



A Quick Start Guide to Life

8:30 AM Service

Sunday, February 7, 2021

THREE

[Exodus 20:7](#)

Welcome & Call to Worship

Dave Steane

Song of Praise

Our God

***Prayer of Confession & Assurance**

Brett Hurst

Song of Response

In Christ Alone

Song of Preparation

The Passion

Message

The Big Ten: THREE

Alf Halvorson

Exodus 20:7 (NRSV)

Communion *All who confess their faith in Christ are welcome to the table.*

Song of Response

Death Was Arrested

Opportunity to Give & Benediction

[Give Online](#) ([give.mdpc.org](#))



Sunday Worship Playlist

[Click here to listen.](#)

Remember Our Mission Partners on the Front Lines of Ministry

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9:45 AM Service

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Exodus 20:7

Honoring the Eagle Scouts of Boy Scout Troop 642

Cameron Ahmed	Avery M. James	Evan C. Proctor	Abhinav Sinha
Thomas E. Cain, III	Bryce C. Keith	Anuj Samal	Joshua R. Thornton
Robert S. Clark	Mallesh Maharana	Nathaniel C. Shea	
Zachary E. Danek	Kyle C. Moore	Benjamin S. Siciliano	
Camden G. Graham	Brady P. Price	Nathan J. Siciliano	

Invitation to Worship

Meliza Gómez

Song of Praise

Our God

Kids' Moment

Lyndsey Dottavio

Moment of Confession & Assurance

Song of Response

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Prelude	<i>Allegro Energico</i>	Christian Cappelen (1845-1916)
Welcome & Call to Worship		Amanda Grace Caldwell
Choral Introit	<i>Order My Steps (In Your Word)</i>	Glenn Burleigh (1949-2007)
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Take the Name of Jesus with You</i>	PRECIOUS NAME
*Prayer of Confession & Assurance		Christyn Knoop
*Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed	
*Congregational Response	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
Anthem of Preparation	<i>Lift Up the Name of the Lord</i>	John Helgen (b. 1957)
Message	The Big Ten: THREE <i>Exodus 20:7 (NRSV)</i>	Alf Halvorson
Communion	<i>All who confess their faith in Christ are welcome to the table.</i>	
Communion Anthem	<i>Lord, I Know I Been Changed</i>	arr. Larry Shackley (b. 1956)
Benediction & Opportunity to Give		
Postlude	<i>Canticle</i>	Aaron David Miller (b. 1974)

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

To see more events at **MDPC**, visit events.mdpc.org.

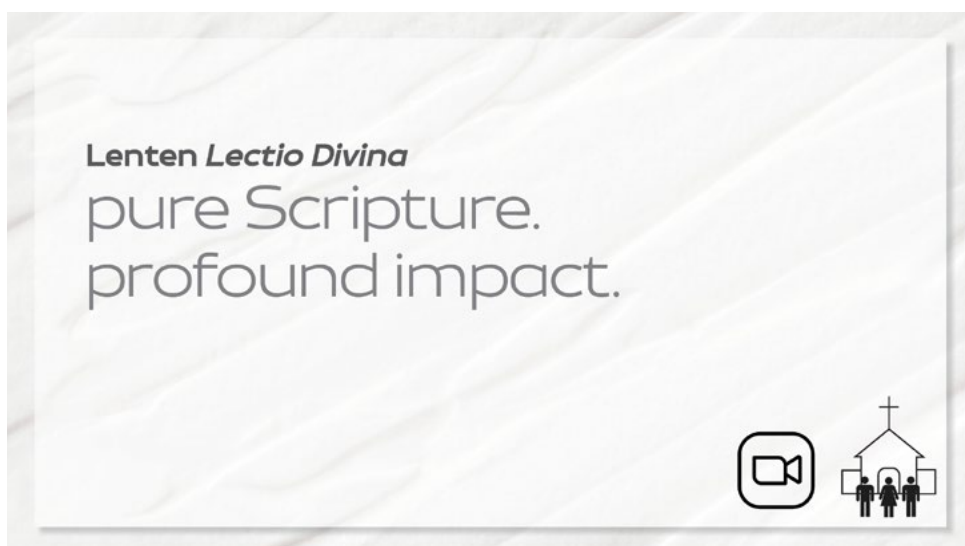
GIVING: MDPC did make their 2020 budget. Weekly 2021 financial updates will be printed in the bulletin after Session approves the budget in late January. Online giving is available at give.mdpc.org.



A Quick Start Guide to Daily Living

A 6-week Lenten Study inspired by Pastor Alf's **The Big Ten** Sermon Series.

