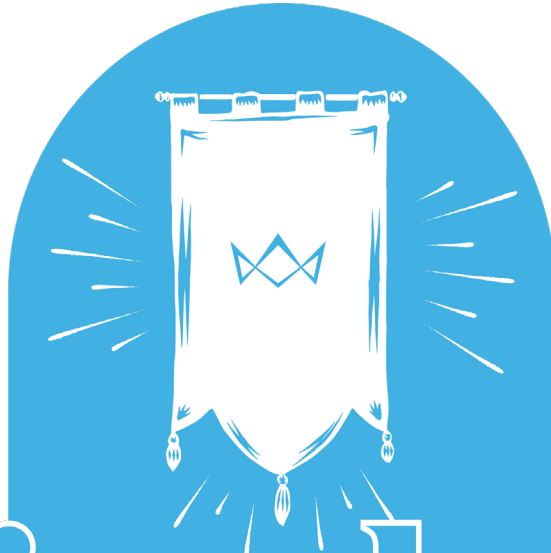




MERCY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Kingdom Values

COMMITTED TO GATHER

AUGUST 20, 2023

Welcome to Mercy Presbyterian Church

Thank you for joining us in worship today. If you are visiting with us, we are delighted that you have chosen to be with us and our desire is to be a blessing to you. Our prayer is that God will transform our lives and enable us to live for His glory and the good of the world. We would love to get to know you better and answer any questions you may have. Please share your information with us by emailing us at church@mercydallas.com.

Our Worship

You will notice that we follow a thoughtful and connected rhythm in our worship, called liturgy. The order of our worship reflects the work of the gospel in our hearts. In worship, we come together to tell the story of the gospel by the structure of our worship, the content of our worship, and the way that we worship.

Parents of Young Children

We believe the church is for all people, young and old, and want Mercy to be a church where children are seen, heard, and loved. We invite you to involve your children in our service, help them understand what is going on, sing the songs with you, and participate in worship. Children learn how to worship by imitating you. We say and sing parts of our worship service every week in order to help our young children to participate. Children's bulletins with coloring activities are available by the door to the sanctuary. Nursery is also available for babies and toddlers. A Mother's Room is available during the service if you need a space to feed or calm a little one. The office to the north of the sanctuary is a private space set with comfortable chairs and a changing station.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lord's Day Worship | August 20, 2023

WELCOME

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

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

Psalm 19:1-2, 7-8, 14

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

O Lord, Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, our rock and my redeemer!

HYMN OF ADORATION | *We sing praises to God*

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall.
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.

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*

from the Prayers of John Bradford (1510-1555)

Heavenly Father, I should behave as your child, rejoicing, praising, trusting, fearing, serving, loving, and calling upon you. But alas, how heavy-hearted I am! I am unthankful, full of unbelief and doubting of your rich mercy. How little I love, fear, and call upon you! Be merciful to me, forgive me, good Father, for your own sake, and grant me the Holy Spirit to reveal yourself to me, that I may truly know, love, and faithfully hang upon you for all my needs. At your hands I must look for all things.

Father, I am taught to glory in you, for you are wholly my Lord, my God, and my Father. But alas, how far am I from this! I am guilty of such unthankfulness for your calling me into this blessed communion of your dear Son and of yourself! O be merciful to me, good Father, forgive me, and grant me for Christ's sake that I may feel the true joy of your blessed fellowship. I come as your child and desire it unto your glory! Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

John 3:14-16

"...And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.'"

Jesus Cast a Look on Me

Words by John Berridge | Music by Matthew Perryman Jones | ©MPJ Music

Jesus cast a look on me,
Give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know

All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet

Make me like a little child,
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled
Seeing only in Thy light,
Walking only in Thy might

Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul can rest
Feeling well the peace of God,
Flowing from His precious blood

In this posture let me live,
And hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die,
And hosannas ever cry!

MERCY MOMENT | *Ethan Cope*

CONFESSION OF FAITH | *We confess what we believe*

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

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

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

Where do you look for relief?

