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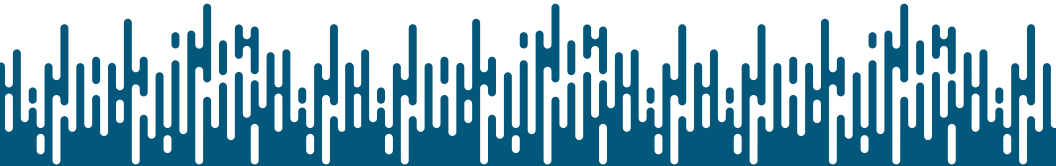
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Guest Registry

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

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MDPC

8:30a Service
Sun, Oct 31, 2021

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching
[1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19 \(NRSV\)](#)

Welcome and Call to Worship		Dave Steane
Songs of Praise	<i>Forever / Come, Now Is the Time Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus</i>	
Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Rachel Poysky
Song of Preparation	<i>Lord, I Need You</i>	
Moment of Prayer		Dave Steane
Songs of Response	<i>Hosanna</i>	
Message	Grateful Hearts: Our Wants 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19 (NRSV)	Alf Halvorson
Song of Response	<i>Goodness of God</i>	
Opportunity to Give and Benediction		Alf Halvorson

Musicians in this service:

Asher Pudlo, drums; Daniel Martinez, keys; George Heathco, guitar; Uvaldo Callejas, bass;
Nico Aranda & 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.



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9:45a Service
Sun, Oct 31, 2021

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[1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19 \(NRSV\)](#)

Invitation to Worship

New Members Dan Aikins

Songs of Preparation *Never Gonna Stop Singing* Jesus Culture
Great Are You, Lord

Moment of Confession and Assurance Rachel Poysky

Songs of Worship *Hosanna / All Hail King Jesus*

Message **Grateful Hearts: Our Wants** Alf Halvorson
[1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19 \(NRSV\)](#)

Song of Response *Goodness of God*

Moment of Prayer Rachel Poysky

Opportunity to Give and Benediction Alf Halvorson

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11:15a Service Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching
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Prelude	<i>Adagio in E Major</i>	Frank Bridge (1879-1941)
Welcome and Call to Worship		Dave Steane
Choral Introit	<i>Exultate Deo</i>	Alessandro Scarlatti (1660-1725)
*Hymn of Praise	<i>My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less</i>	#379; Vs. 1, 4 SOLID ROCK
*Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Christyn Knoop
*Affirmation of Faith	from the Apostles' Creed	
Anthem	<i>I'll Walk with God</i>	Nicolas Brodszky
New Members		Dan Aikins
Pastoral Prayer		Dave Steane
Anthem of Preparation	<i>Faithful Over a Few Things</i>	Glenn Burleigh (1949-2007)
Message	Grateful Hearts: Our Wants 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19 (NRSV)	Alf Halvorson
*Hymn of Response	<i>God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending</i>	#422; Vs. 1, 3 LYONS
Opportunity to Give and Benediction		Alf Halvorson
Postlude	<i>Voluntary in G</i>	David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

Musicians in this service:
Jason Amos, soloist; Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organ/piano

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MDPC NEW MEMBERS

Introduced in worship on
Sun, Oct 31, 2021

We are excited to welcome 24 new members to the MDPC family! Learn a little more about each below, and join us in welcoming them to MDPC.



Rob and Roberta Amley, married for 53 years, have two grown daughters and four grandsons. They moved here two years ago from St Petersburg, FL to be near family. Rob is a retired orthodontist and enjoys golf. Roberta has been involved in teaching the Bible.



Jordyn Emmert is an attorney at Schneider Wallace Cottrell Konecky and currently serves on the Young Adult Lead Team. She and her daughter Isabella Collana (11) love exploring the Houston restaurant scene (particularly places with ice cream), as well as spending time with their cat, Kiki.



Christine Galib can often be found reading, writing, and running. She is passionate about helping others discover their creative strengths, develop their entrepreneurial and investor mindsets, and build purposeful and inclusive innovation ecosystems. She is a published author and enjoys exploring nature and taking the road less traveled.



