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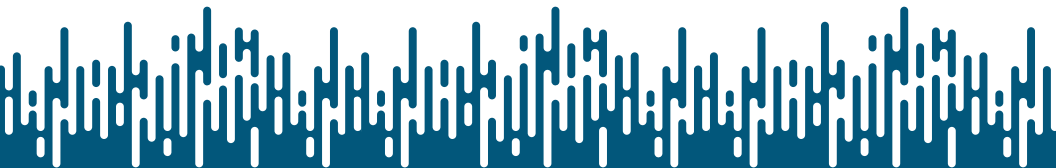
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Guest Registry

5 quick questions to help us get to know you better!

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God's Highlight Reel

A Crash Course in Christianity

8:30a Service
Sun, Oct 3, 2021

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching
[Ex. 20:1-3; Matt. 5:17-20; Rom. 3:19-24 \(NRSV\)](#)

Welcome and Call to Worship

Dave Steane

Songs of Praise

God So Loved
New Doxology
God of Wonders

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Brett Hurst

Song of Preparation

Behold/How Great Thou Art

Message

God's Highlight Reel: THE LAW

Alf Halvorson

Exodus 20:1-3; Matthew 5:17-20; Romans 3:19-24

Communion

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

Song of Response

Amazing Grace

Opportunity to Give and Benediction

Alf Halvorson

Musicians in this service:

Asher Pudlo, drums; George Heathco, guitar; Uvaldo Callejas, bass;
Michael Middleton & Meliza Gómez, worship leaders



Sunday Worship Playlist

[Click here to listen.](#)

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Remember Our Mission Partners on the Front Lines of Ministry

Each week, we pray for three of **MDPC's** local and global mission partners. During these difficult days, our partners truly covet your prayers! Visit partners.mdpc.org to find this week's (three) prayer recipients.



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9:45a Service
Sun, Oct 3, 2021

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Invitation to Worship

Song of Praise

Speak the Name

Moment of Confession and Assurance

Rachel Poysky

Songs of Preparation

God So Loved/Doxology

God of Wonders

Behold (Then Sings My Soul)/How Great Thou Art

Message

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Communion

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Join us in praying over these children who are celebrating their First Communion.

Caroline Cooper

Anna Teegarden

Travis Mueck

George Taylor

Coralyn Collins

Cate Teegarden

Clark Slye

Cooper Nelson

Charlie Galimore

Mason Mueck

Anna Lou Taylor

Song of Response

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A Crash Course in Christianity

11:15a Service
Sun, Oct 3, 2021

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Prelude	<i>Give Me Jesus and I Sing the Power</i>	arr. Sterling/Hayes
Welcome and Call to Worship		Dave Steane
Choral Introit	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	arr. Gilbert Martin (b.1941)
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	#281; Vs. 1, 3 CWM RHONDDA
*Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Rachel Poysky
*Affirmation of Faith	from the United Church of Canada	
Anthem of Preparation	<i>The Call of Wisdom</i>	Will Todd
Message	God's Highlight Reel: THE LAW	Alf Halvorson
	Exodus 20:1-3; Matthew 5:17-20; Romans 3:19-24	
Communion	<i>All who confess their faith in Christ are welcome to the table.</i>	
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Royce Chung	Ruth Powell	Blythe Terry
John Andrew Stubbs	Susie Powell	Haddie Terry
Opportunity to Give and Benediction		Alf Halvorson
Postlude	<i>March</i>	Louis Lefébure-Wély (1817-1869)

Musicians in this service:
Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organ

