



Sunday, June 26, 2022 **8:30 SERVICE** Rev. Dr. Clay Brown preaching

- Welcome (In-person / Online) Michael Middleton / Brett Hurst
- Songs of Praise *Forever / There's Nothing that Our God Can't Do*
- *Prayer of Confession & Assurance Beth Case
- Song of Response *10,000 Reasons*
- Song of Preparation *10,000 Reasons / How Great Thou Art*
- Message **HOPE: A Godly Witness (1 Peter 2:11-17)** Clay Brown
- Benediction

9:45 SERVICE

- Welcome (In-person / Online) Michael Middleton / Amy Delgado
- New Members Dan Aikins
- Song of Praise *Look to the Son / How Great Is Your Love*
- *Moment of Confession & Assurance Amy Delgado
- Songs of Preparation *The Passion / There's Nothing that Our God Can't Do*
- Message **HOPE: A Godly Witness (1 Peter 2:11-17)** Clay Brown
- Song of Response *How Great Thou Art*
- Benediction

Musicians at 8:30/9:45: Asher Pudlo, drums; Nate Escobar, keys; Chris Parrott, guitar; Uvaldo Callejas, bass; Tim Hughes, violin; Michael Middleton and Meliza Gómez, worship leaders

11:15 SERVICE

- Prelude *Adagio in E Major* Frank Bridge (1879-1941)
- Welcome & Call to Worship Amanda Grace Caldwell
- Choral Introit *O God, Beyond All Praising* Holst (1874-1934)/Proulx
- *Hymn of Praise *O Worship the King* #476; Vs. 1, 2, 5 | LYONS
- *Prayer of Confession & Affirmation of Faith Beth Case
- Anthem *My Faith, My Hope* Gwyneth Walker (b.1947)
- New Members Dan Aikins
- Anthem of Preparation *Ye Servants of God* David Schwoebel
- Message **HOPE: A Godly Witness (1 Peter 2:11-17)** Clay Brown
- *Hymn of Response *Just As I Am, Without One Plea* #370; Vs. 1, 3, 4 | WOODWORTH
- Benediction

Postlude *Canticle* Aaron David Miller (b.1974)

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



A Godly Witness: 1 Peter 2:11-17

Rev. Dr. Clay Brown preaching

This Sunday's message is titled *A Godly Witness*, and it comes from 1 Peter 2:11-17.

In this passage, Peter shares his expectations for Christian behavior in our civic

responsibilities, grounded in both who we truly are in Christ and the Christian witness best suited for a cynical, hurting, non-believing world. As we're discovering each week as we work through 1 Peter, much of what was relevant then is still relevant today!

1. Peter describes Christians in verse 11 as "temporary residents and foreigners" (NLT). What do you think these terms mean? Who are we, and what is our identity in Christ, in light of this description?
2. When you think of yourself as a temporary resident or foreigner in this world, what do you embrace? What do you put aside? Why?
3. Clay states that many other Biblical references echo how Peter describes those who walk by faith and refers to Hebrews 11:8-16 as a prime example. Read and discuss this passage.
4. Because of who we are, Peter encourages us to "live properly before your unbelieving neighbors" (v. 12). Clay talks about a particular way to understand "Live properly" that may be different from what you expect. What is this different understanding? How might this way of living be attractive and effective in providing a Christian witness to the non-Christians we encounter?
5. Clay quotes the late Eugene Peterson (of *The Message* fame): "The Jesus way wedded to the Jesus truth brings about the Jesus life.... But Jesus as the truth gets far more attention than Jesus as the way. Jesus as the way is the most frequently evaded metaphor among the Christians with whom I have worked for fifty years as a North American pastor." Respond and discuss.
6. Clay mentions we all need help to live the "Jesus life." A new MDPC ministry, "Intentional Discipleship," is starting as one means of meeting this need. How does Clay unpack what "Intentional Discipleship" is? (By the way, if you're interested in learning more, email him at cbrown@mpdc.org.)
7. The first specific way Peter addresses to "live properly" in verses 13-17 catches most readers by surprise. What is it? How do you think Peter's first readers/hearers in the first century would have responded at first? How might 21st-century people respond at first?
8. How do you distinguish between "respect" and "fear," as in "respect those in authority" and "fear God"? How might an appropriate application of this distinction enable us to bear witness to Christ and refute the "foolish accusations" of our day?
9. The relationship between Christians and government has always been complicated. Events of the past few days and weeks have only accentuated this complication. How may we respect the government's authority even when we disagree with its decisions and actions? Describe and discuss at least two concrete ways.
10. Clay ends his sermon with a quote of the first question and answer of the Heidelberg Catechism (below). How does the measure of faith described here help us as we seek to bear a godly witness?

"What is your only comfort, in life and in death? That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. At the cost of his own blood he has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil. He protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head. Indeed, everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him."



