



MERCY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Worship Matters

JUNE 23, 2024

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 (the Blumen Room) is available during the service if you need a space to feed or calm a little one. The Blumen Room is a private space set with comfortable chairs and a changing station to the north of the sanctuary, and down the hall to the right.

Connection Points

If you are a visitor, regular attender or member, we would love the chance to connect with you outside of Sunday mornings! Use the QR code below to receive more information about community groups and other ministries, as well as to communicate changes to your personal information.

Community Groups are a vital part of Mercy's ministry and worship. **The Weekly Update** is our email newsletter and the primary way we communicate announcements, information about church life, and details about upcoming events. Your **Prayer Requests** matter to us! If there is any way that we can pray for you, we would love the opportunity to join you in lifting your needs before the Lord. Use the QR code below or email church@mercydallas.com to connect with us!





ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 23, 2024

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 108:1-6

My heart is steadfast, O God!

I will sing and make melody with all my being!

Awake, O harp and lyre!

I will awake the dawn!

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;

I will sing praises to you among the nations.

**For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

Let your glory be over all the earth!

**That your beloved ones may be delivered,
give salvation by your right hand and answer me!**

Come Christians Join to Sing

Words by Christian Bateman | Traditional Spanish Folk Melody | Public Domain

Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice.
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end.
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again,
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore,
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore,
"Alleluia! Amen!"

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.

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

**Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

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

Micah 7:18-19

*Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?
He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.
He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.
You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.*

Refuge of My Weary Soul

Words by Anne Steel | Music by Kevin Twit | Kevin Twit Music ©1998

Dear refuge of my weary soul,
On Thee, when sorrows rise
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll
My fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief,
For Thou alone canst heal
They Words can bring a sweet relief
For every pain I feel

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail,
I dear to call Thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail,
And all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee?
Thou art my only trust
And still my soul would cleave to Thee
Through prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face,
And shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace,
Be deaf when I complain?
No still the ear of sovereign grace,
Attends the mourner's prayer
Oh may I ever find access,
To breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still,
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet,
They mercy seat is open still,
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet

CONFESSION OF FAITH | *We confess what we believe*

The Scots Confession of 1560 | Chapter 1: Of God

Mercy, what do we believe about God?

We confess and acknowledge one only God, to whom only we must cleave, whom only we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom only we must put our trust; who is eternal, infinite, unmeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible: one in substance, and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost: By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and in earth, as well visible as invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable Providence, to such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice has appointed them, to the manifestation of his own glory.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | *Tim Thomason*

THE 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*

Behold Our God

Words and Music by Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird & Stephen Altrogge | Sovereign Grace Worship ©2011

Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)

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Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

CHILDREN'S SERMON

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH | *2nd & 4th Sundays this Summer*

SCRIPTURE READING | *Numbers 6:24-26* | John MacLaughlin

The Lord bless you and keep you;
²⁵the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
²⁶the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | Rev. Doug Tharp | *Worship Matters: Benediction/Sending*

SERMON NOTES

OFFERTORY | *Joyfully giving His tithes and our offerings in response to His grace*

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.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION AND THANKSGIVING

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. While we are not worthy so much as to gather the crumbs under your table, we nonetheless come, gracious Lord, because we have been bought with a price. So we give thanks for our savior and shepherd Jesus Christ, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

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!**

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.

Satisfied

Words by Clara T. Williams | Music by Karl Digerness | Cardiphonia Music ©2012

All my life long I had panted
For a drink from some cool spring
That I hoped would quench the burning
Of the thirst I felt within

Hallelujah! He has found me,
The One my soul so long has craved
Jesus satisfies all my longings,
Through his blood I now am saved.

Feeding on the filth around me
'Till my strength was almost gone.
Longed my soul for something better
Only still to hunger on

Hallelujah! He has found me,
The One my soul so long has craved
Jesus satisfies all my longings,
Through his blood I now am saved.

Well of water ever springing,
Bread of Life so rich and free.
Untold wealth that never faileth,
My Redeemer is to me.

Hallelujah! He has found me,
The One my soul so long has craved
Jesus satisfies all my longings,
Through his blood I now am saved.