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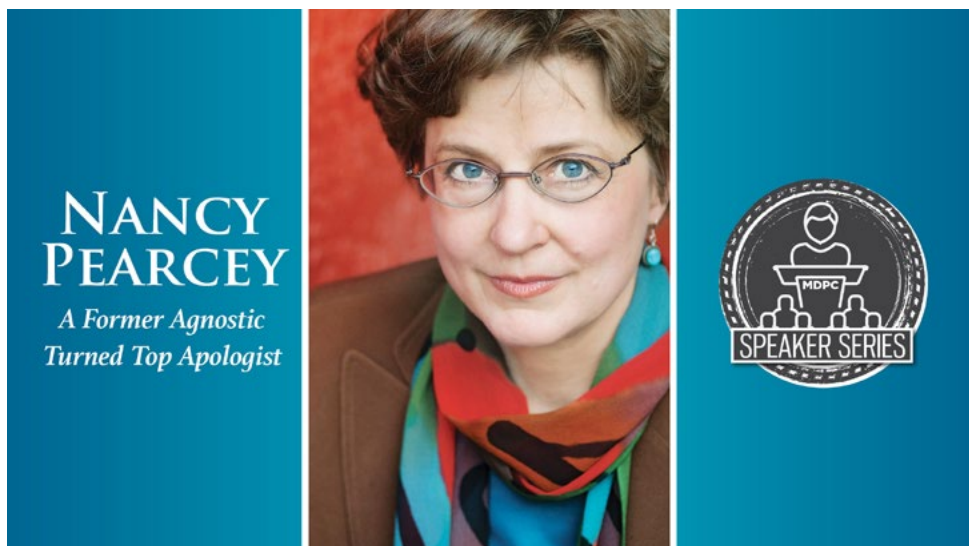
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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE as of Sep 26, 2021

2021 Annual Budget	\$ 11,300,000
Income to Date	\$ 7,092,524
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 4,207,476



Thu, Oct 14 • 7-8:30p

The Economist hailed Nancy Pearcey as “America’s pre-eminent evangelical Protestant female intellectual.” She will speak about her book, *Finding Truth*. Read more about Nancy and the event at speakers.mdpc.org.



Wed, Oct 20 • 6:30-8p (Refreshments at 6p)

The Well is our semi-annual gathering for women of all ages. Bring a friend as we hear three MDPC women share how they learned they were “more than their story.” Learn more and RSVP at thewell.mdpc.org.



Throughout the difficulties of the past year and a half, our Outreach Partners have been 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.



Every Mon • 9:30-11:30a • Room 122

See Knitting for Missions’ beautiful handiwork in this month’s Community Art Gallery in the East Hallway. Anyone is welcome at their weekly gathering to knit with a purpose! Learn more at knitting.mdpc.org.



Thursdays, Sep 30-Oct 14 • 6-7:30p

Come (via Zoom) to notice, write, and find the joy God gives. Each session includes time in Scripture and a writing exercise. Learn more and sign up: writing.mdpc.org



This Sunday when we honor our Outreach Partners, you might be inspired to get out there and help! Visit action.mdpc.org for ways to get involved today.



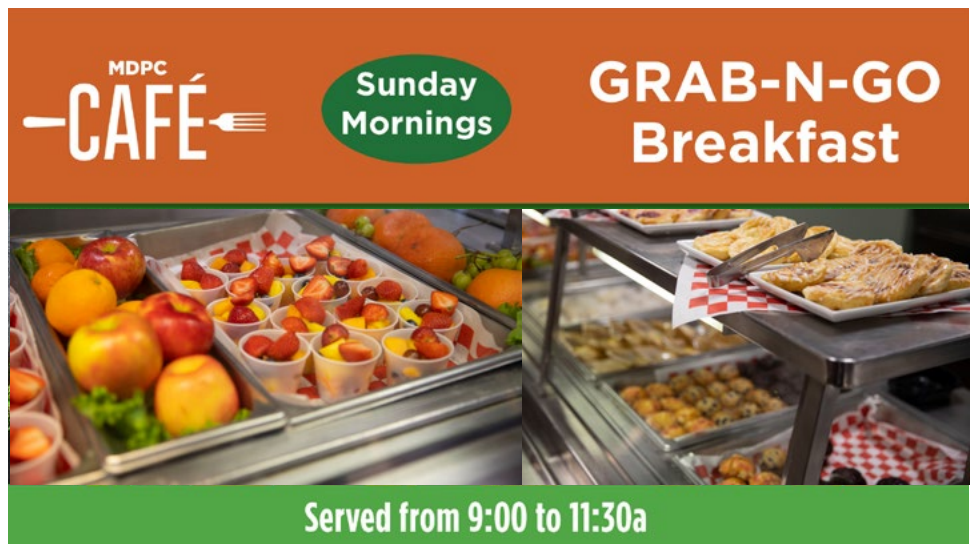
Every Sun • 9:45 or 11:15a • Amphitheater

Weekly biblical lessons taught by a pastor or someone else with seminary training. No signup, no class roll, and drop-ins are welcome! Visit byf.mdpc.org for details.



