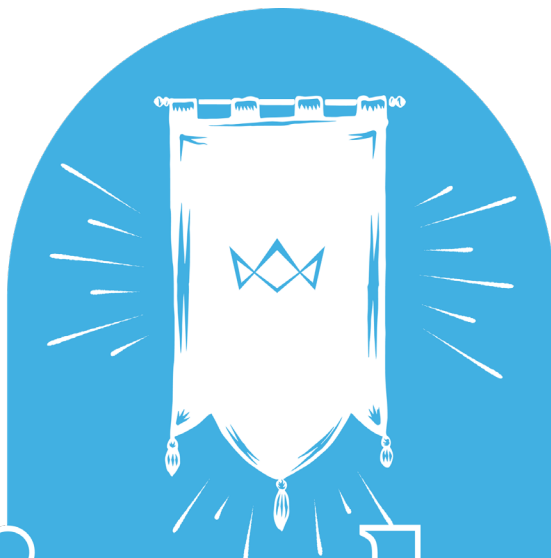




MERCY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Kingdom Values

MERCY TO US & THROUGH US

AUGUST 13, 2023

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 is available during the service if you need a space to feed or calm a little one. The office to the north of the sanctuary is a private space set with comfortable chairs and a changing station.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lord's Day Worship | August 13, 2023

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 9:1-2, 13-14

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

**I will be glad and exult in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

Be gracious to me, O Lord!
See my affliction from those who hate me,
O you who lift me up from the gates of death,

**that I may recount all your praises,
that in the gates of the daughter of Zion
I may rejoice in your salvation.**

HYMN OF ADORATION | *We sing praises to God*

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Words by Joachim Neander | Traditional German Melody | Public Domain

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation!
O, my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord! Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth!
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth;
Hast thou not seen, how all your longings have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew, what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him
Let the Amen, sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him

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.

from Psalm 25

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

Joel 2:23-27

*"Be glad, O children of Zion,
and rejoice in the Lord your God,
for he has given the early rain for your vindication;
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the latter rain, as before.*

*"The threshing floors shall be full of grain;
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
I will restore to you the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent among you.*

*"You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I am the Lord your God and there is none else.
And my people shall never again be put to shame..."*

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

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Words by George Matheson | Music by Christopher Miner | Christopher Miner Music ©1997

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

CONFESSION OF FAITH | *We confess what we believe*

The Young Communicant's Catechism, Questions 5-6, 8 John Willison (1680-1750)

What views then have you got of your natural state and condition?

I do see it to be a most sinful, wretched, and helpless case; I am condemned to perish under a load of guilt and wrath, having broke the covenant of works, which I cannot fulfill, offended the justice of God, which I cannot satisfy, and lost the image of God, and my precious soul, which I cannot recover. O what shall I do to be saved?

Where do you look for relief?

Only to Jesus Christ, who hath, in his free love to lost sinners, undertaken as Surety and Mediator in the new covenant, which is exhibited and sealed to believers at the Lord's table.

What think you of the love of God, that was the spring of this new covenant?

I view it as wonderful and amazing; I admire the love of the Father, in contriving and sending his beloved Son to execute it; I admire the love of the Son of God, in undertaking to be a Surety and sacrifice for lost sinners of Adam's race, when the sinning angels were passed by, and left to perish forever; and I admire the love of the Holy Ghost, in undertaking to apply that redemption to lost elect sinners, by working in them conviction, conversion, and faith in Jesus Christ.

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*

Is He Worthy

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Do you feel the world is broken
We do
Do you feel the shadows deepen
We do
But do you know that all the dark
Won't stop the light from getting through
We do
Do you wish that you could see it all made new
We do

Is all creation groaning (it is)
It is
Is a new creation coming (it is)
It is
Is the glory of the Lord
To be the light within our midst (it is)
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this (it is)

Is anyone worthy, is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy, is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this
He is

Does the Father truly love us (He does)
He does
Does the Spirit move among us (He does)
He does
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves
He does
Does our God intend to dwell again with us (He does)

Is anyone worthy, is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From ev'ry people and tribe, every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests
To God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy, is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy, is He worthy
Is He worthy of this
He is

Is He worthy, is He worthy
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CHILDREN'S SERMON

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO PARENTS

SCRIPTURE READING | *1 John 4:7-12* | *Jeff Dawson*

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | Rev. Doug Tharp | *Kingdom Inheritance*

SERMON NOTES

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.

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.

All Glory Be to Christ

Traditional Scottish Folk Tune | Auld Lang Syne | Dustin Kensrue | We Are Younger We Are Faster Music ©2012

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To You who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist it vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our King, all glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ

His will be done His Kingdom come
On Earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living waters satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our King, all glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ

When on the day the Great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinner's slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast Light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our King, all glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ

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*

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Fall Kickoff

The date and location for the Fall Kickoff have changed! We will meet at Cottonwood Park (1400 W. Beltline Rd., Richardson) following the service on **Sunday, September 10th** until the fun wears off (2pm). Expect Hamburger Man, water balloons, lawn games, additional fun and fellowship. Many volunteers are needed to make this fun-filled, church-wide event a success. Registration and volunteer opportunity links will be in the Weekly Email or you can email Jessica (jessica@mercydallas.com) if you have ideas and/or want to add your talents to the event.

