



8:30 SERVICE

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WELCOME		Rachel Poysky
WORSHIP SET	<i>Here for You / Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	
MOMENT OF PRAYER		
SONG	<i>King of Kings</i>	
SERMON	<i>Serving Like the Savior</i> • Phil. 2:4-11	Alf Halvorson
SONG	<i>Send Me</i>	
BLESSING & ENCOURAGEMENT		
OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE		give.mdpc.org
CHURCH IN THE CITY BEGINS!		Laurien Hook

Today is **MDPC's** 5th Annual Church in the City, when we spend the morning serving together! **If you haven't registered but would like to participate**, go to the Info Desk by the Parlor.

PRAYER

Whether or not you're volunteering, help us cover this event in prayer. Find a helpful CITC prayer guide at citic.mdpc.org, written by MDPC member Natalie Hall.

OFFERING

Please don't forget your Sunday offering! Gifts to MDPC support the fabulous things we are doing at Church in the City. The link is give.mdpc.org.

SCHEDULE

8:30-9:00am

Worship in the Sanctuary

9:00am

Kids' Meals Shift 1 - Gym

Meal Packing Shift 1 - Fellowship Hall

School Support Projects - Summit Room

10:30am

Kids' Meals Shift 2 - Gym

Meal Packing Shift 2 - Fellowship Hall

Off-site

Habitat for Humanity - HFH Warehouse

Rebuilding Together Houston - East Houston Home

These projects are underway at the HFH Warehouse and in East End Houston. If you signed up for one of these projects, please go to the Parlor and you will be equipped to serve!

THE KITCHEN IS OPEN!

Grab-n-Go Breakfast Items are available for purchase at the MDPC Kitchen. Please drink your coffee before you go to your worksites and try to eat before or after your scheduled shift to help fellow volunteers!





Sunday, Feb 27, 2022 • Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson
Serving Like the Savior • [Philippians 2:4-11](#)

This is a stand-alone message for our *Church in the City* Weekend. We are not worshipping exclusively in our Sanctuary this weekend, but also out in our community, neighborhoods, with ministry partners, and even in our wider church building. Colossians 3:17 says, “Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” Our work can be worship when it is offered as a prayer to God.

1. Have you done a project for Church in the City in the past? What was it? Where was it hard? And where did it feed you or give you life? What component did community or teamwork play in the accomplishment of the task and goal?
2. Read [Philippians 2:4-11](#). If the thesis for this section of scripture is vs. 4, then how is the example of Christ in verses 5-8 worthy of our consideration and imitation?
3. In verses 9-11, we see how God the Father rewards and exalts God the Son. If Jesus’ actions in verses 5-8 produce that kind of result in the Father’s heart and commendation, why don’t we see service and sacrifice in a more positive light?
4. In my shortened message, I talked about a couple of Greek words and how they reveal God’s Character and Will and Ways. How do you believe we should interpret verse 6 and 7 as a result of my teaching?
5. If God’s way is to give and empty and love and serve, how might we nurture these God-given impulses and Christ’s example? In other words, what Spiritual Disciplines might you take on so that Christ’s character might be formed in you in this way? Or how might we be more and more conformed to Christ’s way of *emptying*?
6. Church in the City is a great weekend of working together. How might this one weekend spur other attitudes and actions during some or more or many of the other weeks of the year? How can we help you find your niche, based on your gifts and interests and time available? **Note:** Every pastor, director, staff member, or lay leader at MDPC would love to talk to you about this matching process. Reach out to someone you know and respect, if and where you need help connecting. You won’t regret it!



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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

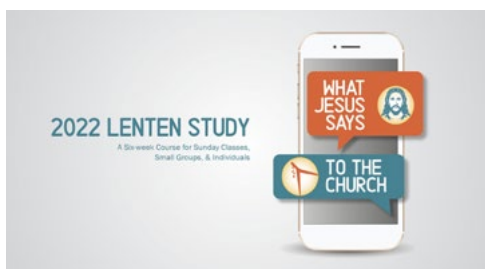
GIVING: Weekly financial updates will be printed here after Session votes on the 2022 budget on Mon, Feb 28.

[Give Online](https://give.mdpc.org)
give.mdpc.org



Sun, Mar 6 • Fellowship Hall

Following 11:15 worship on Mar 6, MDPC leadership will conduct a business meeting to review the state of the church. We also will enjoy our first **All-Church Lunch** together in months! More details will be communicated next week.



Begins the week of Mar 6

This year's church-wide Lenten study follows Pastor Alf's sermon series. Join others in exploring Jesus' promises as we approach their fulfillment in Easter: lentenstudy.mdpc.org



Pray for Ukraine and FEBC

Despite the terrifying circumstances, our partner FEBC continues to share the comfort of Christ over the airways. For a video update from inside Ukraine, visit febc.mdpc.org.



Fri, Mar 18 • 8:30am-3:30pm

Make space for an intentional day with God. Spiritual directors will be present to offer guidance. Learn more and register: silent.mdpc.org



Sing on Good Friday, Apr 15

Join the Sanctuary Choir and chamber orchestra in a special presentation at the noon worship service. Learn more at sing.mdpc.org.



Thursdays starting Mar 24

Spring Alpha is on Thursdays, starting with dinner at 7:00pm. Food, open dialogue, interesting conversation... who will you invite? alpha.mdpc.org

REMEMBER OUR MISSION PARTNERS ON THE FRONT LINES

Each week, we pray for three of MDPC's partners in ministry, both local and global. They truly covet your prayers! Find this week's prayer recipients at partners.mdpc.org.

