

8:30a Service
Sun, Oct 17, 2021

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching
[Revelation 21:1-6, 22:1-5 \(NRSV\)](#)

Welcome and Call to Worship

Beth Case

Songs of Praise

How Great Is Our God
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Chris Tomlin
Shane & Shane

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Clay Brown

Song of Preparation

Because He Lives

arr. Gaither

Moment of Prayer

Beth Case

Songs of Response

Agnus Dei/King of Kings

Hillsong Worship

Message

God's Highlight Reel: THE END

Alf Halvorson

Song of Response

Alpha & Omega/Revelation Song

Houghton/Riddle

Opportunity to Give and Benediction

Alf Halvorson

Musicians in this service:

Asher Pudlo, drums; Jaime Arroyo, keys; George Heathco, guitar; Uvaldo Callejas, bass;
Nico Aranda, Michael Middleton, & Meliza Gómez, worship leaders



Sunday Worship Playlist

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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.



God's Highlight Reel

A Crash Course in Christianity

9:45a Service
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Invitation to Worship

Song of Praise

Your Love Awakens Me

Phil Wickham

Moment of Confession and Assurance

Hillary McMullen

Third Grade Bibles

Presented by Rev. Rachel Poysky and Lyndsey Dottavio

Camille Brown

Tanner Grant Hwang

Presley E. Schrader

George Sullivan Craft III

Ethan Luke Johansson

Anna Lou Taylor

Van Action Davidson

Colby Lankford

Hadley Terry

Dominic Alex Dottavio

Lucy Leichtenberg

Wells Christopher Wagner

Elizabeth Edwards

Ruth Elisabeth Powell

Brynn Arlene Wallis

Jackson Gilley

Wallace Lejeune Rigdon

Mason Reed Hwang

Wyatt Matthew Saxe

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Prelude	<i>Nocturne</i>	Alexander Borodin (1833-1887)
Welcome and Call to Worship		Beth Case
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	#151; Vs. 1, 4 DIADEMATA
*Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Amanda Grace Caldwell
*Affirmation of Faith	from The Apostles' Creed	
Anthem	<i>The Light of the World</i>	Howard Goodall (b.1958)
Third Grade Bibles	Presented by Rev. Rachel Poysky and Lyndsey Dottavio	
Genevieve Koss	Eliza Ann Ollison	
Cooper William Nelson	Henley Seckinger	
Pastoral Prayer		Beth Case
Anthem of Preparation	<i>A New Heaven, A New Earth</i>	Howard Goodall (b.1958)
Message	God's Highlight Reel: THE END	Alf Halvorson
*Hymn of Response	<i>Live into Hope</i>	#332; Vs. 1, 4 TRURO
Opportunity to Give and Benediction		Alf Halvorson
Postlude	<i>Crown Imperial March</i>	Sir William Walter (1902-1983)

Musicians in this service:

Miriam Belyatsky, violin; Avery Rabon, Justine Alexander, soloists;
Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organ/piano

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE as of Oct 10, 2021

2021 Annual Budget	\$ 11,300,000
Income to Date	\$ 7,458,772
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 3,841,228



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.



Wednesdays, Oct 27-Dec 8 • 10-11:30am

This six-week class is designed to provide caregivers to increase self-care and give them confidence in handling difficult situations, emotions, and decisions. Learn more and sign up at tools.mdpc.org.



Sign up today, and pray with confidence...

