



MERCY TO US | MERCY THROUGH US

OCTOBER 23, 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.

## ***Series Overview - Life of David: A Man After God's Own Heart***

Why did Israel need a king? Is not God Israel's king? After the period of the Judges, Israel voiced its desire for a king. In Scripture, this desire is seen as either a good idea or a bad idea, depending on the passage. It seems that the success of a monarchy depends on the heart of the monarch. After Saul failed as the first king, God called a shepherd from the country town of Bethlehem to be king. After being anointed by Samuel, David became the king who would unify Israel, centralize the government, and provide for the first permanent house for the worship of God.

There are two themes in the story of David that demand our attention. First, after David was anointed, he went on the run for years as Saul sought to put him to death. What does it look like to follow God faithfully when our experience does not match his promises? David will show us. Second, while David was celebrated for his commitment to God and sincerity in worship, he was also guilty of failing God, failing in leadership, and failing his family. What does it look like to repent from failure and move forward in faith? David will show us that, too.



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
The Lord's Day | October 23, 2022

**REFLECTION**

*We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.*

*- Galatians 2:15-16*

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

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

*Psalms 89:1-4*

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

**For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."**

You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant:

**'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"**

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

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*Words by Charles Wesley | Music by Carl G. Gläser | Arranged by Lowell Mason | Public Domain*

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread thro' all the earth abroad  
The honors of your name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease,  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood availed for me.

To God all glory, praise, and love  
Be now and ever given  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heaven.

**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*

**Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

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

*Luke 7:48-50*

*And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."*

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

***Christ, or Else I Die***

*Words by William Hammond | Music by Drew Holcomb | ©2005 Red Mountain Music*

Gracious Lord, incline thy ear;  
My requests vouchsafe to hear;  
Hear my never-ceasing cry;  
Give me Christ, or else I die.

Wealth and honor I disdain,  
Earthly comforts, Lord are vain;  
These can never satisfy:  
Give me Christ, or else I die.

All unholy and unclean,  
I am nothing else but sin;  
On thy mercy I rely;  
Give me Christ, or else I die.

Thou dost freely save the lost;  
In thy grace alone I trust.  
With my earnest suit comply;  
Give me Christ, or else I die.

Thou dost promise to forgive  
All who in thy Son believe;  
Lord, I know thou can not lie;  
Give me Christ, or else I die.

All unholy and unclean,  
I am nothing else but sin;  
On thy mercy I rely;  
Give me Christ, or else I die.  
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#### **CONFESSION OF FAITH** | *We confess what we believe*

*The Heidelberg Catechism | Q59 & 60*

What good does it do you, however, to believe all this?

**In Christ I am righteous before God and heir to life everlasting.**

How are you righteous before God?

**Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart.**

#### **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*

### ***Rock of Ages***

*\*Hymn of the Month | Teaching our children great hymns of our faith*

*Words by Augustus Toplady | Music by James Ward | James Ward Music ©1985*

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From thy wounded side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure;  
Save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to the cross I cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee.

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

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

Now when the king lived in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, <sup>2</sup>the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” <sup>3</sup>And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you.” <sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, <sup>5</sup>“Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord: Would you build me a house to dwell in?’ <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. <sup>7</sup>In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’ <sup>8</sup>Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup>And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. <sup>12</sup>When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup>He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup>I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, <sup>15</sup>but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. <sup>16</sup>And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.’” <sup>17</sup>In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**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.*

***The Church's One Foundation***

*Words by Samuel Stone | Music by Brian Moss | Parson John Publishing ©1996*

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,  
She is His new creation, by water and the Word.  
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one over all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish, her dear Lord to defend  
To guide, sustain and cherish, is with her to the end  
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale  
Against a foe or traitor, she ever shall prevail.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
'Til, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blessed,  
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

**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*

*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!**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. In verses 1-3, David and Nathan agreed that building a house for the Lord was a good thing. God had another idea. Have you ever engaged in something you thought was a good idea, maybe even a holy idea, but God had something else in mind?
2. Why didn't God want a house built for himself?
3. How did God go out of his way to remind David that he had made him? How are you prone to remember that your success is God's grace?
4. David set out to build God a house, but God promised to build David a house. What did God intend through this promise?
5. How did God's promises here differ from the Mosaic Covenant, and how did they change the story of redemption moving forward? How does that make you grateful?

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, October 23**

*Youth Volunteer Sunday*

9 - 9:45am

Elementary Sunday School | Room 120

11:45am - 1pm

Intro to Mercy (2) | Temple Shalom

6 - 8pm

Youth Group | Church's Home

### **Tuesday, October 25**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Dallas

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | Dawson's Home

### **Wednesday, October 26**

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | Nelson's Home

### **Sunday, October 30**

11:45am - 1pm

Intro to Mercy (3) | Temple Shalom

### **Tuesday, November 1**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Dallas

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | Dawson's Home

### **Wednesday, November 2**

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | Nelson's Home

### **Friday, November 4**

6:30 - 8pm

Jr. High Youth | The Village

### **Saturday, November 5**

6:30 - 8pm

High School Youth | Top Golf

### **Sunday, November 6**

11:45am - 1pm

Intro to Mercy (4) | Temple Shalom

### **Tuesday, November 8**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Dallas

### **Saturday, November 12**

2-4pm

Women's Social | Sosnoski's Home

### **Sunday, November 13**

9 - 9:45am

Elementary Sunday School | Room 120

6 - 8pm

Youth Group | TBD

### **Tuesday, November 15**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Dallas

### **Tuesday, November 22**

*No Men's Bible Study*

### **Sunday, November 27**

*No Elementary Sunday School*

*No Youth Group*

### **Tuesday, November 29**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Dallas

### **Friday, December 2**

Men's Social | Swindell's Home

### **Saturday, December 3**

Women's Brunch | Thomason's Home

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ***Mercy Children***

Nursery is available weekly for infants (Nursery Room). Sunday School will be available for toddlers weekly during the service. Children (4 years-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) will be dismissed from the service during the sermon for Children's Church and Elementary Sunday School (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade) will meet at 9am on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Our Mother's Room is available during the service if you need a space to feed a baby or calm a little one who is feeling fussy. The office to the north of the sanctuary is a private space set with comfortable chairs and a changing station. If you have any questions or would like to get involved with our children's ministry, please email Emily Freeman (emily@mercydallas.com).

### ***Youth Group***

Youth Group meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday evenings at rotating homes. The schedule will be listed on the calendar in the bulletin. The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, youth have the opportunity to serve as part of the Set Up or Welcome Team as a group, though they are welcome to serve any week alongside their families. For more information about the youth ministry and schedule, contact Josh and Hannah Patch at youth@mercydallas.com. Save the date for the fall socials: Middle school will play "Minute to Win It" on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at The Village from 6:30-8pm and High school will play meet at Top Golf to play miniature golf on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm.

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

The women of Mercy are studying Nancy Guthrie's book, *The Promised One: Seeing Jesus in Genesis*. Join us either Tuesday mornings (childcare available) or Wednesday evenings. We look forward to studying God's Word with the women in our church family! Save the date for our next social on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Sosnowski's home.

### ***Men's Ministry***

The Mercy Men's Bible Study meets Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30am at Cindi's Deli in Dallas (on Central between Forest and Royal). We are studying Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *The Cost of Discipleship* (ISBN-10: 0684815001 or ISBN-13: 978-0684815008). Save the Date for the fall social on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Swindell's home.

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

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

### ***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.



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](mailto:jessica@mercydallas.com).

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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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