



MERCY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



JUNE 2, 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

June 2, 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 100*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him and bless his name!**

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

**And his faithfulness to all generations!**

*Praise to the Lord the Almighty*

*Words by Joachim Neander | Traditional German Melody | Public Domain*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation!  
O, my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord! Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth!  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth;  
Hast thou not seen, how all your longings have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew, what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him  
Let the Amen, sound from His people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore Him

**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*

*from Psalm 55:1-2*

Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!  
Attend to me, and answer me; I am restless in my complaint and I moan.

**O God, we are a restless people. Forgive us for turning away from you in our anxiety, fear, and despair. Our sins are heavy, and we moan under the burden of our labors. Hear our prayers, forgive our sins; in your mercy, turn to us and lift us out of our bondage. Give us your rest. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

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

*Romans 8:1-4*

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*

*My Worth Is Not In What I Own (At The Cross)*

*Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, & Graham Kendrick | Getty Music Publishing ©2014*

My worth is not in what I own  
Not in the strength of flesh and bone  
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name  
In win or lose in pride or shame  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

I rejoice in my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul  
I will trust in Him no other  
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

As summer flowers we fade and die  
Fame youth and beauty hurry by  
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might  
Or human wisdom's fleeting light  
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross

I rejoice in my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul  
I will trust in Him no other  
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

Two wonders here that I confess  
My worth and my unworthiness  
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross

I rejoice in my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul  
I will trust in Him no other  
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

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

*The Scots Confession of 1560 | Chapter 1: Of God*

Mercy, what do we believe about God?

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

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** | *Rev. Doug Tharp*

**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*

*What Wondrous Love is This*

*American Folk Hymn | Old English Ballad | Public Domain*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb Who is the great "I Am";  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**



What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup>And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup>just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered;

<sup>8</sup>blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

<sup>9</sup>Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness. <sup>10</sup>How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. <sup>11</sup>He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well, <sup>12</sup>and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**SERMON NOTES**



**BAPTISM** | *We celebrate the sacrament of baptism*

*Miles Virgil Huebner*

**Parental Vows**

Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises in his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him 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?

**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*

***Mighty God We Thank and Praise You***

*Words by Wendell Kimbrough | Music by Ludwig van Beethoven | Wendell Kimbrough ©2012*

Mighty God we thank and praise you  
For this meal, this Bread of Life!  
Precious blood and body, broken,  
From your Son our Savior Christ.

In these myst'ries you assure us  
We are members of your Son.  
Heirs of your eternal Kingdom,  
With all faithful people One.

Humbly now we ask you, Father,  
In your grace to make us strong  
That, with all the saints before us,  
In good works we may press on!

Send us out to love and serve you!  
Send us out to sing your praise!  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Pow'r and glory to your name!

*Rock of Ages*

*Words by Augustus Toplady | Music by James Ward | James Ward Music ©1985*

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From thy wounded side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure;  
Save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to the cross I cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee.  
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*

*2 Thessalonians 2:16-17*

*Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us  
and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your  
hearts and establish them in every good work and word.*

**DISMISSAL** | *God sends us out into the world*

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ***Children's Communicant Class***

This class is an opportunity for our kids to learn more about what we believe as a church and explore what they believe about the gospel. If your child has professed faith in Christ and is interested in becoming a communing member, we'd love to have them attend this class. Taking the class does not require a child to become a communing member, but in order for them to take communion they need to take the class and meet with an elder. We will meet Sunday mornings from 9-9:50am from July 21<sup>st</sup> - September 1<sup>st</sup>. Use the link in the Weekly Email to register.

### ***Swim with Friends!***

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

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

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

### ***Youth Ministry***

Youth Group will meet once a month this summer for Wednesday devo nights from 6-7:30pm, led by Nate and Cecile Foster. Guys will meet at the Foster's home (634 Scottsdale Dr., Richardson) and girls will meet at the Morgan's home (7051 Teakwood Dr., Dallas) from 6-7:30pm 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).

## CALENDAR

### **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 | The Foster's Home

### **Tuesday, June 25**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Summer Study | Cindi's Deli

### **Wednesday, June 26**

10am - 12pm

Swim with Friends! | The Dawson's Home

6:30pm - 9:00pm

Summer Game Night | Social Hall

### **Tuesday, July 9**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Summer Study | Cindi's Deli

### **Wednesday, July 17**

10am - 12pm

Swim with Friends! | The Dawson's Home

6 - 7:30pm

Youth Group Girls | The Morgan's Home

Youth Group Guys | The Foster's Home

### **Sunday, July 21**

9 - 9:50am

Communicant Class | Room 207

### **Tuesday, July 23**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Summer Study | Cindi's Deli

### **Sunday, July 28**

9 - 9:50am

Communicant Class | Room 207

### **Wednesday, July 31**

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Night of Worship | The Chapel

### **Sunday, August 4**

9 - 9:50am

Communicant Class | Room 207

### **Sunday, August 11**

9 - 9:50am

Communicant Class | Room 207

### **Tuesday, August 13**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Summer Study | Cindi's Deli

### **Wednesday, August 14**

6 - 7:30pm

Youth Group Girls | The Morgan's Home

Youth Group Guys | The Foster's Home

### **Sunday, August 18**

9 - 9:50am

Communicant Class | Room 207

### **Sunday, August 25**

9 - 9:50am

Communicant Class | Room 207

**Tuesday, August 27**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Summer Study | Cindi's Deli

**Sunday, September 1**

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:



### 2023/2024 Budget

**\$655,000**

July 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024 Expenses

\$480,711

July 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024 Giving

\$452,385

Variance

(\$28,326)

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