Children's Ministry

As summer comes to a close, there are still opportunities for families to gather and play. The Mercy Mom's GroupMe is still active - feel free to continue the conversations into the school year! Questions about children's ministry? Email Emily (emily@mercydallas.com).

Youth Ministry

6th-12th graders are invited to the Youth Group's first meeting of the 2023-2024 school year! Join us TONIGHT, Sunday, August 13th for fun and crazy games! Prizes! Rice Krispie Treats! Worshiping God! An exciting preview of our lessons and events for youth group this semester! Eat dinner before you come; Bibles are not needed tonight. As always, you are welcome to bring friends. Youth Group meets on 2nd and 4th Sundays. Questions? Email Josh Patch (youth@mercydallas.com).

Women's Ministry

Start gathering your books for a book swap next Saturday, August 19th at the Walter's Home (3312 Hanover St.), hosted by the Buerger's Community Group from 2-4pm. Registration for the Women's Bible Study, using Jen Wilken's study of The Sermon on the Mount, is currently open. The link is available in the Weekly Email. Women will have the option of meeting Tuesday morning (childcare available) or Wednesday evening (childcare not available). The cost for materials is \$15 and scholarships are available to those in need. Registration closes on Monday, September 4th. Email Joanna (women@mercydallas.com) with any questions or for scholarship information.

Men's Ministry

The Men's Ministry Team is working to develop a robust ministry at Mercy. They are looking for ideas from our men and youth in the areas of Bible study, discipleship, outreach, retreats, events, service opportunities, and relationship-building activities. They will be taking input through Friday, August 18th. Email tim@mercydallas.com with your feedback.

Mercy Financial Update

For questions about giving, expenses or Mercy's budget, you can reach out to Bryan Hatfield (bryan@mercydallas.com).

2022/2023 Budget	\$630,000
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 Expenses	\$650,067
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 Giving	\$605,874
<i>Variance</i>	<i>(\$44,193)</i>

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 13

6 - 8pm

Youth Kickoff | The Church's Home

Saturday, August 19

2 - 4pm

Women's Book Swap | The Walter's Home

Sunday, August 20

Immediately following the service

Congregational Meeting | Sanctuary

Sunday, August 27

6 - 8pm

Youth Group | TBD

Sunday, September 10

Immediately following the service - 2pm

Fall Kickoff | Cottonwood Park

6 - 8pm

Youth Group | TBD

Tuesday, September 12

9:30am - 11am

Women's Bible Study | The Thomason's Home

Wednesday, September 13

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Walter's Home

Thursday, September 14

6:30am - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

Tuesday, September 19

9:30am - 11am

Women's Bible Study | The Thomason's Home

Wednesday, September 20

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Walter's Home

Thursday, September 21

6:30am - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

Sunday, September 24

6 - 8pm

Youth Group | TBD

Tuesday, September 26

9:30am - 11am

Women's Bible Study | The Thomason's Home

Wednesday, September 27

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Walter's Home

Thursday, September 28

6:30am - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

Tuesday, October 3

9:30am - 11am

Women's Bible Study | The Thomason's Home

Wednesday, October 4

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Walter's Home

Thursday, October 5

6:30am - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

Sunday, October 8

6 - 8pm

Youth Group | TBD

Tuesday, October 10

9:30am - 11am

Women's Bible Study | The Thomason's Home

Wednesday, October 11

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Walter's Home

Thursday, October 12

6:30am - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

Tuesday, October 17

9:30am - 11am

Women's Bible Study | The Thomason's Home

Wednesday, October 18

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Walter's Home

Thursday, October 19

6:30am - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

Sunday, October 22

6 - 8pm

Youth Group | TBD

Tuesday, October 24

9:30am - 11am

Women's Bible Study | The Thomason's Home

Wednesday, October 25

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Walter's Home

Thursday, October 26

6:30am - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

Tuesday, October 31

9:30am - 11am

Women's Bible Study | The Thomason's Home

Wednesday, November 1

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Walter's Home

Thursday, November 2

6:30am - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

Tuesday, November 7

9:30am - 11am

Women's Bible Study | The Thomason's Home

Wednesday, November 8

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Walter's Home

Thursday, November 9

6:30am - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

Sunday, November 12

6 - 8pm

Youth Group | TBD

Tuesday, November 14

9:30am - 11am

Women's Bible Study | The Thomason's Home

Wednesday, November 15

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Walter's Home

Thursday, November 16

6:30am - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

CONNECTING

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 at jessica@mercydallas.com.

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 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. 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.churchcenter.com/giving/to/general
- Mail a check to Mercy Presbyterian, P.O. Box 670035, Dallas, TX 75230

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