

BIBLICAL PRAYERS



When Salvation Arrives

Luke 2:22-35 | Dan Aikins preaching

8:30 AM Service

July 12, 2020

Dan Aikins preaching

[Luke 2:22-35](#)

Welcome & Call to Worship

Rachel Poysky

Songs of Praise

Here for You

Matt Maher

Holy, Holy, Holy

Trad.

Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Laurien Hook

Song of Response

I Love You, Lord

Laurie Klein

Moment of Prayer

Rachel Poysky

Song of Preparation

The Blessing

Elevation Worship

Message

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Song of Response

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Sharing Our Gifts & Benediction

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Sunday Worship Playlist

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9:45 AM Service

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Welcome & Call to Worship

Worship Leader

Song of Praise

Here for You

Matt Maher

Kids' Moment

Lyndsey Dottavio

Confession & Assurance

Lyndsey Dottavio

Songs of Preparation

*Alive
The Blessing*

Hillsong Young & Free
Elevation Worship

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11:15 AM Service

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Prelude	<i>O Redeemer Divine</i>	Faure (1845-1924)/arr. White
Welcome		Rachel Poysky
Call to Worship		Rachel Poysky
Choral Introit	<i>O God Our Help in Ages Past</i>	Carl Nygard (b. 1947)
Hymn of Praise	<i>Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty</i>	LOBE DEN HERREN
Prayer of Confession & Assurance		Amy Delgado
Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed	Amy Delgado
Congregational Response	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	
Anthem	<i>Morning Trumpet</i>	arr. Alice Parker/Robert Shaw
Pastoral Prayer		Rachel Poysky
Anthem of Preparation	<i>Arise, Your Light Has Come</i>	David Danner (1951-1993)
Message	<i>When Salvation Arrives</i>	Dan Aikins
Hymn of Response	<i>Holy Spirit, Truth Divine</i>	SONG 13
Sharing Our Gifts & Benediction		Dan Aikins
Postlude	<i>Trumpet Voluntary</i>	Gordon Young (1919-1998)

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

July 12, 2020

Even though we are not meeting in-person, there are still lots of opportunities to learn, to serve, and to fellowship. Check out some featured events below. For a complete listing of upcoming opps, visit events.mdpc.org.



The **MDPC** Café is back, serving up delicious prepared meals and daily specials for lunch and Wednesday dinners. The Café is now offering convenient curbside (and limited delivery) service. Check out the menu and order by visiting cafe.mdpc.org.



Even in this time of social distancing, we can still develop new friendships and find deeper meaning in our personal interactions. Brett Hurst is helping to facilitate mentoring relationships in a revised program called Patio Chats. To learn all the details, visit chats.mdpc.org.

Preschool and Elementary Sunday School Lesson



Looking for good, healthy, and FUN content for your children? View the weekly Sunday School lessons by Preschool Director Mayra Escamilla and Elementary Director Lyndsey Dottavio. Visit online.mdpc.org to view weekly lessons.



LIFE Houston serves as a lifeline for families with infants by providing free infant formula and diapers. Click on the link for a list of accepted items. Items may be dropped off at the Front Office weekdays or on Sunday mornings.



When we say slowly and safely, we mean it! In line with current spikes and recommendations of local officials, **MDPC** is not hosting in-person worship through the month of July. Decisions about August 2 and following will be made following safety guidelines. Details at open.mdpc.org.



