



THE CHURCH AT LAODICEA

Revelation 3:14-22



ATTENTION!

The second service starts
at **9:30** this Sunday.

Palm Sunday, Apr 10, 2022

8:30 SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching

Welcome & Call to Worship

Songs of Praise

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)
Christ Our Hope in Life & Death

*Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Clay Brown

Song of Response

Victory in Jesus

Moment of Prayer

Dave Steane

Songs of Preparation

King of Kings

Message

What Jesus Says to the Church: [Laodicea](#)

Alf Halvorson

9:30 9:45 SERVICE

Welcome & Announcements

Song of Praise

Your Love Awakens Me

*Moment of Confession & Assurance

Hillary McMullen

Songs of Preparation *Forever Reign/Victory in Jesus/Firm Foundation*

Message

What Jesus Says to the Church: [Laodicea](#)

Alf Halvorson

Song of Response

King of Kings

Baptisms

Alf Halvorson, Rachel Poysky, Almir Dias

Ruth Schenau

Naomi Ruth Schenau, daughter of Ruth Schenau

Connor Brannon Dillard, son of Brannon and Kristin Dillard

Carter Mills King, son of Geoff and Catherine King

Charlotte Llewellyn King, daughter of Geoff and Catherine King

Ruth Elisabeth Powell, daughter of Allen and Nancy Powell

Susan "Susie" Rebekah Powell, daughter of Allen and Nancy Powell

Hadley "Haddie" Ann Terry, daughter of Aaron and Ali Terry

Madeline Kathryn Dillard, daughter of Brannon and Kristin Dillard

Nicole Vilar, daughter of Jairo and Tania Vilar

Song of Response

Glorious Day

Musicians at 8:30/9:45: Asher Pudlo, drums; Uvaldo Callejas, bass; Daniel Martinez, keys;
Chris Parrott, guitar; Michael Middleton and Meliza Gómez, worship leaders

11:15 SERVICE

Preludes

Suite on 'All Glory, Laud, and Honor'

arr. Michael Burkhardt (b.1957)

Welcome & Call to Worship

Dave Steane

Choral Introit

The Palms

Jean-Baptiste Faure (1830-1914)

*Hymn of Praise

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

#89; Vs. 1, 2, 3 | ELLACOMBE

*Prayer of Confession & Affirmation of Faith

Laurien Hook

Anthem

Ride On, King Jesus

arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

Moment of Prayer

Dave Steane

Anthem of Preparation *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

arr. Gilbert Martin (b.1941)

Message

What Jesus Says to the Church: [Laodicea](#)

Alf Halvorson

*Closing Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

#339; Vs. 1, 2 | SLANE

Postlude

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

arr. Michael Burkhardt (b.1957)

Musicians at 11:15: Jason Amos, soloist; Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organ



During the Lenten series, in lieu of sermon notes, you're invited to use the curriculum for MDPC's six-week Lenten Study. Each week's lesson will be shared here, or you can download a PDF of the full study guide at lentstudy.mdpc.org.

CHECK IN with one another as you gather with a little more intentionality. How is it really going with you now? [15 minutes]

SHARE your "praises" (reasons for thanksgiving to God) and "petitions" (reasons for intercession to God). Please be as open as you are comfortable in being. Then **PRAY** for the praises and petitions by some combination of: 1) silent prayer, 2) several people voicing brief prayers, and 3) one person praying on behalf of the group. Include a prayer for God's Spirit to help with the study and discussion. [15 minutes]

READ ALOUD in your group the passage for this meeting, Revelation 3:14-22, with at least one volunteer, then **DISCUSS** with the group your responses to the questions below: [40 minutes]