Take a 6-week-long “quick start” look at Commandments 5-10, which focus on Christian living and loving our neighbors—a perfect study for Lent! A number of new groups have been created for this study. Learn more and find a group to fit your schedule at quick.mdpc.org.



Lenten Lectio Divina
pure Scripture.
profound impact.

Icons: a video camera and a church building with people.

Looking to give up noise and anxiety for Lent? Join Pastor Beth Case, Christyn Knoop, and Dan Aikins for a Lenten Lectio Divina experience. Register at pure.mdpc.org.



HIGH SCHOOL WINTER RETREAT
CAROLINA CREEK
FEBRUARY 19-21

MDPC youth logo

High schoolers: Join **MDPC** Youth for a fun few days to recharge/recenter your focus and faith with amazing speakers, awesome worship, and fun activities such as high ropes, s'mores, canoeing, archery, and more. It'll be three days well spent! [Click here](#) to sign up.



CONNECTION

MDPC youth logo

CONNECTION is our Sunday program for Middle and High School students where we come together for fellowship, teaching, and worship. 11:15 AM in the Youth Loft; more info at connection.mdpc.org.



MDPC Counseling Ministries

Need a soft place to land? Unsure of where to go next? Learn more about our short-term counseling ministry by emailing **MDPC** counselor-in-residence Amanda Grace Caldwell, or visit counseling.mdpc.org.



MDPC Congregational Update
Don't “moose” it!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, February 14. A Congregational Update will take place in the last few minutes of each service. No motions will be voted on.



KIDS' MEALS
A Service Project for All Ages!

Next Project Date: February 10

Texas is number one in the U.S. in food insecurity for children. You can help make sure there is one less hungry tummy! Come make sandwiches at **MDPC** for Kids' Meals. Learn more and sign up at kidsmeals.mdpc.org.



REGISTRATION OPEN!

MDPC CHURCH IN THE CITY
February 26-28, 2021

Church in the City is back! Our fellow Houstonians can use your help this year more than ever. Sign up now for one of several projects at citc.mdpc.org.

This year there also are take-home kits you can choose to do on their own, or in addition to working on an on-site project.



Awana Clubs

MDPC Children's Ministries is excited to offer Virtual AWANA! It's a scripturally-based, high-energy, and relationship-focused Bible Study for K through 5th grade. (Kaleidoscope, our Special Needs Ministry, offers AWANA up to 17 years of age.) Visit awana.mdpc.org.



kidslive.mdpc.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL LIVE
YouTube | 10:45-11:15 AM

Illustration of five diverse children reading books.

Children's Ministries Sunday School is now on YouTube! We will have Sunday School for Preschool and Elementary Kids on our YouTube channel from 10:45-11:15 AM for our Preschool and Elementary Kids. [Click here](#) to learn more.



MDPC IN ACTION
Can You Spare an Hour?

MDPC's fast-paced Saturday food pantry can use your helping hands, even if it's just for an hour or two. Shifts are flexible and you'll be put right to work! Learn more and sign up at action.mdpc.org.



On this third Sunday of our series on the Ten Commandments, we look at the Third Commandment, which focuses on another way we can love God. But the question becomes, how does the phrase “You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God” help us love God?

1. When you think of the third commandment, what comes to your mind first? Is “profanity” the first thing that comes to mind? Why do we curse or cuss? What are some reasons or benefits? What has been your journey or the journey of those close to you regarding profanity?

2. Read [Exodus 20:7](#) and [Matthew 12:33-37](#). What does the third commandment command? How do Jesus’ words in Matthew 12 help fill in the blanks?

3. I talked in my sermon about the power of names and naming in Scripture, as well as the Hebrew word *barak*, which means “bless” or “curse” depending upon how you say it. Discuss these concepts. What “rang true” for you? Did anything not make sense or ring hollow?

4. Speaking of ringing hollow, the Hebrew word for vain is *schwa*. It can mean a hollow sound (for magic or witchcraft - to try to control God) or unreality or emptiness (not intending to follow through on the words with actions.) So, what do you think this commandment (“You shall not take the name of the Lord in *vain*”) means at its deepest?

5. I used an example of Chinese manufacturers stealing the Martin Guitar *name and label* and using it to sell knock-off guitars at a fraction of what a real Martin would cost. The owner said, “Our name has earned a reputation for quality, and so my company is fighting to get the rights to its name back in China. Stop misusing our name. It’s wrong.” How might this apply to our use of God’s Name? How can we use God’s Name or the Son’s Name appropriately? And how might we misuse it? What new insight about this command can you apply from this week’s sermon, study, and discussion?