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MDPC

8:30a Service

Covenant Sunday, Nov 7, 2021

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching

[Philippians 3:4b-14 \(NRSV\)](#)

Welcome and Call to Worship

Dave Steane

Songs of Praise

*Your Grace Is Enough
Oh, How I Love Jesus*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Brett Hurst

Song of Response

Old Rugged Cross

Moment of Prayer

Dave Steane

Song of Preparation

Way Maker

Message

Grateful Hearts: Our Commitments

Alf Halvorson

[Philippians 3:4b-14 \(NRSV\)](#)

Renewing My Personal Covenant with God

Alf Halvorson

Song of Celebration

Way Maker

Opportunity to Give and Benediction

Alf Halvorson

Musicians in this service:

Asher Pudlo, drums; Daniel Martinez, keys; Nico Aranda, guitar; Uvaldo Callejas, bass;
Michael Middleton & Gisele Duque, 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

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Invitation to Worship

Songs of Praise

*Great Things
Found in You*

Moment of Confession and Assurance

Clay Brown

Songs of Response

*One Thing Remains
Way Maker*

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11:15a Service
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Prelude	<i>Adagio from Symphony No. 6</i>	Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)
Welcome and Call to Worship		Dave Steane
*Hymn of Praise	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i>	#142; Vs. 1, 2, 4 CORONATION
*Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Clay Brown
*Affirmation of Faith from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20		
Congregational Response	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
Anthem of Preparation	<i>Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven</i>	Pepper Choplin (b.1957)
Pastoral Prayer		Dave Steane
Message	Grateful Hearts: Our Commitments <u>Philippians 3:4b-14 (NRSV)</u>	Alf Halvorson
Renewing My Personal Covenant with God		Alf Halvorson
Covenant Anthem	<i>I Surrender All</i>	Moses Hogan (1957-2003)
Opportunity to Give and Benediction		Alf Halvorson
Postlude	<i>Festive March</i>	Henry Smart (1813-1879)

Musicians in this service:

Christine Boddicker, Christine Cummins, Mariam Mouwad, soloists;
Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organ

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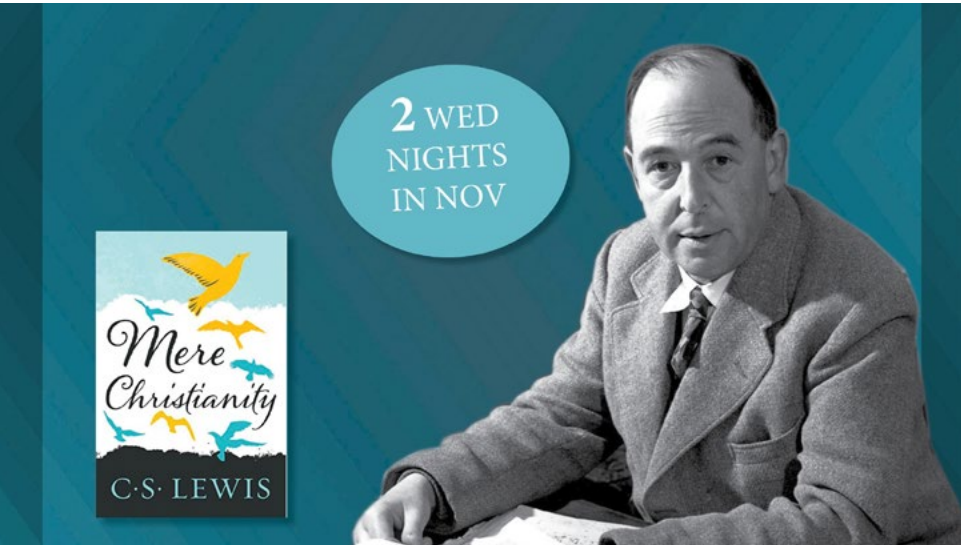
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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE as of Oct 31, 2021

2021 Annual Budget	\$ 11,300,000
Income to Date	\$ 8,113,469
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 3,186,531



Wed, Nov 10 & 17 • 7:00pm • In person or on Zoom

Spend some time in *Mere Christianity*, the masterpiece of one of our age’s sharpest minds and keenest wits, C.S. Lewis. Sign up to attend at lewisclass.mdpc.org.



Sat, Nov 13 • 4-8pm

Let us spoil your kids with attention, games, and fun while you enjoy a night out! Open to the community. \$25 for one child, \$40 for 2, \$50 for 3 or more. Visit parentsout.mdpc.org to register.



