



MERCY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MERCY TO US | MERCY THROUGH US

AUGUST 28, 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.

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 | August 28, 2022

REFLECTION

*"We can afford to follow Him to failure. Faith dares to fail. The resurrection and the judgment will demonstrate before all worlds who won and who lost. We can wait."
- Aiden Tozer*

*"Resurrection means that the worst thing is never the last thing."
- Frederick Buechner*

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 92:1-4; 12-15

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

**To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,
To the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.**

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

**The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our
God.**

They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green,

**To declare that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no
unrighteousness in him.**

HYMN OF ADORATION | *We sing praises to God*

Come and Welcome

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From the cross uplifted high
Where the Savior deigns to die
What melodious sounds I hear
Bursting on my ravished ear
Love's redeeming work is done
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Sprinkled now with blood the throne
Why beneath thy burdens groan
On my pierced body laid
Justice owns the ransom paid
Bow the knee and kiss the Son
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Spread for thee the festal board
See with richest dainties stored
To thy Father's bosom pressed
Yet again a child confessed
Never from His house to roam
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Soon the days of life shall end
Lo, I come, your Savior, Friend
Safe your spirit to convey
To the realms of endless day
Up to my eternal home.
Come and welcome, sinner, come.
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

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*

O Changeless God, under the conviction of the Spirit I learn that the more I do, the worse I am. The more I know, the less I know. The more holiness I have, the more sinful I am. The more I love, the more there is to love. O wretched man that I am! Have mercy on me, a sinner, and permit me to know the joy and power of the resurrection. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

Isaiah 12:2-3

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

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

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

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How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary, rest.

O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

How weak the effort of my heart, how cold my warmest thought;
But when I see you as you are, I'll praise you as I ought.

Till then I would your love proclaim with every fleeting breath;
And may the music of your name refresh my soul in death.

MERCY MOMENT | *Women's Ministry*

BAPTISM

Gianna Estelle Lippincott

Parental Vows

1. Do you acknowledge your child'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 her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her 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 this child?

CONFESSION OF FAITH | *We confess what we believe*

The Heidelberg Catechism | Q50 & 51

Why the next words: "and is seated at the right hand of God"?

Because Christ ascended to heaven to show there that he is head of his church, the one through whom the Father rules all things.

How does this glory of Christ our head benefit us?

First, through his Holy Spirit he pours out gifts from heaven upon us his members. Second, by his power he defends us and keeps us safe from all enemies.

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*

Fairest Lord Jesus

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Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING | *1 Corinthians 15:35-58*

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. ⁵⁰I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.” ⁵⁵“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | Rev. Ryan Tompkins | *The Resurrected Body*

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.

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

We Will Glorify

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We will glorify the King of kings
We will glorify the Lamb
We will glorify the Lord of lords
Who is the great I am.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty
We will bow before His throne
We will worship Him in righteousness
We will worship Him alone.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth
He is Lord of all who live
He is Lord above the universe
All praise to Him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of kings
Hallelujah to the Lamb
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords
Who is the great I am.

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*

Ephesians 3:17-19

So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith - that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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. Consider verses 35-41. What is Paul's point?
2. Consider verses 42-49. How do you think the spiritual body differs from the natural body?
3. What is the power of death, and how is it defeated in resurrection?
4. Consider verse 58. How does this passage encourage you in your labor of ministry?
5. What is your takeaway from this passage?

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 28

Youth Volunteer Sunday

Sunday, September 11

6-8pm

Youth Group | TBD

Tuesday, September 13

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Dallas

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | Dawson's Home

Wednesday, September 14

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | Nelson's Home

Sunday, September 18

Fall Kickoff | Temple Shalom

Tuesday, September 20

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Dallas

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | Dawson's Home

Wednesday, September 21

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | Nelson's Home

Sunday, September 25

Youth Volunteer Sunday

11:45am-1pm

Intro to Mercy (1) | Temple Shalom

6-8pm

Youth Group | TBD

Tuesday, September 27

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Dallas

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | Dawson's Home

Wednesday, September 28

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | Nelson's Home

Sunday, October 2

11:45am-1pm

Intro to Mercy (2) | Temple Shalom

Tuesday, October 4

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Dallas

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | Dawson's Home

Wednesday, October 5

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | Nelson's Home

Sunday, October 9

6-8pm

Youth Group | TBD

Tuesday, October 11

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Dallas

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | Dawson's Home

Wednesday, October 12

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | Nelson's Home

Sunday, October 16

11:45am-1pm

Intro to Mercy (3) | Temple Shalom

Tuesday, October 18

No Men's Bible Study

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | Dawson's Home

Wednesday, October 19

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | Nelson's Home

Sunday, October 23

11:45am-1pm

Intro to Mercy (4) | Temple Shalom

6-8pm

Youth Group | TBD

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

Youth Volunteer Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Updates

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

Save the Date for Fall Kickoff!

Mercy's Fall Kickoff will be at the Temple on September 18th. Join us for games, food, fun and fellowship! Send Jessica an email (jessica@mercydallas.com) if you're interested in helping out or look for the link to the SignUp Genius in the weekly email.

Intro to Mercy

We are excited to resume our Intro to Mercy classes this fall. Dates have shifted slightly for the four-week class (9/25, 10/2, 10/16, 10/23). We'll meet Sundays after church in September and October in the conference room at Temple Shalom. We will provide lunch and childcare. Come hear about Mercy's vision, mission, core values, theology, and how to get involved. Contact Jessica for more information or sign up via the link in the weekly email. RSVP by 9/18.

Youth Group

Youth Group meets 2nd & 4th Sunday evenings at rotating homes. The schedule will be listed on the calendar. The 4th 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.

Women's Ministry

Please join the women of Mercy for a seven-week Bible Study this fall. We will study Nancy Guthrie's book, *The Promised One: Seeing Jesus in Genesis*. Join us either Tuesday mornings (childcare available) or Wednesday evenings. You can find more info on the registration page, linked in the weekly email. We will start September 13th/14th and end November 1st/2nd. We look forward to studying God's word with the women in our church family!

Men's Ministry

The Mercy Men's Bible Study resumes on Tuesday, September 13th, from 6:30-7:30am at Cindi's Deli in Dallas (southbound US 75 service road between Forest and Royal). We will study Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *The Cost of Discipleship*, which you can order from your preferred bookseller. Use the following ISBN numbers to ensure you purchase the correct edition: ISBN-10: 0684815001 or ISBN-13: 978-0684815008.

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) for further information.

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.

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.

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Weekly Update

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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. 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.
- Mail a check to Mercy Presbyterian, P.O. Box 670035, Dallas, TX 75230

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