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

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**8:30a Service** Sun, Oct 24, 2021

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching Psalm 150 (NRSV)

Welcome and Call to Worship

Clay Brown

**Songs of Praise** 

All Creatures of Our God and King

Holy, Holy, Holy

**Prayer of Confession and Assurance** 

Lyndsey Dottavio

Song of Preparation

Moment of Prayer

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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**Songs of Response** How Great Thou Art

Message

**Let Everything that Breathes Praise the Lord** Alf Halvorson

Psalm 150 (NRSV)

Song of Response

*To God Be the Glory* 

Opportunity to Give and Benediction

Alf Halvorson

Musicians in this service: Asher Pudlo, drums; Daniel Martinez, keys; George Heathco, guitar; Uvaldo Callejas, bass; 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 <u>partners.mdpc.org</u> to find this week's (three) prayer recipients.



**9:45a Service** Sun, Oct 24, 2021

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching Psalm 150 (NRSV)

Hillsong Worship

**Invitation to Worship** 

Songs of Praise Look to the Son

Moment of Confession and Assurance Laurien Hook

Great Are You, Lord

**Songs of Preparation** All Creatures of Our God and King What a Beautiful Name / Cornerstone

Message Let Everything that Breathes Praise the Lord Alf Halvorson

Psalm 150 (NRSV)

Opportunity to Give and Benediction Alf Halvorson

**Congregational Meeting** 

Musicians in this service: Asher Pudlo, drums; Daniel Martinez, keys; George Heathco, guitar; Uvaldo Callejas, bass; Michael Middleton & Meliza Gómez, worship leaders



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**11:15a Service** Sun, Oct 24, 2021

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching Psalm 150 (NRSV)

**Prelude** Benedictus (Blessed) Max Reger (1873-1916)

Welcome and Call to Worship Dave Steane

**Choral Introit** When in Our Music God Is Glorified David Ashley White (b.1944

\*Hymn of Praise When in Our Music God Is Glorified #264; Vs. 1, 2, 3 | Engelberg

\*Prayer of Confession and Assurance Dave Steane

\*Affirmation of Faith from Heidelberg Catechism

Congregational Response The Gloria Patri Hymn #579

**Anthem** Sing and Be Not Silent Mary McDonald (b.1956)

Pastoral Prayer Beth Case

**Anthem of Preparation** Psalm 150 César Franck (1822-1890)

Message Let Everything that Breathes Praise the Lord Alf Halvorson
Psalm 150 (NRSV)

\*Hymn of Response O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! #476; Vs. 1, 4 | Lyons

**Opportunity to Give and Benediction**Alf Halvorson

**Postlude** Prelude in A Major J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

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Sun, Oct 24, 2021

# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

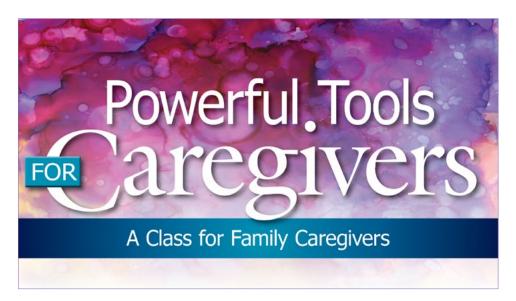
To see more events at MDPC, visit events.mdpc.org.

#### WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE as of Oct 17, 2021

2021 Annual Budget \$ 11,300,000 Income to Date \$ 7,632,592 Needed to Meet Budget \$ 3,667,408



**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.



### 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 <u>pip.mdpc.org</u>.

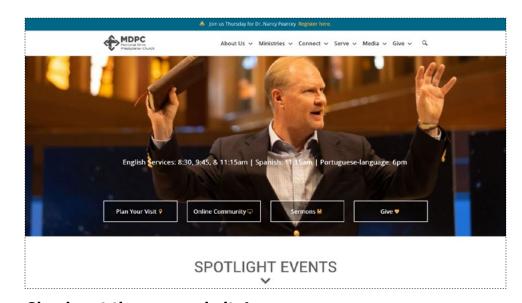


## Fourth Sunday Monthly, 10:45-11:15am • Gathering Room

The Link is designed to help you find your place at MDPC. Visiting, new member, or an MDPC family legacy, drop by to see what there is to discover! More at **thelink.mdpc.org**.



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 week 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**.



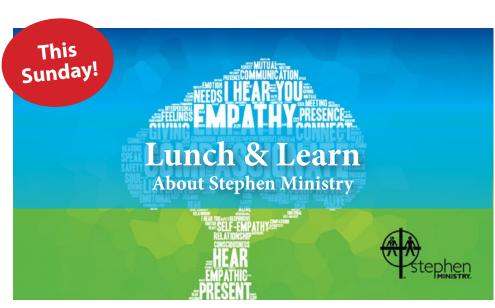
YOUR GENEROSITY MATTERS! IT IS WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS THAT WE SAY "THANK YOU."

#### **Covenant Sunday Is Nov 7**

On Covenant Sunday, we submit to God, trusting His will for our lives, as we submit our pledges for 2022. Learn more or pledge online at **generosity.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**.



## 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



## Every Sun • 9:45 or 11:15am • 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.



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 a stand-alone message following our *God's Highlight Reel: A Crash Course in Christianity* series. If all we preached in the last four weeks is true, and if God has been faithful over and over again toward us as testified to in Scripture, then the most natural response for any and all of us is *praise*. Worship and gratitude flow from the recognition of the real and specific love and grace of God on our behalf.

- 1. When I was going through high school, I remember one of my English teachers introducing us to the six journalism questions using a Rudyard Kipling poem: "I keep six honest serving men; they taught me all I knew; their names are *What* and *Why* and *When*; and *How* and *Where* and *Who*." Read Ps.150. How many of the journalism questions does the writer answer in this psalm regarding praise? Note: I think five are explicit and one is implicit. How about you?
- 2. In Hebrew, the beginning and the end of this psalm starts with the word *hallelujah*. *Hillel* means praise, and *Yahweh* means God or Lord. So the two combined words mean "praise the Lord." What does it mean to you that this hymn or prayer begins and ends with that phrase? To what extent is your day bracketed by hallelujahs? If it is not, what might you do to change that fact?
- 3. Read Luke 5:1-11 with the last question from #2 in your mind. Were the disciples' lives (Simon, James, and John) bracketed by praise at the beginning of this passage? Why or why not? If not, what did Jesus do in verses 3 and 4-7 to change their minds and hearts? What was Peter's response in verse 8? What do you think Peter means? Does he really want Jesus to leave, or is he somewhat like Isaiah in Isaiah 6:1-8?
- 4. According to verse 9 and the first part of verse 10 in Luke 5, what was the reason for the amazement? What does Jesus say to Simon in response? What is his calling to be?
- 5. How do the disciples respond in verse 11? And how do worship and gratitude and action flow from the real and specific love and grace of Jesus on their behalf?
- 6. Where might God be inviting you into deeper and deeper water (vs. 4)? To follow Him (vss. 10-11)? How might you offer your *hallelujah* there, in the real areas of your real life?