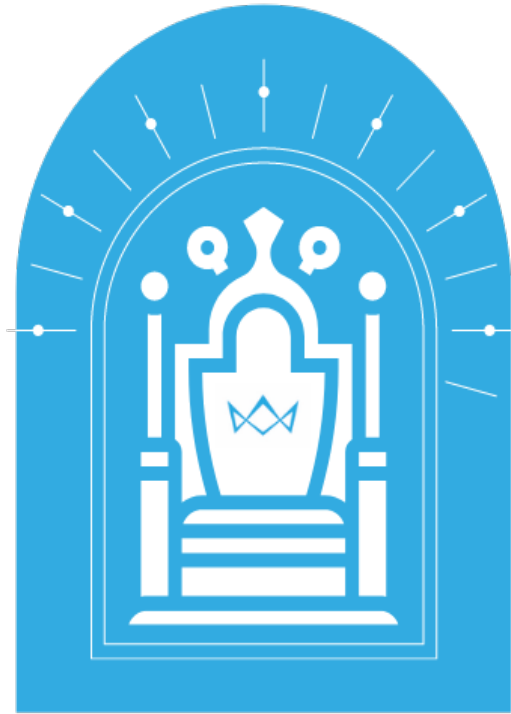




MERCY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



PORTRAITS *a study in kings and chronicles* OF A KING

OCTOBER 15, 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 (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 | October 15, 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 96:7-13

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

**Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!**

Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."

**Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
let the field exult, and everything in it!**

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the Lord, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness.**

CHYMN OF ADORATION | *We sing praises to God*

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Words by Charles Wesley | Music by Carl G. Gläser | Arranged by Lowell Mason | Public Domain

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread thro' all the earth abroad
The honors of your name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.

To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heaven.

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 a 1661 prayer of Richard Baxter, The Savoy Liturgy

O most great, most just and gracious God; You are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all who repent and believe in him. Therefore we confess that we are sinful by nature and that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused your holy worship and your holy name. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness. We have not been content with our daily bread.

You have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ and offered us pardon and salvation in him; but we have turned away. We have run into temptation; and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father! We confess you alone are our hope. Make us your children and give us the Spirit of your Son, our only Savior. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

2 Corinthians 4:5-6

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Words by Bernard of Clairvaux | Music by Brian T. Murphy | Red Mountain Music ©2003

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts
Thou fount of life, thou light of men,
From fullest bliss that earth imparts
We turn unfilled to thee again,
We turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged has ever stood,
Thou savest those that on thee call;
To them that seek thee, thou art good,
To them that find thee, all in all,
To them that find thee, all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread,
And long to feast upon thee still;
We drink of thee, the fountainhead,
And thirst our souls from thee to fill,
And thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee,
Where'er our changeful lot is cast,
Glad that thy gracious smile we see,
Blest that our faith can hold thee fast,
Blest that our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay,
Make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away,
Shed o'er the world thy holy light,
Shed o'er the world thy holy light.

CONFESSION OF FAITH | *We confess what we believe*

Martin Luther's Larger Catechism: The Lord's Prayer, 1529

But what is the kingdom of God?

Nothing else than what we learned in the Creed, that God sent His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, into the world to redeem and deliver us from the power of the devil, and to bring us to Himself, and to govern us as a King of righteousness, life, and salvation against sin, death, and an evil conscience, for which end He has also bestowed His Holy Ghost, who is to bring these things home to us by His holy Word, and to illumine and strengthen us in the faith by His power.

Therefore we pray here in the first place that this may become effective with us, and that His name be so praised through the holy Word of God and a Christian life that both we who have accepted it may abide and daily grow therein, and that it may gain approbation and adherence among other people and proceed with power throughout the world, that many may find entrance into the Kingdom of Grace, be made partakers of redemption, being led thereto by the Holy Ghost, in order that thus we may all together remain forever in the one kingdom now begun.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | *TBD*

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*

We Are Not Overcome

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Flesh will fail and bones will break
Thieves will steal the earth will shake
Night will fall light will fade
The Lord will give and take away

Put no trust in the earth
In the sod you stand upon
Flowers fade into dust
The Lord will make a place for us

Because of His great Love
We are not overcome
Because of His great Love
We are not overcome

Have no fear for your life
Turn your cheek turn your cheek
Bear the yoke love and death
The Lord will give all life and breath

Because of His great Love
We are not overcome
Because of His great Love
We are not overcome

CHILDREN'S SERMON

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, began to reign in Samaria, and he reigned forty-one years. ²⁴And he did what was evil in the sight of the Lord. He did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which he made Israel to sin. ²⁵He restored the border of Israel from Lebo-hamath as far as the Sea of the Arabah, according to the word of the Lord, the God of Israel, which he spoke by his servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet, who was from Gath-hepher. ²⁶For the Lord saw that the affliction of Israel was very bitter, for there was none left, bond or free, and there was none to help Israel. ²⁷But the Lord had not said that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven, so he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash. ²⁸Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam and all that he did, and his might, how he fought, and how he restored Damascus and Hamath to Judah in Israel, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel? ²⁹And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, the kings of Israel, and Zechariah his son reigned in his place.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON NOTES

1. Jeroboam II: The prosperous promise-breaking king

2. Yahweh: The patient promise-making king

3. Jesus: The prospering promise-keeping king

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.

