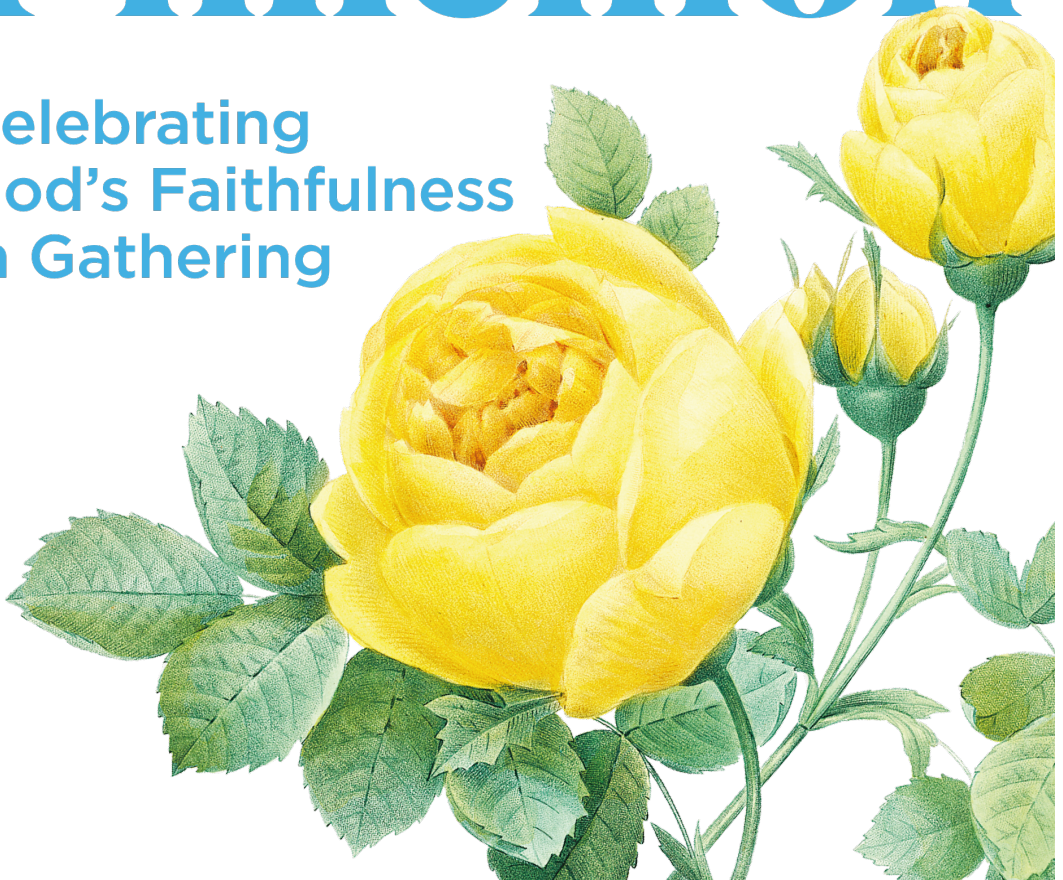




MERCY  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Philemon

Celebrating  
God's Faithfulness  
in Gathering



JULY 21, 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

July 21, 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 103:1-2, 20-22*

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,  
Bless the Lord, O you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his word,  
obeying the voice of his word!**

Bless the Lord, all his hosts,  
his ministers, who do his will!

**Bless the Lord, all his works,  
in all places of his dominion.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

*Words by Henry Lyte | Music by Christopher Miner | Christopher Miner Music ©1997*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To His feet thy tribute bring  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like me His praise should sing?  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor  
To our fathers in distress  
Praise Him still the same forever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish  
Blows the wind and it is gone  
But while mortals rise and perish  
God endures unchanging on  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise the high eternal One.

Fatherlike He tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame He Knows.  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Widely as His mercy goes.