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*

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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

Children's Communicant Class

This class is an opportunity for our kids to learn more about what we believe as a church and explore what they believe about the gospel. If your child has professed faith in Christ and is interested in becoming a communing member, we'd love to have them attend this class. Taking the class does not require a child to become a communing member, but in order for them to take communion they need to take the class and meet with an elder. We will meet Sunday mornings from 9-9:50am from July 21st - September 15th. We will not meet on Labor Day. Use the link in the Weekly Email to register.

Swim with Friends!

Parents and kids, your Mercy friends for summer swim days at The Dawson's Home! The pool will be open from 10am-12pm on Wednesday, June 26th and July 17th. There will be a lifeguard on duty.

Elementary Girls Summer Fun!

Come join the elementary age girls for a time of fun and fellowship at the VonderMehden's home on Sunday, July 7th from 3-5pm. Use the link in the Weekly Email to RSVP!

Children's Ministry

This summer, Toddler Sunday School will continue to meet each Sunday and we still need weekly volunteers in both the nursery and toddler rooms. If you are interested in getting your family plugged in to this ministry, contact Emily Freeman (emily@mercydallas.com)! Children's Church will meet every 2nd and 4th Sunday during the summer.

Youth Ministry

Youth Group will meet once a month this summer for Wednesday devo nights from 6-7:30pm, led by Nate and Cecile Foster. Guys will meet at the Foster's home (634 Scottsdale Dr., Richardson) and girls will meet at the Morgan's home (7051 Teakwood Dr., Dallas) from 6-7:30pm July 17th and August 14th. Please use the registration link in the Weekly Email to let us know if you're coming! Questions? Email youth@mercydallas.com!

Summer Game Night!

Join us for a fun night with your Mercy friends on Wednesday, June 26th. Bring an appetizer, dessert and/or BYOB to share and a wrapped gift (\$20 limit) for a raucous game of CARAVAN. The registration link and SignUp Genius are available in the Weekly Email. Want to know more? Contact Jessica (jessica@mercydallas.com).

CALENDAR

Tuesday, June 25

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Summer Study | Cindi's Deli

Wednesday, June 26

10am - 12pm

Swim with Friends! | The Dawson's Home

6:30pm - 9:00pm

Summer Game Night | Social Hall

Sunday, July 7

3pm-5pm

Elementary Girls Summer Fun | VonderMehden's Home

Tuesday, July 9

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Summer Study | Cindi's Deli

Wednesday, July 17

10am - 12pm

Swim with Friends! | The Dawson's Home

6 - 7:30pm

Youth Group Girls | The Morgan's Home

Youth Group Guys | The Foster's Home

Sunday, July 21

9 - 9:50am

Communicant Class | Room 207

Tuesday, July 23

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Summer Study | Cindi's Deli

Sunday, July 28

9 - 9:50am

Communicant Class | Room 207

Wednesday, July 31

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Night of Worship | The Chapel

Sunday, August 4

9 - 9:50am

Communicant Class | Room 207

Sunday, August 11

9 - 9:50am

Communicant Class | Room 207

Tuesday, August 13

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Summer Study | Cindi's Deli

Wednesday, August 14

6 - 7:30pm

Youth Group Girls | The Morgan's Home

Youth Group Guys | The Foster's Home

Sunday, August 18

9 - 9:50am

Communicant Class | Room 207

Sunday, August 25

9 - 9:50am

Communicant Class | Room 207

Tuesday, August 27

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Summer Study | Cindi's Deli

Sunday, September 1

NO Communicant Class

Sunday, September 8

9 - 9:50am

Communicant Class | Room 207

12:30pm - 2:30pm

FALL KICKOFF | TBD

Sunday, September 15

9 - 9:50am

Communicant Class | Room 207

FINANCIAL UPDATE AND GIVING

Giving

If you have questions about giving, expenses or budget at Mercy, or would like more information, contact Bryan Hatfield (bryan@mercydallas.com).

If you would like to give to the work and worship of Mercy Presbyterian Church, you can:

- Mail a check to: Mercy Presbyterian Church, 6930 Alpha Rd., Dallas, TX 75240
- Place checks or cash in the offering box located by the door as you exit the sanctuary.
- Give by scanning the QR code:



2023/2024 Budget

\$655,000

July 1, 2023 - May 31, 2024 Expenses

\$503,702

July 1, 2023 - May 31, 2024 Giving

\$517,213

Variance

(\$13,511)

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