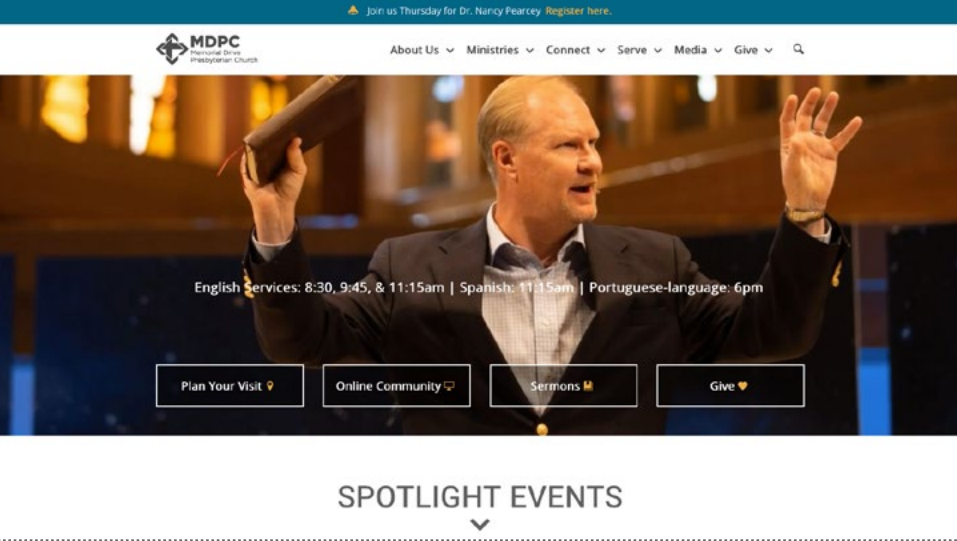
God will know your Prayer Partners’ needs, you just lift the dozen or so names to Him daily. Join us in this foundational MDPC ministry at pip.mdpc.org.



Sun, Oct 24 • It’s time to vote on the new slate of MDPC Officers and the 2022 Officer Nominating Committee! Please stay for a few minutes after the 9:45 Service on Oct 24 to help us fulfill this important function in the governance of MDPC. Those viewing via livestream will be able to vote online.



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.



Check out the new website!

MDPC launched a new website last Monday and we invite you to take a peek. Look for great tools to get plugged in, like the **Group Finder** at groups.mdpc.org or the **Volunteer Opportunity Finder** at serve.mdpc.org.

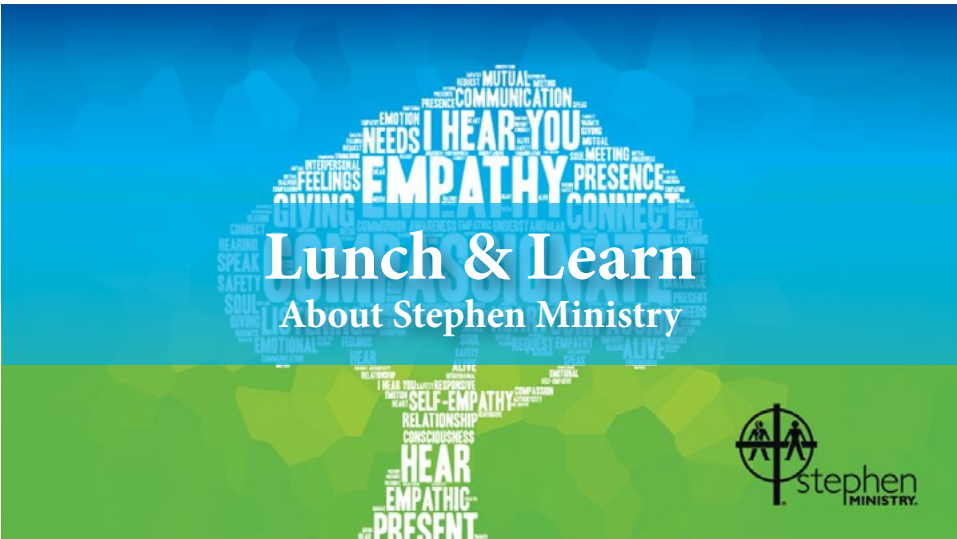


This Thanksgiving, help feed over 1,000 families that struggle with food insecurity! Our partner ESBFP will distribute grocery bags, fresh produce, and a turkey to families in our Spring Branch community. Learn what, when, and where to donate at meal.mdpc.org.



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.



