

Christmas Eve

at MDPC

Light for the Darkness

Luke 2:15-20 • Alf Halvorson preaching

Candlelight Services 2020

5:30, 7:00, & 8:30 PM | [Luke 2:15-20](#)

GIVE ONLINE

PRELUDE	<i>The First Noel</i>	arr. Dan Forrest (b. 1978)
*OPENING CAROL	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	arr. John Rutter
WELCOME		Dave Steane
*CAROL	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	MENDELSSOHN
SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	5:30 PM Brett Hurst 7:00 & 8:30 PM Clay Brown
ANTHEM	<i>For Unto Us a Child Is Born</i> (from <i>Messiah</i>)	G.F. Handel (1685-1759)
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:1-14	5:30 & 7:00 PM Beth Case 8:30 PM Dan Aikins
*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL	<i>O Holy Night</i>	Adolphe Adam
MOMENT OF PRAYER		Dave Steane
ANTHEM OF PREPARATION	<i>Gloria in Excelsis Deo</i> (from <i>LUX: The Dawn from on High</i>)	Dan Forrest (b. 1978)
REFLECTION	<i>Light for the Darkness</i>	Alf Halvorson
SERVICE OF CANDLES		
CONGREGATIONAL CAROL	<i>Silent Night</i>	STILLE NACHT
*FINAL BLESSING & OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE		Alf Halvorson
POSTLUDE	<i>The Shepherds</i> (from <i>Glad Tidings</i>)	Randol Bass

*Please stand if able.

CCLI # 182374

Musicians participating in tonight's services:

Miriam Belyatsky, violin • Louis-Marie Fardet, cello • Rasa Kalesnykaite, violin
Chavdar Parashkevov, viola • Julio Sanchez, percussion
Charles Hausmann, conductor • Kathryn White, organ • Sanctuary Choir

Christmas Eve Offering

Each year, MDPC dedicates the Christmas Eve offering[†] to a selected number of our partners in mission and ministry. This year's offering will go to:

Casa el Buen Samaritano	The Halls	Family serving in Papua New Guinea
Mission Greenspoint	Family serving in Jordan	Couple serving in India
Street Grace	Kristin Huffman	Dan McNerney
The Adairs	The Johnsons	Family serving in Asia
Urgessa Biru	The Joneses	The Zovaks
Jeff Burns	The Kukoljas	

[†]This includes all cash and checks unless specifically designated for the 2020 Budget.



Christmas Poinsettias

December 2020

The poinsettias that adorn the Sanctuary Chancel were given in honor or memory of loved ones.

Barbara C. and Laurence Abrams in memory of
Dorothy and Richard Cameron

Barbara C. and Laurence Abrams in memory of
Jeanette and Aaron Abrams

Barbara C. and Laurence Abrams in memory of
Joseph G. Vollmer

Barbara C. and Laurence Abrams in memory of
Jeffrey M. Cameron

Linda C. Anderson in honor of her
grandchildren: Sutton, Andy, and Quinn Walsh

Linda C. Anderson in honor of her
grandchildren: Parker, Caroline, and Kent
Kubitza

Linda C. Anderson in honor of her
grandchildren: Ellison and Evans Anderson

Linda C. Anderson with gratitude for
Alf and Shari Halvorson

Linda C. Anderson in loving memory of
D. Kent Anderson

Linda C. Anderson in loving memory of
Lindsay Lewis

The Michael Arnett Family in honor of
Carolyn and Butch Arnett

The Michael Arnett Family in honor of Bert
Clark

The Michael Arnett Family in memory of
Linda Stafford Clark

The Robert and Bonnie Baldwin Family in
memory of Joseph Albiol

The Robert and Bonnie Baldwin Family in
memory of Mary Polsfoot

The Robert and Bonnie Baldwin Family in
memory of Mary Ellen Jericho

The Robert and Bonnie Baldwin Family in
memory of Marguerite E. Baldwin

Nicole and Marty Briggs in memory of
Bonnie Hirons Sprague

Nicole and Marty Briggs in memory of
Michael Lee Briggs

Nicole and Marty Briggs in memory of Toto
Briggs

Ava Caliendo in honor of the Administration
volunteers: Joe and Sue Warren, Larry Biestek,
Mona Williams, Jan Fawley, Kathy Redden,
Carrie Goolsby, and Peter Ham

Joy and Gerald Dubinski, Marilyn L. Dubinski,
and Nancy, Matthew, Luke and Theodore Weber
in memory of Nancy Brand Stanley, William A.
Stanley II, William A. Stanley III, William A.
Stanley IV, and Thomas Brand Stanley

Joy and Gerald Dubinski, Marilyn L. Dubinski,
and Nancy, Matthew, Luke and Theodore Weber
in memory of Alice Lynn Dubinski

Jeff and Gracie Dastmalchian in memory of
Priscilla Brejcha (Mother)

Jeff and Gracie Dastmalchian in memory of
Abel Garcia (Brother)

Jeff and Gracie Dastmalchian in memory of
Cindy Garcia (Sister-in-law)

Jeff and Gracie Dastmalchian in memory of
Art De Leon (Cousin)