Sat, Oct 9 • 12:30-4:30p

Let us spoil your kids with attention, games, crafts, and pizza while you have some time to yourself! Open to ALL parents. Sign up at parentsout.mdpc.org. \$25 base, max \$50/family



Sun mornings • MDPC Kitchen (off Fellowship Hall)

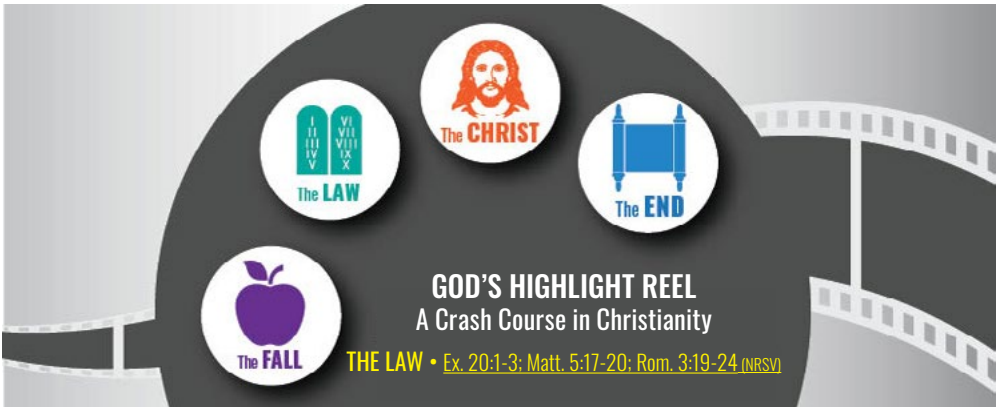
Delicious, carry-friendly options for those rushed Sundays when there’s no time for breakfast! Stop by to see what items are for sale each Sunday.



Children’s Ministries Sunday School is on YouTube! We offer Sunday school lessons for preschool and elementary kids on the MDPC Kids YouTube channel, Sundays at 10:45-11:15a. [Click here](#) to learn more.



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



This is the second message in our series on a brief overview in four weeks of the entire Bible. What is the grand narrative we as believers or seekers need to see and understand to grasp the Good News of God? Last week we tried to communicate that God created all things *good*; but that, in freedom, we chose *bad*. And since those initial sins, it has been a good news/bad news story. One of God's blessings to humanity is *The Law*; we, however, often see the law and keepers of the law as irritants, or the law as a curse. What should our posture be toward the Law of God? What function does it serve, if any, even for the believer?

1. In general, when you think about the laws of the land or the laws of the road, do they make you happy or mad? Do they free you or inhibit you? In political debates over the last few years regarding Defund the Police or Blue Lives Matter, what are some of the abuses each of the sides is trying to correct?
2. Read Ex. 20:1-3. This is the introduction and first command of the Ten Commandments. From verse 2, what is the character of the One who gave us the Law? Does Law come first or Grace/Gospel come first here?
3. Some say that the Old Testament is about Law, and the New Testament is about the Gospel. But isn't there Gospel and Grace here in verse 2, even in the OT?
4. Some suggest that the New Testament is about Grace and Gospel and that the Law doesn't apply anymore to and for the believer. What does Matt. 5:17-20 say from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount? Is Jesus against the Law given in Exodus or for it? How do you make sense of Jesus' words here for your attitude toward the Law?
5. Read Romans 3:19-25a. According to Paul (who was one of the best legal scholars the world has ever known) and these verses, can we, as humans after the Fall, keep the Law? Then, according to Paul, what function does the Law serve? Look especially at verse 20.
6. If we are not saved by the Law, how does that occur, according to verses 21-25a?
7. So the Law doesn't save us; it reveals our sin like a mirror reveals how we measure up to God's perfect will. I used an illustration of a marriage from Martin Luther, the great reformer, to talk about how we can receive forgiveness and receive the benefits of Christ's life and death on our behalf through faith. How was that helpful or not helpful? Is there a better picture you have or could create to illustrate Paul's point and Christ's action on our behalf? Are you by faith married to Christ? If not, what is holding you back? Today you could commit your life to Him; He has already committed His life and death and resurrection to you. He just has been waiting on your faith for new life to begin or continue.