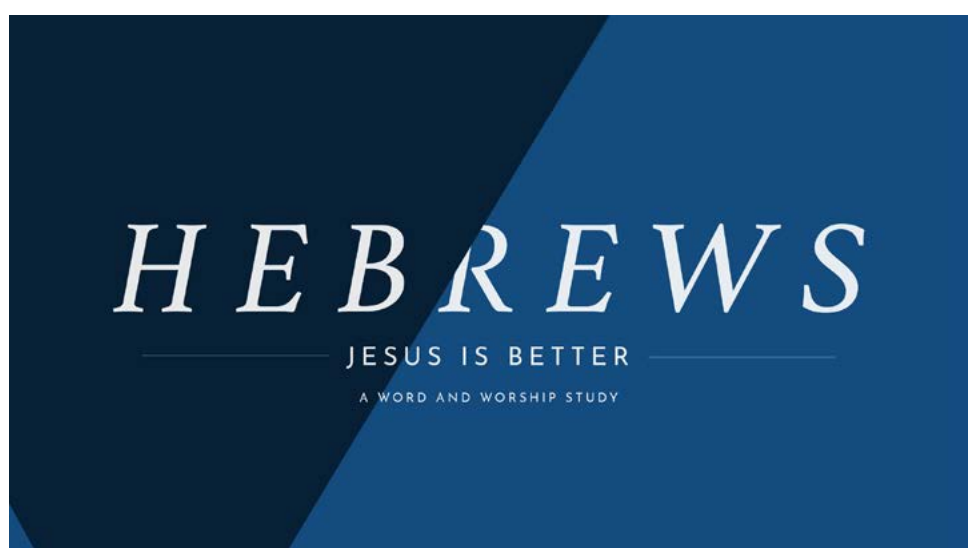
The **MDPC** app delivers an experience that's simple, useful, and informative. Many of the features are customized to fit your needs, all with the intent of making it easy to engage in the life of **MDPC**. And, you can check-in to the services (even from home) via the app. Visit app.mdpc.org to learn more.



This fall, **MDPC** will study the Book of ACTS, beginning the week of August 16, and will include existing Sunday School classes, Sunday morning pastor-led classes, and a Wednesday night small group. Visit acts.mdpc.org for details. No registration required.



The **MDPC** Pastors have developed a movie, book, and podcast list that they have found helpful and informative in the journey of examining issues of race and reconciliation. Check it out at recs.mdpc.org.



Registration is now open for the fall series of Word & Worship. This year's study of the Book of Hebrews will leave us with a deeper knowledge of Jesus and more complete understanding of the Bible as a whole. Learn more at hebrews.mdpc.org.

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Simeon was a man with some big expectations. He was waiting and waiting and waiting. He longed to experience something that would change not only his own life but the whole course of human history. And he wasn't alone. Simeon was one in a centuries-long line of people waiting and longing. The Holy Spirit had shown him that he would live to see God's answer to his people's greatest hope for salvation—God's Anointed One, the One who would put God's people and the world back the way it was always meant to be. In this passage, we get to read about and experience with Simeon the joy of having his biggest hope answered. God's Anointed One--God's salvation--has arrived, and His name is Jesus!

- Read through [Luke 2:22-35](#) two or three times. Put yourself in the story and imagine. What are you and the characters in this story hearing, feeling, tasting, smelling? What are people saying, and what are they experiencing? Let your imagination run while you put yourself in this story.
- What are you waiting for right now? What are the small things you are waiting for? What are your deep hopes, aspirations, and dreams?
- Simeon had been waiting for the “consolation of Israel,” for “salvation,” and for the “Lord’s Christ.” These phrases are all born out of the story of God’s people, Israel, and they mean what they mean only in that context. Read [Isaiah 11; 40:1-5; 49; and 53](#) (pick one or read them all). What parallels do you see in those promises and prophecies as with Simeon’s prayer and the verses around it? How do these passages help inform the meaning of the words/phrases above?
- If asked by someone reading the Bible for the first time, how would you try to explain the meaning of “salvation,” “Lord’s Christ,” and “consolation of Israel”?
- What can happen when we read the Bible without doing the hard work of trying to understand what the original authors were trying to communicate?
- If the salvation and the message of the Gospel only makes full sense in the context of the story of Israel, then how can anyone come to faith in Jesus without first knowing that story? What does it mean to “contextualize” the message of Jesus so it can be understood outside of the story of Israel?
- Read and compare [Acts 17:1-5](#) and [Acts 17:22-35](#). In the first passage, Paul shares Jesus with Jewish people in a Synagogue. In the second, he shares Jesus with Gentiles in Athens.
- How should Christians draw the line between contextualization (making bridges of language, culture, and history so Jesus can be understood by contemporary hearers) and accommodation (changing the message of Jesus to make it more palatable for contemporary hearers)? Can you think of modern-day examples of contextualization and/or accommodation?
- Change is incredibly hard, especially when the change affects our greatest loves and desires. Can you think of a time you were part of an important change that was opposed because it disrupted beloved things?
- What ways has God changed the loves of your heart since you have become a Christian? Is there a love of your heart that God would still like to change but you aren't letting Him?