Sun, Oct 24 • 12:30-1:30pm

Have you ever thought about becoming a Stephen Minister? Join us for lunch to ask questions, meet current Stephen Ministers, and hear about their experiences. Contact Beverly with questions or to RSVP: bfluke@mdpc.org or 713-490-9542

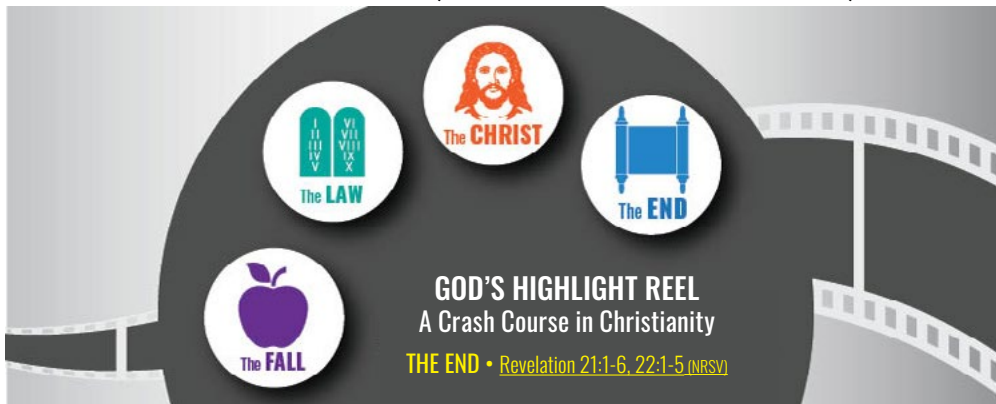


Sun mornings • MDPC Kitchen (off Fellowship Hall)

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.



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 fourth and final week in our short series on some of the most critical themes in Christianity. How does Scripture—in Genesis through Revelation—move us from one kind of home in a garden, to a New Heaven and a New Earthly home? The Christian conviction is that present-day earth is not all there is; there is more. In fact, as C. S. Lewis puts it, “There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind.” What are some of those things ahead for the Christian? The Apostle John, imprisoned on the isle of Patmos, receives a vision from God of the doom of the wicked and the bliss of the Blessed. This *Revelation*, the pulling back of a curtain, is meant to enlighten us and give us peace and hope. The book is about power: God’s good power, and the evil power of the other. But ultimately about the victory of God and the Lamb. Paradise lost is ultimately paradise regained.

1. In your life, what have you heard and read about the “world’s ending” or heaven? Have those thoughts and themes given you comfort or produced fear?
2. Read Revelation 21:1-6. What did John see in verses 1-2? In verse 3, what four things happen? In verse 4, what are the good results of being in the physical presence with God?
3. We are back to the present time in verse 5. What does the One seated on the throne say to John? How do these words square with what you see in the world right now? Do you think that might be why the second sentence in verse 5 is present? It’s sometimes hard to believe that in our world right now God is working to bring order out of chaos, life out of death, and to make all things new. Where might you pray for God to do that in your life and in our world right now?
4. In verse 6, we are no longer in the present but are talking about a future reality. What is promised? Where do you need living water?
5. Read Rev. 22:1-5. What are the waters of life and the trees of life for in verse 2? Isn’t that a needed and wonderful promise? The phrase in verse 4, “see His face,” regarding kings means to *be granted an audience with*. What do you think you might ask or do in God’s awesome and loving presence? In verse 5, it’s affirmed “they will *reign* forever and ever.” There is only one God and the Lamb, but those with God have work to do that is meaningful and purposeful. I heard a mentor say one time, “Keep developing new character qualities and fruit of the spirt and nurture your gifts now, even if you are older, because you will have all of eternity to use them for the glory of God.” What gift or character quality might you keep developing, anticipating you might be called to use that gift for the greater good in glory?
6. Reading Revelation 21 & 22 is incredibly important for perspective and our attitude in the present. Why does or how might *beginning with the end in mind* positively impact the way you/we live right now?