Matt and Kay Kiker have been married 28 years and have two children, **Adam** (21) and **Holly** (17), who also are joining MDPC! Matt works for Network Funding, a residential mortgage lender. Kay is a community volunteer and homemaker.



Darren and Anna Lindamood are the proud parents of their daughter, Adair (2). Darren is the General Counsel and Managing Director for Bayou City Energy, and Anna is a stay-at-home mom. They love spending time at the ranch with family and sharing adventures with Mellie, their Golden Retriever.



Chris and Josie Pielop have three children: Will (16), Gus (13), and James (10). Chris is a pediatrician and Josie is a dermatologist. **Will**, a junior in high school, is joining MDPC with them.



Stuart and Nikki Pielop have been married for 20 years and have three children: Caroline (14), Ben (13), and Cate (10). Stuart works in oil field equipment manufacturing and Nikki is an estate planning attorney.



Allen and Nancy Powell have been married for 16 years and have two children: Susie (10) and Ruth (8). Allen is a patent attorney at Fletcher Yoder, and Nancy is a homemaker. Susie is in fifth grade at Wilchester Elementary. She enjoys Blast Off, soccer, gymnastics, and camping. Ruth is in third grade at Wilchester Elementary. She enjoys Blast Off, soccer, bike riding, and camping.



Rod and Sandra Ramsey are both retired. Rod was a petroleum geologist after graduation from grad school at the University of Wyoming. He lived various places in the US and Canada. He has two children, two grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Sandra is a graduate of Centenary College and worked in the group insurance industry for many years. They met at church and have now been married 34 years. Both are avid readers and have traveled widely.



Peggy Samuels has two children Emily (28) and Jacob (24), is a retired CPA, and enjoys spending time with her granddaughter Stella.



Aaron and Ali Terry have three children: Haddie (8), Blythe (6), and Pierce (2). Aaron is an energy restructuring consultant with FTI Consulting and Ali is a portfolio manager at City National Rochdale. They enjoy traveling, cooking, and outdoor activities, including hiking, tennis, water skiing, and beach trips.



William and Elizabeth Wood have one child, Christopher (2), and another baby boy arriving in January. William works in oil and gas and Elizabeth is an executive assistant. They love to travel and spending time with friends and family.

Ready to Take Your Next Step at MDPC?



Discover MDPC with Alf

Discover MDPC is a chance to get to know MDPC through a conversation with our Senior Pastor, Alf Halvorson. Alf will share about the history, mission, and vision of MDPC. He will also answer questions you have and share about the ministry at and through MDPC.

Sunday, Oct 31 • 10:45-11:10am | Gathering Room, or via Zoom

No RSVP necessary! Show up, or get the Zoom link at membership.mdpc.org.

Explore Our New Member Class!

Come learn the history, vision, and mission of MDPC. Led by Associate Pastors, Elders, and staff, you will explore if becoming a member is the right next step in your faith in Jesus. If you decide becoming a member is indeed the right step, you will be introduced at a worship service to the congregation and invited to meet with Session (board of Elders) to be received as an MDPC member.

Sundays, Nov 7-Dec 5 • 11:00am-12:15pm

RSVP for the next New Member Class: membership.mdpc.org

Sun, Oct 31, 2021

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE as of Oct 24, 2021

2021 Annual Budget	\$ 11,300,000
Income to Date	\$ 7,955,655
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 3,344,335



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 31 • 10:45-11:10am • Gathering Room or on Zoom

This conversation led by Pastor Alf will give you an idea of the mission and vision of MDPC. Everyone is welcome! For Zoom links visit discover.mdpc.org, or join us in person.



This Sat, Oct 30! 10-11:30am • Fellowship Hall

Games, treats, bouncy stuff, a riding train and more await your preschooler! A parent or caregiver must be in attendance. There's no sign-up necessary, so invite your pre-K friends and neighbors!