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.

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

Is He Worthy

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Do you feel the world is broken
We do
Do you feel the shadows deepen
We do
But do you know that all the dark
Won't stop the light from getting through
We do
Do you wish that you could see it all made new
We do

Is all creation groaning (it is)
It is
Is a new creation coming (it is)
It is
Is the glory of the Lord
To be the light within our midst (it is)
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this (it is)

Is anyone worthy, is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy, is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this
He is

Does the Father truly love us (He does)
He does
Does the Spirit move among us (He does)
He does
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves
He does
Does our God intend to dwell again with us (He does)

Is anyone worthy, is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From ev'ry people and tribe, every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests
To God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy, is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy, is He worthy
Is He worthy of this
He is

Is He worthy, is He worthy
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SENDING SONG | *We are sent as God's people into the world as we trust His promises*

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Words by Louisa Stead | Music by William Kirkpatrick | Public Domain

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise, just to know "Thus saith the Lord!"
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me, 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
And I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

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

Intro to Mercy

Church membership is one of the ways people connect more deeply at Mercy as we are called to grow together living out the gospel and one another commands of scripture. Our Intro to Mercy class is a great way to learn more about the church, including our vision and what we believe. The next class will meet on Wednesday, October 25th AND Wednesday, November 1st, from 7-9pm at the Tharp's home. If you are interested in taking the class or have questions, send an email to Pastor Doug (doug@mercydallas.com).

Children's Ministry

Toddler Sunday School and Children's Church meet every Sunday. Elementary Sunday School (3rd - 5th grade) meets from 9-10am on 2nd and 4th Sunday mornings in Room 207. We have a great year of learning ahead! We still 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 2nd and 4th Sundays from 6-8pm. They next meet on Sunday, October 22nd at the Morgan's Home (7051 Teakwood Dr., Dallas). Bring your Bible and feel free to bring a friend! We'll have some snacks, but eat dinner before you arrive! Email youth@mercydallas.com with any questions you might have.

Women's Ministry

Mercy Women meet on Tuesday mornings (childcare available) or Wednesday evenings (childcare not available) to discuss Jen Wilkin's study of *The Sermon on the Mount*. Email Joanna Dawson (women@mercydallas.com) with any questions regarding the women's ministry.

Men's Ministry

Mercy Men meet Tuesday mornings at 6:30am to read and discuss *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis at Cindi's Deli in Dallas (11111 N Central Expy). 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).

2023/2024 Budget	\$655,000
July 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023 Expenses	\$80,288
July 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023 Giving	\$78,386
<i>Variance</i>	<i>(\$1,902)</i>

CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 17

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's 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

9 - 10am

Elementary Sunday School | Room 207

6 - 8pm

Youth Group | The Morgan's Home

Tuesday, October 24

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's 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

7 - 9pm

Intro to Mercy | The Tharp's Home

Sunday, October 29

Reformation Sunday

Tuesday, October 31

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's 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

7 - 9pm

Intro to Mercy | The Tharp's Home

Tuesday, November 7

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's 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

9 - 10am

Elementary Sunday School | Room 207

6 - 8pm

Youth Group | The Church's Home

Tuesday, November 14

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's 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

Tuesday, November 21

No Men's Study

No Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 22

No Women's Bible Study

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day

Saturday, November 25

2 - 4pm

Youth Turkey Touchdown | Valley View Park

Sunday, November 26

First Sunday of Advent

No Elementary Sunday School

No Youth Group

Tuesday, November 28

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Study | Cindi's Deli

Tuesday, December 5

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Study | Cindi's Deli

Sunday, December 10

9 - 10am

Elementary Sunday School | Room 207

6 - 8pm

Youth Group | The Church's Home

Tuesday, December 12

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Study | Cindi's Deli

Sunday, December 17

6:30 - 7:30pm

Lesson's + Carols | Chapel

7:30 - 8:30pm

Children's Party + Adult Reception | Social Hall

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

No Elementary Sunday School

No Youth Group

10 - 11:30am

Sunday Morning Worship | Sanctuary

7 - 8pm

Christmas Eve Service | Chapel

Sunday, December 31

New Year's Eve

10 - 11:30am

Sunday Morning Worship | Sanctuary

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 we could pray for, please email 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.
 - Give online at www.mercydallas.churchcenter.com/giving/to/general
 - Mail a check to Mercy Presbyterian Church, 6930 Alpha Rd., Dallas, TX 75240
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