



# MERCY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MERCY TO US | MERCY THROUGH US

SEPTEMBER 11, 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 | September 11, 2022

**REFLECTION**

*If there's a Goliath in front of you, that means there's a David inside of you.*

- Carlos Rodriguez

*So reading the Old Testament Christocentrically is not just a "additional" dimension. It is not something you can just tack on - to the end of a study and sermon. ("Oh, and by the way, this also points us to Christ".) Rather, the Christocentric reading provides a fundamentally different application and meaning to the text. Without relating it to Christ, the story of Abraham and Isaac means: "You must be willing to even kill your own son for him."*

- Tim Keller

**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 84:1-4*

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

**Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise.**

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

***Arise, My Soul, Arise***

*Words by Charles Wesley | Music by Kevin Twit | ©1996 Kevin Twit Music*

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears;  
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;  
His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead;  
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

The Father hears Him pray, His dear anointed One;  
He cannot turn away the presence of His Son;  
The Spirit answers to the blood, the Spirit answers to the blood  
And tells me I am born of God.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

**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*

**Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways. Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father; And free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

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

*Isaiah 45:22*

*Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.*

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

*I Asked the Lord*

*Words by John Newton & Laura Taylor | Music by Laura Taylor | double v music ©2004*

I asked the Lord that I might grow  
In faith and love and every grace  
Might more of His salvation know  
And seek more earnestly His face

Twas He who taught me thus to pray  
And He I trust has answered prayer  
But it has been in such a way  
As almost drove me to despair

I hoped that in some favored hour  
At once He'd answer my request  
And by His love's constraining power  
Subdue my sins and give me rest

Instead of this He made me feel  
The hidden evils of my heart  
And let the angry powers of Hell  
Assault my soul in every part

Yea more with His own hand He seemed  
Intent to aggravate my woe  
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed,  
Cast out my feelings, laid me low

Lord why is this, I trembling cried  
Wilt Thou pursue thy worm to death?  
"Tis in this way" The Lord replied  
"I answer prayer for grace and faith"

"These inward trials I employ  
From self and pride to set thee free  
And break thy schemes of earthly joy  
That thou mayest seek thy all in me,  
That thou mayest seek thy all in me."

**MERCY MOMENT** | *Pastor Search Team*

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

*The Heidelberg Catechism | Q53*

What do you believe concerning "the Holy Spirit"?

**First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son, is eternal God. Second, that the Spirit is given also to me, so that, through true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his benefits, comforts me, and will remain with me forever.**

**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*

*Be Thou My Vision*

*Ancient Irish Hymn | Public Domain*

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High king of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High king of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

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

**SCRIPTURE READING** | *1 Samuel 17:1-11, 32-51*

Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle. And they were gathered at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim. <sup>2</sup>And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered, and encamped in the Valley of Elah, and drew up in line of battle against the Philistines. <sup>3</sup>And the Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with a valley between them. <sup>4</sup>And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. <sup>5</sup>He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. <sup>6</sup>And he had bronze armor on his legs, and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. <sup>7</sup>The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron. And his shield-bearer went before him. <sup>8</sup>He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. <sup>9</sup>If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." <sup>10</sup>And the Philistine said, "I defy the ranks of Israel this day. Give me a man, that we may fight together." <sup>11</sup>When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

<sup>32</sup>And David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." <sup>33</sup>And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth." <sup>34</sup>But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, <sup>35</sup>I went after him and struck him and delivered it



out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him. <sup>36</sup>Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God.” <sup>37</sup>And David said, “The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” And Saul said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with you!” <sup>38</sup>Then Saul clothed David with his armor. He put a helmet of bronze on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail, <sup>39</sup>and David strapped his sword over his armor. And he tried in vain to go, for he had not tested them. Then David said to Saul, “I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them.” So David put them off. <sup>40</sup>Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd's pouch. His sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine. <sup>41</sup>And the Philistine moved forward and came near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. <sup>42</sup>And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. <sup>43</sup>And the Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup>The Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field.” <sup>45</sup>Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup>This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, <sup>47</sup>and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand.” <sup>48</sup>When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. <sup>49</sup>And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground. <sup>50</sup>So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. There was no sword in the hand of David. <sup>51</sup>Then David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him and cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 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. Enthral 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.*

***Behold the Lamb***

*Words and Music by Keith and Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend | Thankyou Music ©2006*

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
Slain for us, and we remember;  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
Torn for you, eat and remember;  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life  
Paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
Shed for you, drink and remember;  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace  
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
To respond, and to remember;  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering,  
We proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King!

**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*

*Philippians 4:7*

*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

**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 4-7, Goliath receives a detailed description. What is the purpose of that description? What, or who, are the Goliaths of our day?
2. What is the reaction of Saul and the Israelites in response to Goliath's taunts? Where have you experienced similar fear?
3. What is the difference between how David sees Goliath and how Saul sees Goliath? What lies at the heart of that difference?
4. What is the meaning of this story?
5. How might you apply that meaning to your life?

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, September 11**

9 - 9:45am  
Elementary Sunday School | 120  
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**

11:30am - 1:30pm  
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*  
9 - 9:45am  
Elementary Sunday School | 120  
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**

9 - 9:45am  
Elementary Sunday School | 120  
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**

*Youth Volunteer Sunday*  
9 - 9:45am  
Elementary Sunday School | 120  
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

## 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](mailto:jessica@mercydallas.com) if you would like to receive weekly emails.

### **Fall Family Kickoff!**

Join us September 18<sup>th</sup> for games, food, fun and fellowship! RSVP via the link in the weekly email. If you're interested in helping, send Jessica an email ([jessica@mercydallas.com](mailto:jessica@mercydallas.com)) or look for the link to the SignUp Genius in the weekly email.

### **Intro to Mercy**

Intro to Mercy classes resume this fall. Dates for the four-week class are 9/25, 10/2, 10/16, & 10/23. The class will 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.

### **Mercy Children**

Nursery is available weekly for infants (Nursery Room). Sunday Schools and Children's Church return September 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 comfy 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](mailto: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. 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](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> and end November 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **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.

## 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).

### **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).

### **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](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).
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