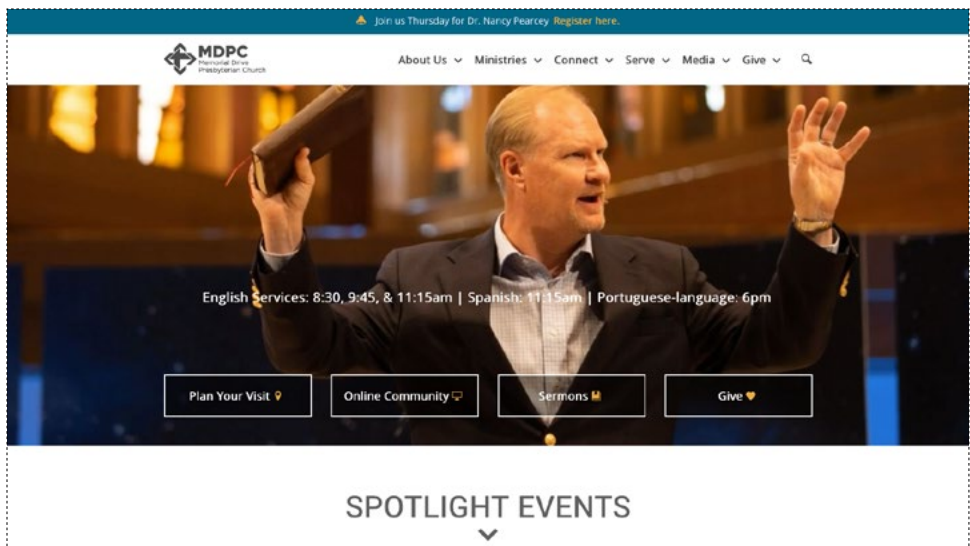


Sign up today, and pray with confidence...

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.



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.



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.



Training Begins January 2022

Have you found that people trust you to listen to their struggles? Do you enjoy supporting, caring and praying for others? If so, consider becoming a Stephen Minister! Learn more at stephen.mdpc.org.



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.



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 the first of two messages focused on *generosity* and *stewardship* leading up to Covenant Sunday on Nov 7. Covenant Sunday is a day when members and friends of MDPC are encouraged to make a financial pledge as an act in worship for the ministries and outreach of our church in 2022. That pledge can be signed or anonymous; it is not a contract, but a best guess of what you can offer to advance God’s kingdom purposes through MDPC. If circumstances change during the year, naturally the pledge can increase or decrease accordingly.

Not all churches have a pledge process. Why does MDPC? Well, consider two basic reasons: just like in your personal budget, it helps our lay officers and paid staff to be able to plan better for the coming year regarding income and expenses when we have more accurate number projections; and it helps those who pledge to grow in their faith and to get their hearts invested faithfully. The commitment is ultimately to God, and to help our best desires gain traction.

1. Growing up, what did you observe in your family regarding money and generosity? Did you have a lot or a little regarding money? Was there always worry about finances no matter how much you had, or did your parents or guardians see financial commitments as a way to live out their faith (with their widow’s mite or King Solomon’s Treasure)? From all that, which Beatles’ song expresses your attitude towards money: “Money (That’s What I Want)” or “(Money) Can’t Buy Me Love”?

2. In First and Second Timothy, Paul offers letters to his young associate, his mentee Timothy. What Paul has learned for himself about key subjects, he now passes on because he doesn’t want Timothy to suffer “shipwreck” individually and he wants Timothy’s leadership to be impactful in the future. Read 1 Tim. 6:6-8. What is the first thing Paul is trying to teach the young leader, Timothy, here?

3. Read 1 Tim. 6:9-10. What is the second thing Paul is trying to teach Timothy? Does Paul think money is the root of all evil? Explain. What can be the negative consequence(s) according to Paul if we *love* money and are *overly eager* to be rich? Do you have an example of someone who has “wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains” because of an unhealthy drive for more material wealth?

4. Then Paul speaks to those who have much (even an over-abundance) in the way of material blessings. Read 1 Tim. 6:17-19. Paul provides six or seven (depending upon how you count here) strong suggestions for the rich. What are they? List them and discuss why they are wise pieces of advice or not. And according to Paul in vs. 19, what will be the result if Timothy and his charges follow this course of attitude and action?

5. I finished my message with quotes (and comments) from Winston Churchill, Martin Luther, and Sam Houston. In what way did they speak to you? Where might God be leading you regarding a pledge this year?