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

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

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

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER | *We lift up our requests to God*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION | *We prepare our hearts to hear God's Word*

Jesus I am Resting Resting

Words by Jean Sophia Pigott | Music by David Hampton | New Spring ©1998

Jesus I am resting resting
In the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee
And Thy beauty fills my soul
For by Thy transforming power
Thou hast made me whole

Jesus I am resting resting
In the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart

Oh how great Thy loving kindness
Vaster broader than the sea
Oh how marvelous Thy goodness
Lavished all on me
Yes I rest in Thee Beloved
Know what wealth of grace is Thine
Know Thy certainty of promise
And have made it mine

Jesus I am resting resting
In the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart

Simply trusting Thee Lord Jesus
I behold Thee as Thou art
And Thy love so pure so changeless
Satisfies my heart
Satisfies its deepest longings
Meets supplies its ev'ry need
Compasseth me 'round with blessings
Thine is love indeed

Jesus I am resting resting
In the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart

CHILDREN'S SERMON

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO PARENTS

SCRIPTURE READING | *1 John 4:7-12* | *Tim Thomason*

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | Rev. Doug Tharp | *Committed to Gathering*

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.

Cornerstone

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My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord,
Lord of all

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord,
Lord of all

When he shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord,
Lord of all

SENDING SONG | *We are sent as God's people into the world as we trust His promises*

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!"

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*

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

DISMISSAL | *God sends us out into the world*

Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Kickoff

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

Children's Ministry

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

Youth Ministry

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

Women's Ministry

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

Men's Ministry

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

Mercy Financial Update

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

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 20

Immediately following the service

Congregational Meeting | Sanctuary

Sunday, August 27

6 - 8pm

Youth Group | The Morgan's Home

Sunday, September 10

Immediately following the service - 2pm

Fall Kickoff | Cottonwood Park

6 - 8pm

Youth Group | The Church's Home

Tuesday, September 12

9:30am - 11am

Women's Bible Study | The Thomason's Home

Wednesday, September 13

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Walter's Home

Tuesday, September 19

9:30am - 11am

Women's Bible Study | The Thomason's Home

Wednesday, September 20

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Walter's Home

Sunday, September 24

6 - 8pm

Youth Group | The Morgan's Home

Tuesday, September 26

9:30am - 11am

Women's Bible Study | The Thomason's Home

Wednesday, September 27

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Walter's Home

Tuesday, October 3

9:30am - 11am

Women's Bible Study | The Thomason's Home

Wednesday, October 4

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Walter's Home

Sunday, October 8

6 - 8pm

Youth Group | The Church's Home

Tuesday, October 10

9:30am - 11am

Women's Bible Study | The Thomason's Home

Wednesday, October 11

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Walter's Home

Tuesday, October 17

9:30am - 11am

Women's Bible Study | The Thomason's Home

Wednesday, October 18

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Walter's Home

Sunday, October 22

6 - 8pm

Youth Group | The Morgan's Home

Tuesday, October 24

9:30am - 11am

Women's Bible Study | The Thomason's Home

Wednesday, October 25

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Walter's Home

Tuesday, October 31

9:30am - 11am

Women's Bible Study | The Thomason's Home

Wednesday, November 1

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Walter's Home

Tuesday, November 7

9:30am - 11am

Women's Bible Study | The Thomason's Home

Wednesday, November 8

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Walter's Home

Sunday, November 12

6 - 8pm

Youth Group | The Church's Home

Tuesday, November 14

9:30am - 11am

Women's Bible Study | The Thomason's Home

Wednesday, November 15

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Walter's Home

CONNECTING

Community Groups

Community Groups are a vital part of Mercy's ministry and worship. If you are interested in joining a community group, please contact Jessica at jessica@mercydallas.com.

Weekly Update

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

Prayer Requests

If you have a private matter that the session could be praying for, please email their private email at session@mercydallas.com. They would love the opportunity to lift your needs before the Lord.

Giving

If you would like to give to the work and worship of Mercy Presbyterian Church, you can do so in three ways:

- Place checks or cash in the offering box located by the door as you exit the sanctuary on Sundays.
- Give online at www.mercydallas.churchcenter.com/giving/to/general
- Mail a check to Mercy Presbyterian, P.O. Box 670035, Dallas, TX 75230

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