Catharine and Grant Faulconer in honor of
Sharon and James Clark

Catharine and Grant Faulconer in honor of
Clark Faulconer

Catharine and Grant Faulconer in honor of
Sara Faulconer

Catharine and Grant Faulconer in memory of
Vernon Faulconer

Mary Lee and Walter Going in memory of
Helen and Melford Carter

Mary Lee and Walter Going in memory of
Eugenia and Walter Going

The Gustafson Family in memory of
Ralph E. Gustafson

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Rachel Hamelers, Michael, Lainie, and Ellie Powell in honor of their sister/aunt Amanda Hamelers

The Hamelers, Powell, and Filip families in memory of their beloved Mom, Judith Reuter Hamelers

The Hamelers, Powell, and Filip families in memory their beloved grandparents, Ernest and Winifred Reuter

Rachel and Amanda Hamelers in honor of Karen and David Winship, "in thanks for your friendship to our Mom and our entire family"

Sara and Phil Hawk in memory of her parents, Dorothy and Clayborn Blackford

Sara and Phil Hawk in memory of his parents, Clarice and Ira Hawk

Milt and Julie Hempel in honor of all medical personnel and first responders

Cindy and Bob Holloway in memory of Betty and Jim Phillip

Cindy and Bob Holloway in memory of Nancy and Ed Holloway

Murphy, Patti, Alli, Abby and Keaton Klasing in memory of Keith Hammis

Murphy, Patti, Alli, Abby and Keaton Klasing in memory of Robert Hammis

Nancy Kimmey and Family in memory of Dana Lynn Dowler

Nancy Kimmey and Family in memory of Bill Kimmey

The Kirst Family in honor of Hannah and Haley Fleming's first Christmas

The Kirst Family in memory of Larsen

The Kirst Family in memory of Betty Jo and Carl Behm

The Kirst Family in memory of Ted Smylie

The McMullen and Moreland Families in memory of Betsy Ann Moreland

The McMullen and Moreland Families in memory Ramona June Carter

The Mitschke Family in memory of Grace and Bill Allen

The Nowlan and Zeier Family in memory of Otilie Zeier

The Nowlan and Zeier Family in memory of Marie Nowlan

The Owens Family in memory of Mary Lee Roberts

The Steve Palmer Family in memory of Julie Jackson

The Steve Palmer Family in memory of Wilma Palmer

The Steve Palmer Family in memory of Lela and Harold Dodson

The Steve Palmer Family in memory of Natalie and Billy Poarch

The Steve Palmer Family in memory of Charles and Kim Dodson

Ward and Jill Parnell in memory of Troy Hamlin

Ward and Jill Parnell in memory of Kay Parnell

Ward and Jill Parnell in memory of Randolph Parnell

The Prillaman Family in loving memory of Eleanor and Doug Prillaman

Sharon Roark in memory of Mabel and Robert Flack

Sharon Roark in memory of Mabel Katie and Gene Roark

Jan McDonald Roe in honor of MDPC, the Staff, Members, and Friends

The Rupley Family in memory of Robert Selee "Bob" Rupley

Julie, Ricci, Olivia, Nathan and Benjamin Siciliano in memory of Darold McCalla

The Ken Stockton Family in memory of Ken Stockton

The Turner Family in memory of Rupert Turner

Mona Williams, the Rick Bradford family, and the Chris Jaeger Family for their mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother

Mona Williams in memory of Barbara Smith

Bonnie Yezak in honor of Charlie and Maryanne Bass

We strive for accuracy and sincerely regret any errors or omissions.

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Christmas Eve, December 24, 2020

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE as of December 20, 2020

2020 Annual Budget	\$12,300,000
Income to Date	\$10,814,626
Needed to Meet Budget	\$1,485,374



Research shows certain marriage prep programs to be particularly effective at preventing divorce, lowering the risk by as much as 75%. [Married Life Prep](#) is approved by Twogether in Texas, and program graduates can have their Texas marriage license fee waived! A new 4-week class starts January 10.



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



Even in these difficult times, our **MDPC** Mission Partners are still hard at work providing needed services to their clients and sharing the love of Jesus. To hear some of their stories, visit stories.mdpc.org.



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.



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.



FPU’s focus on behavior change is a different view of personal finance. Most folks know what to do with money, but not how to do it. Millions have followed Dave Ramsey’s plan out of debt and into a life of saving and giving. You can, too! Learn more at fpu.mdpc.org.



Alpha is for everyone. It breaks down distance (and social distancing) barriers by meeting online to explore life, faith, and meaning. No question or comment is out of bounds, and you’re free to say as much or as little as you wish. To sign up for the next session starting February 2: alpha.mdpc.org



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.



Sunday childcare currently is available for children five and under. Visit children.mdpc.org to see our Sunday morning health and safety protocols. For The Galaxy elementary Sunday school, just text Galaxy F2F to the number 94000 so we know you are coming!



Does it seem like you should be over your grief? While there is no timeline to grief, there is always hope. Join us Thursdays, Jan. 21-March 11 (3:00-4:30 PM on Zoom) for this Christ-centered program designed to help those dealing with loss. Trained facilitators guide the group. [Email Beverly Fluke](#) for details and to sign up.



College students! Come for weekly (outdoor) Fire Pit Fellowship over Christmas Break. Free food! Plus friends and Bible study. Kicks off Thursday, December 17; 6:30 PM for dinner, Bible study begins at 7:15 PM. [Learn more here](#).