1. Note how the risen Jesus is characterized at the beginning of the message to the church at Laodicea. What strikes you as particularly noteworthy or helpful for seeing the character and nature of the risen Jesus?
2. A commendation is missing in this message as well. Instead the risen Jesus critiques the church in Laodicea strongly in verses 15-16. What is the core of His criticism of this church that, to an outside observer, would seem to have it all together? What strong visual image does He employ? (Note to the reader: first-century readers would know that both hot and cold waters were of great value, but lukewarm waters were of little worth.)
3. What misreading of their true spiritual condition do the Christians in Laodicea experience, according to verse 17? How do they see themselves? How does the risen Jesus see them?
4. Seeing ourselves as God truly sees us is often difficult but quite necessary. Read Genesis 1:26-31; Genesis 3:1-7; Romans 3:9-12; and Ephesians 2:1-10. Then describe briefly how the Bible communicates the human condition, and why such a biblical perspective is vital for a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.
5. What three symbolic acts does the risen Jesus direct the Christians of Laodicea to do in verse 18? How do you interpret these acts? How may these acts be beneficial for our spiritual health today?
6. How are verses 19-20 comforting and encouraging to the Christians in Laodicea? How are they comforting and encouraging to us? What strong image (the second one in this passage) is used to convey the risen Jesus' willingness to be present with us? What is remarkable about this image to you?
7. What is the Spirit saying to you not only in this particular study on the message to the church in Laodicea, but through these seven messages to the churches of Revelation as a whole? How have they spoken to you as Lent comes to its conclusion?

PRAY as you end your time together. As you are able, share with the group at least one way this group has been beneficial to you.



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Give Online

give.mdpc.org

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



Maundy Thursday • 7:00pm • Chapel

Good Friday • Noon • Sanctuary
Includes a concert presentation by the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

Easter Sunday • 7:00, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15

Visit holyweek.mdpc.org for details about the services and more.



Apr 11-14

Our annual out-loud cover-to-cover reading of the Bible returns. Be part of this Holy Week tradition! Read or volunteer as a host at tsw.mdpc.org.

Apr 11-15 (Open around the clock beginning 6:00am Mon)

Before or after you participate in The Spoken Word, plan to visit our interactive prayer room in the Parlor. tsw.mdpc.org.



The **offering this Sun, Apr 10** will go to **Living Water International**, which drills water wells in developing-world communities while sharing the Gospel. Learn more about their incredible global ministry at water.cc.

Order by THIS Sun, Apr 10

Dedicate an Easter lily in honor or memory of a loved one. You can complete the form online (\$9/dedication) at lily.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, or pick up one of the prayer booklets available around campus.

Financial Update as of Apr 3, 2022

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| 2022 Annual Budget | \$12,294,000 |
| Income to Date | \$2,794,165 |
| Needed to Meet Budget | \$9,499,835 |

Births and Deaths

Elizabeth "Buff" Hauck passed away Mar 31.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS continued



Thu, Apr 28 • 7:00-8:15pm

Dr. Licona is a world-renowned scholar who has spent a great deal of time studying and defending proofs for the historical resurrection of Jesus. Join us when he speaks at MDPC! Info and RSVP at speakers.mdpc.org.

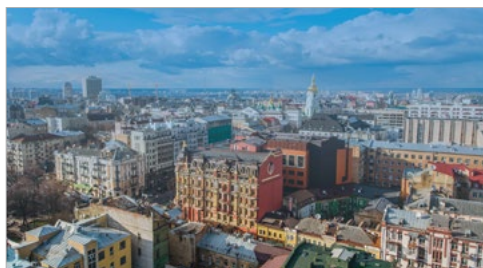


Wed, Apr 20 • 6:30pm

The Well is back with three new speakers - women just like you from the MDPC family! Get the details and RSVP at thewell.mdpc.org.



With much prayer and careful research, MDPC has compiled a packet intended to facilitate conversations that honor your wishes for the end of your life here on this earth. **Protect your loved ones at a time of loss.** Learn more and download the free PDF at caring.mdpc.org.



Updates from Our Mission Partners in Ukraine • To learn about MDPC's recent gifts to our mission partners in Ukraine, visit the link below. Their greatest stated need is PRAYER! Pick up a prayer guide today, or visit ukraine.mdpc.org.



Youth Summer Mission Trips

MS Trip: San Antonio, TX, May 29
HS Trip: Asheville, NC, June 19
Junior-Senior Trip: Puerto Rico, Jul 16
Visit youth.mdpc.org and click the Linktree links. Registration is open!



Apr 18-May 15

Let's help the food pantry at our local partner, ECHOS, meet the increased summer demand! You can see their needs and three ways to give at fooddrive.mdpc.org.



The Faith Is Strong in You..

To be able to have as many kids participate as possible, we need LOTS of teen and adult volunteers! Please consider serving with us (**9:30am-12:30pm, July 11-15**). Learn more and sign up at summercel.mdpc.org.