BLESS Friday Is Back! Nov 26, 2021

Start planning how you’ll spend this annual day focused on blessing others. Visit blessfriday.mdpc.org for project ideas, or come up with your own way to spread Jesus’ love throughout the community!



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.



Nov 7 Is Covenant Sunday!

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.



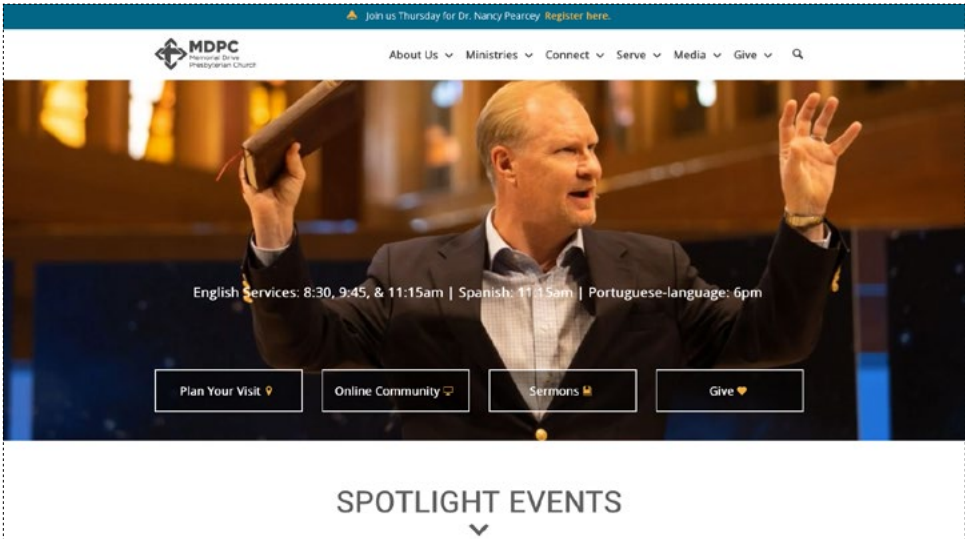
Training Begins January 2022

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.



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.



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 and final sermon in our short generosity/stewardship series this fall. Last week we focused on *Our Wants* from 1 Timothy chapter six. Today we look at *Our Commitments* from Philippians 3. In both passages, the Apostle Paul emphasizes the difference Christ can make in our perspective (thoughts) and in our priorities (actions). May this help us as a church to prepare for Covenant Sunday (Nov 7) and beyond regarding our time, talents, and treasure.

1. I started my message with a confession that I had been a CSI fan from about 2000-2010. The opening introduction song was “Who Are You?” by The Who, written by Pete Townshend. “Who are you? I really want to know,” were some of the words. If I were to ask you to take a minute and come up with an answer to the question, “who are you?” what would you say? Maybe you still are figuring that out! Would you give me your resume, and what would you include there? What credentials matter to you? What would you gently brag about in your bio? What establishes your pedigree?
2. After sharing a poem by Dietrich Bonhoeffer entitled “Who Am I”, where he struggles to explain two sides of himself while imprisoned because of his opposition to Hitler and Nazi Germany, I walked through the Apostle Paul’s explanation of his pedigree in Phil. 3:4b-6. Read those verses and reflect on what mattered to Paul before he became a follower of Christ. What mattered to you before you became an apprentice of Jesus—if you have become one?
3. Read Phil. 3:7-11. Now what matters to Paul most and what matters to Paul least since committing to Christ? In other words, what became *loss* and what became *gain* for Paul?
4. What has become loss and gain for you since your commitment to Christ? What has changed and is changing because of Jesus?
5. Read Phil. 3:12-14. What becomes Paul’s goal? What is he *pressing on toward*?
6. Last week, I talked about Martin Luther saying there are “three conversions of the Christian: the mind, the heart, and the purse/or wallet.” And then I quoted Sam Houston who said to a friend after being baptized with his wallet above his head so that it would not get wet: “You are not really a Christian until your billfold is baptized, too.” How can your attitude toward your finances fuel or hinder your “pressing on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus”? Why might a pledge or regular giving to the things of God be an important discipline for you as an individual and for us as a body of Christ-followers? May Covenant Sunday be a step forward in your faith journey and provide resources for building Christ’s kingdom through MDPC.