**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 Pastor Vince Hoppe*

**O Lord, when we examine creation, the beauty, splendor, organization, order, and grandeur; we must confess how they testify to your majesty and supreme rule over all. Yet we have exchanged the glory of the creator for the glory of the creature. We confess that we value too highly and lust after recreation, beauty in art, our reflection in the mirror, social media likes, the form of human bodies, the taste of fine food, the strength of good drink, the security of money, and the power of position. We neglect your law, and do not delight ourselves in it, dismissing the goodness and insight it can bring to our world.**

**Merciful Lord, forgive us our sins as we have thought too little of you and too much of ourselves. Renew us by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we might delight in your word. And let the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

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

*Micah 7:18-19*

*Hear the good news of God's promise to His people, made true of us in Christ:*

*Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity  
and passing over transgression  
for the remnant of his inheritance?  
He does not retain his anger forever,  
because he delights in steadfast love.  
19 He will again have compassion on us;  
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.  
You will cast all our sins  
into the depths of the sea.*

**HYMN OF GRACE** | *We celebrate God's gift of grace*

***Jesus What a Friend for Sinners***

*Words by J. Wilbur Chapman | Music by Rowland Hugh Prichard | Public Domain*

Jesus! What a friend for sinners!  
Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!  
Let me hide myself in Him.  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,  
He, my strength, my victory wins.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!  
While the billows o'er me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking,  
He, my comfort, helps my soul.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! I do now receive Him,  
More than all in Him I find.  
He hath granted me forgiveness,  
I am His, and He is mine.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.

**MERCY MOMENT** | *Henry Schumacher*

What is the Word of God?

**The holy Scriptures of the Old and New Covenant are the Word of God, the only rule of faith and obedience.**

How do we know that the Scriptures are of the Word of God?

**The Scriptures manifest themselves to be the Word of God by their majesty and purity, by the coherence of all their parts and the consistent message of the whole, which is to give all glory to God, and by their light and power to convince and convert sinners and to comfort and build up believers to salvation. But only the Spirit of God, bearing witness by and with the Scriptures in the heart of a person, is able to fully persuade a heart that the Scriptures are the true Word of God.**

What do the Scriptures primarily teach?

**The Scriptures primarily teach what we are to believe concerning God and what duty God requires of us.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | *Emily Freeman*

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.**



*Before the Throne of God Above*

*Words and Music by Charitie Lees Bancroft & Vikki Cook | Sovereign Grace Worship ©1997*

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart,  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,  
My perfect spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace.  
One with Himself I cannot die;  
My soul is purchased by His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, <sup>9</sup>yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— <sup>10</sup>I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup>I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup>I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. <sup>15</sup>For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** | Rev. Robbie Mills | *No More Separation*

**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*

*For All the Saints*

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For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia, Allelu...

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia, Allelu...

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Allelu...

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed. Alleluia, Allelu...

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way, Alleluia, Allelu...

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess:  
Christ our hope in life and death.

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***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



**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*

*Psalm 67:1-3*

*May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,  
that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!*

**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 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](mailto:emily@mercydallas.com))! Children's Church will meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday during the summer.

### ***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. Guys will meet this Wednesday on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Guys and girls will meet on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Use the registration link in the Weekly Email to let us know you're coming! Questions? Email [youth@mercydallas.com](mailto:youth@mercydallas.com)!

### ***Mercy Night of Worship***

Join us for an evening of worship this summer on Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, from 6:30-8:30pm at the temple as we sing and share testimonies. There will be childcare available for babies and toddlers. Use the link in the Weekly Email to let us know that you're coming!

### ***Building Update***

We are the inspection phase; please, pray for good reports on all major systems. Pray also for full Mercy family participation in our capital campaign. We are currently at 60%!

## CALENDAR

### **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

*During Church*

Children's Church | Room 207

### **Wednesday, July 31**

6:30 - 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

*During Church*

Children's Church | 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

*During Church*

Children's Church | Room 207

**Tuesday, August 27**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Summer Study | Cindi's Deli

**Sunday, September 1**

*NO Communicant Class*

**Sunday, September 8**

9 - 9:50am

Communicant Class | Room 207

12:30pm - 2:30pm

FALL KICKOFF | TBD

**Sunday, September 15**

9 - 9:50am

Communicant Class | Room 207

## 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 - May 31, 2024 Expenses

\$517,213

July 1, 2023 - May 31, 2024 Giving

\$503,702

*Variance*

*(\$13,511)*

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