



MERCY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MAY 26, 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](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.

### ***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](mailto:church@mercydallas.com) to connect with us!





## ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 26, 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 8:1-9*

O Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.  
Out of the mouth of babies and infants,  
you have established strength because of your foes,  
to still the enemy and the avenger.

**When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,  
what is man that you are mindful of him,  
and the son of man that you care for him?**

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings  
and crowned him with glory and honor.  
You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under his feet,

**all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,  
the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

O Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

*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.

**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*

*Psalm 38:1-2, 18, 21-22*

*O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger,  
nor discipline me in your wrath!  
For your arrows have sunk into me,  
and your hand has come down on me.*

*I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.*

*Do not forsake me, O LORD! O my God, be not far from me!  
Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!*

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

*Heidelberg Catechism* | Q&A 60

How are you righteous before God?

**Only by true faith in Jesus Christ; that is, although my conscience accuse me, that I have grievously sinned against all the commandments of God, and have never kept any of them, and am still prone always to all evil; yet God without any merit of mine, of mere grace, grants and imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never committed nor had any sin, and had myself accomplished all the obedience which Christ has fulfilled for me; if only I accept such benefit with a believing heart.**

*Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me*

*Words and Music by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, & Michael Farren | CityAlight Music ©2018*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

## **DEACON'S OFFERING**

*Since the earliest days of the New Testament church, the deacons have taken a special offering to provide for those in need both inside and outside the church. The Lord uses the generosity of His people to provide care that ministers to the whole person, meeting physical and mental needs while being attentive to the spiritual. Through this, we see God's mercy work through us to bless our church and community. Every 4th Sunday, our deacons give Mercy an opportunity to give to this special offering. This month, the offering will benefit a missions family that Mercy supports.*

## **MERCY MOMENT** | *Missions Update*

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

*The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** | *Laura Murray*

**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*

*The Reign of Mercy*

*Words and Music by Kate Bluett & Paul Zach | Integrity's Alleluia! Music ©2021*

Oh may our world at last be just  
And hilltops echo with Your peace  
The harvest come from barren dust  
The reign of mercy never cease  
He comes as rain upon the grass  
High heaven's sun to earth descends  
Not as the seasons that will pass  
But with a light that never ends

Oh come to Him and find your rest  
Who saw the poor and came as one  
Who hears the cries of the oppressed  
And rules till all oppression's done  
Someday He'll come to reign as King  
And we will see His justice done  
Our souls will magnify and sing  
The Christ whose kingdom now is come

And all the mighty and the strong  
Will bow before Him on that day  
The silenced fill the world with song  
The poor and lowly He will raise  
And all our bitterness and tears  
Our violence and our endless wars  
Will end at last when He draws near  
Come soon, come soon O Christ our Lord

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

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

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup>In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. <sup>27</sup>Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup>Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup>For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup>That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup>But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup>But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** | Rev. Doug Tharp | *Worship Matters: Communion*

**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.*

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

*All Glory Be to Christ*

*Traditional Scottish Folk Tune | Dustin Kensrue | We Are Younger We Are Faster Music ©2012*

Should nothing of our efforts stand  
No legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house  
In vain its builders strive  
To You who boast tomorrow's gain  
Tell me what is your life  
A mist it vanishes at dawn  
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our King  
All glory be to Christ  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing  
All glory be to Christ

His will be done His Kingdom come  
On Earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread  
Praise Him the Lord of love  
Let living waters satisfy  
The thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet  
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our King  
All glory be to Christ  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing  
All glory be to Christ

When on the day the Great I Am  
The faithful and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinner's slain  
Is making all things new  
Behold our God shall live with us  
And be our steadfast Light  
And we shall e'er his people be  
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our King  
All glory be to Christ  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing  
All glory be to Christ



*We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

*Words and Music by Sandra McCracken & Joshua Moore | Drink Your Tea Music ©2015*

We will feast in the House of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire,  
He is the Lord our God  
We are not consumed by the flood.  
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

We will feast in the House of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more.

In the dark of night before the dawn,  
My soul be not afraid  
For the promised morning O how long?  
O God of Jacob be my strength.

We will feast in the House of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more.

Every vow we've broken and betrayed,  
You are the faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave,  
Bind us together bring shalom.

We will feast in the House of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together  
We will feast and weep no 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*

*Hebrews 13:20-21*

*Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

**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

### ***Promotion Sunday***

Next Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> is Promotion Sunday! We will celebrate all that the children of Mercy have learned and the ways that the Holy Spirit has worked in them this year, as well as look forward for what is to come as they grow into the next grade/Sunday school class.

### ***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 21<sup>st</sup> - September 1<sup>st</sup>. Use the link in the Weekly Email to register.

### ***Children's Ministry***

This summer, Toddler Sunday School will continue to meet. Today is the last day for weekly Children's Church as well as Elementary Sunday School. 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)!

### ***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 and girls will meet in separate homes at the same time on June 12<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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).

### ***Summer Suppers***

Registration is open for Summer Suppers! Join your Mercy Family for casual, "get to know you" dinners! Your group can decide to host in homes, head to a restaurant, or even potluck at a park. Ideally, each group will gather two to three times over the summer. You can choose a group with kids or without kids, no matter your age or stage of life. Find the link in the Weekly Email and contact Joanna Dawson with any questions (women@mercydallas.com). **Registration closes today, Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.**

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, May 26**

9 - 10am

Elementary Sunday School | Room 207

### **Sunday, June 2**

*Promotion Sunday*

10 - 11:30am

Worship Service | Sanctuary

### **Tuesday, June 11**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Summer Study | Cindi's Deli

### **Wednesday, June 12**

6 - 7:30pm

Youth Group Girls | The Morgan's Home

Youth Group Guys | TBD

### **Tuesday, June 25**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Summer Study | Cindi's Deli

### **Wednesday, June 26**

6:30pm - 9:00pm

Summer Game Night | TBD

### **Tuesday, July 9**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Summer Study | Cindi's Deli

### **Wednesday, July 17**

6 - 7:30pm

Youth Group Girls | The Morgan's Home

Youth Group Guys | TBD

### **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 | TBD

### **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**

9 - 9:50am

Communicant Class | Room 207

### **Sunday, September 8**

12:30pm - 2:30pm

FALL KICKOFF | TBD

## 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:



<b>2023/2024 Budget</b>	<b>\$655,000</b>
July 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024 Expenses	\$480,711
July 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024 Giving	\$452,385
<i>Variance</i>	<i>(\$28,326)</i>

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