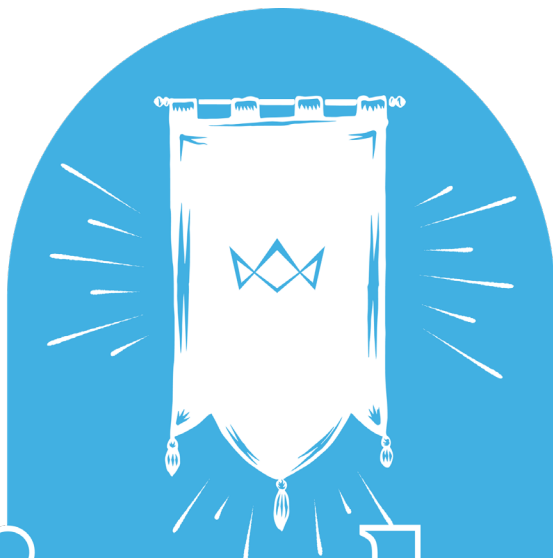




MERCY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# Kingdom Values

COMMITTED TO GROW

AUGUST 27, 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](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. 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.



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lord's Day Worship | August 27, 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*

*1 Chronicles 16:8-10*

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!**

Glory in his holy name;

**let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!**

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

*O God Beyond All Praising*

*Words by Michael Perry | Music by Gustav Theodore Holst | Michael Perry/The Jubilate Group ©1982*

O God beyond all praising  
We worship You today  
And sing the love amazing  
That songs cannot repay  
For we can only wonder  
At every gift You send  
At blessings without number  
And mercies without end  
We lift our hearts before You  
And wait upon Your word  
We honour and adore You  
Our great and mighty Lord

Then hear O gracious Saviour  
Accept the love we bring  
That we who know Your favour  
May serve You as our king  
And whether our tomorrows  
Be filled with good or ill  
We'll triumph through our sorrows  
And rise to bless You still  
To marvel at Your beauty  
And glory in Your ways  
And make a joyful duty  
Our sacrifice of praise

**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 Prayers of the Reformers by John Calvin*

**Almighty God, since thou delayst with so much forbearance the punishments which we have deserved and daily draw on ourselves, grant that we may not indulge ourselves but carefully consider how often and in how many different ways we have provoked thy wrath against us. May we learn humbly to present ourselves to thee for pardon, and with true repentance implore thy mercy. With all our heart we desire to submit ourselves to thee, whether thou chastisest us, or according to thine infinite goodness, forgive us. Let our condition be ever blessed, not by flattering ourselves in our apathy, but by finding thee to be our kind and bountiful Father, reconciled to us in thine only-begotten Son. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

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

*Zephaniah 3:14-17*

*Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.*

*Jesus Paid It All*

*Words by Elvina M. Hall | Music by John T. Grape | worshiptogether.com ©2006*

I hear the Savior say,  
"Thy strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all."  
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

Lord now indeed I find  
Thy pow'r and Thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone.  
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I  
Whereby Thy grace to claim;  
I'll wash my garments white  
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.  
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

And when, before the throne,  
I stand in Him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save,"  
My lips shall still repeat.  
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

*Liesel Kay Buerger*

**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 in 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 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.**



*Pensive, Doubting, Fearful Heart*

*Words by John Newton | Music by Wendell Kimbrough | Red Mountain Music ©2005*

Pensive, doubting, fearful heart,  
Hear what Christ the Savior says'  
Every word should joy impart,  
Change thy mourning into praise.  
Yes, He speaks and speaks to thee,  
May He help thee to believe;  
Then thou presently will see  
Thou has little cause to grieve.

Fear thou not, nor be ashamed;  
All thy sorrows soon shall end,  
I, who heaven and earth have framed,  
Am thy Husband and thy Friend;  
I the High and Holy One,  
Israel's God, by all adored,  
As thy Savior will be known,  
Thy Redeemer and thy Lord.

For a moment I withdrew,  
And thy heart was filled with pain;  
But my mercies I'll renew;  
Thou shall soon rejoice again;  
Though I seem to hide my face,  
Very soon my wrath shall cease;  
'Tis but for a moment's space,  
Ending in eternal peace.

Though afflicted, tempest tossed,  
Comfortless awhile thou art,  
Do not think thou can be lost,  
Thou art graven on my heart;  
All thy wastes I will repair;  
Thou shalt be rebuilt anew;  
And in thee it shall appear  
What the God of love can do.

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? <sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. <sup>11</sup>For he who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**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.*

*Be Thou My Vision*

*Ancient Irish Hymn | Translated by Mary E. Byrne | 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.

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

*Words by Folllott Pierpoint | Music by Conrad Kocher | Public Domain*

For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies.  
Lord of all to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour,  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon, and stars of light.  
Lord of all to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild.  
Lord of all to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the church, that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore  
Her pure sacrifice of love.  
Lord of all to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

**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

### **Fall Kickoff**

We will meet at Cottonwood Park (1400 W. Beltline Rd., Richardson) following the service on **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** 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**

Summer is drawing to a close, school is starting, and we are gearing up for another great year in children's ministry! We need volunteers weekly in both the nursery and toddler rooms. If you are interested in getting your family plugged into the children's ministry at Mercy or if you have a teen or pre-teen interested in helping, contact Emily Freeman (emily@mercydallas.com)!

### **Youth Ministry**

Youth Group meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays from 6-8pm. The next meeting is tonight, August 27<sup>th</sup> at the Morgan's Home (7051 Teakwood Dr., Dallas). Questions? Email (youth@mercydallas.com).

### **Women's Ministry**

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 4<sup>th</sup>. Email Joanna (women@mercydallas.com) with any questions or for scholarship information.

### **Men's Ministry**

Join us as we kick off our morning study on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at Cindi's Deli in Dallas (11111 N Central Expy). This semester we will be reading and discussing *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis! Contact Doug (doug@mercydallas.com) for more information.

### **Mercy Financial Update**

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

<b>2023/2024 Budget</b>	<b>\$655,000</b>
July 1, 2022 - July 31, 2023 Expenses	\$44,659
July 1, 2022 - July 31, 2023 Giving	\$50,371
<i>Variance</i>	<b>\$5,712</b>

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, August 27**

*Immediately following the service*  
Congregational Meeting | Sanctuary  
6 - 8pm  
Youth Group | The Morgan's Home

### **Sunday, September 10**

11:30am (ish) - 2pm  
Fall Kickoff | Cottonwood Park  
6 - 8pm  
Youth Group | The Church's Home

### **Tuesday, September 12**

6:30 - 7:30am  
Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli  
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**

6:30 - 7:30am  
Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli  
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**

6:30 - 7:30am  
Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli  
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**

6:30 - 7:30am  
Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli  
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**

6:30 - 7:30am  
Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli  
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**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

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**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

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**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

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**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

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**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

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

### **Prayer Requests**

If you have a private matter that we could pray for, please email [church@mercydallas.com](mailto:church@mercydallas.com). We would love the opportunity to join you in lifting 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](http://www.mercydallas.churchcenter.com/giving/to/general)
- Mail a check to Mercy Presbyterian, P.O. Box 670035, Dallas, TX 75230

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