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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Sun, Jun 26 • 4:00-5:00pm

Whether this is your first introduction to the Micah Project or you're an old friend, you won't want to miss this opportunity to connect with this special ministry partner. Learn more and sign up at micah.mdpc.org.



Sun, Jun 26 • 10:00am-2:30pm

Looking for a way to serve - while saving lives? Donate blood at MDPC! Visit blooddrive.mdpc.org to sign up. Walk-ins welcome. Successful donors get a GCR Blood Center beach towel.



We are taking **donations of individually packaged snacks, sodas, and bottled waters** for our VBS volunteers! Please drop off snacks at the Front Office. No nuts, please.



Select Wednesdays • 3:00pm

Select Wed this summer (Jun 29, Jul 20, Aug 3), come enjoy a free movie and popcorn in the Amphitheater! Next up in the series is *Apollo 10 1/2* on **Jun 29**. More at movies.mdpc.org.



Sun, Jul 10-31 • 10:00am-Noon

Research shows marriage prep programs can be effective at preventing divorce and increasing satisfaction. Learn more at mlp.mdpc.org. Couples engaged or married up to 3 years are encouraged to come!



Sun, Jul 10 • 7:00-8:00pm

Help serve evening snacks to the families at Star of Hope's Cornerstone Community. The evening's theme is Teddy Bear Picnic! Learn more and sign up at bites.mdpc.org.



Events are happening now!

Ladies, we've planned a summer packed with fun things to do, so try something new and meet someone new, or bring a friend to something you love. Sign up at stc.mdpc.org.



Thu, Aug 4 • 6:00-9:00pm

Men, invite your buddies to join us for another fun night out. Astros on the big screen, Tex-Mex, beer - come be part of the excitement! RSVP at mensnight.mdpc.org.



Would your sibling lead well?

Who would you recommend to be an MDPC officer? They'll help guide the course of this church while being personally enriched. Learn more and nominate at nominate.mdpc.org.



Sat, Aug 27 • 8:30-9:30am

Come enjoy delicious breakfast and fellowship at MDPC. We're excited to welcome special guest speaker, Reid Ryan. Learn more and sign up at mensbreakfast.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 June 19, 2022

2022 Annual Budget	\$ 12,294,000
Income to Date	\$ 5,034,689
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 7,259,311

Births and Deaths

Bettye Bratten passed away June 6.
Anne Alloway passed away June 7.
Tim Sullivan passed away June 16.

MDPC NEW MEMBERS

Introduced in worship on
Sun, June 26, 2022

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



John and Jane Bredthauer have been members of the Presbyterian Church for most of their 39 years of marriage. Jane is from Staten Island, NY and John is from Grand Island, NE. They love the mission and ministry of MDPC and have joined the Venturers adult group and a Sunday-morning Bible study class. They have three children and four grandchildren.



Michael and Kate Brock have two children, Norah (5) and Charlie (3). Michael is a consultant and Kate is a financial advisor. They love doing house projects, spending time in Colorado, and walking their Goldendoodle, Beasley.



Winston and Marti Elliott have three children, Addison (7), Will (5), and Owen (2.5), and another boy due in July. Winston is a healthcare consultant and Marti stays home to care for the family. They love to travel and go on adventures as a family.



Gilberto (Gil) and Stephanie Espinoza have three children, Jacob (12), Vivian (10), and Natalie (7). Stephanie is an in-house attorney at a dredging company and Gil is an in-house attorney at a space company. The family relocated from the suburbs of Chicago to Houston last year. They love supporting their children in sports, hanging out with friends at the pool, and playing with their pets, Rosco (dog) and Nacho (rabbit).



Terry and Doris Looper support numerous nonprofit organizations on a local, national, and international level. Doris enjoys attending her women's Bible study group and volunteering for hospice. Terry is the founder and CEO of Texon, LP, a 33-year-old midstream energy marketing and distribution company. He is the author of *Sacred Pace: Four Steps To Hearing God And Aligning Yourself With His Will*. Terry's passion is discipleship and liberating souls. They have been married for 53 years and have two married daughters and five grandchildren.



Tomás and Haley Lopes enjoy playing tennis at Club Westside, traveling, cooking, and spending time with their Golden Retriever, Winston. Tomas works at Shell in supply chain and Haley manages ecommerce and marketing at Tootsies. Tomás is originally from Brazil and Haley grew up in Katy.



David and Kristen Mohun have two children, Abigail (19) and Marshall (15). David has worked in Technology at Invesco for over 20 years and Kristen is a CPA that works for an asset management company. They have enjoyed most of the last 15 years coaching and supporting the kids' sports and more recently spending more time down in Galveston enjoying the coast and fishing.

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Charlie Moore is a retired eye surgeon. He has two adult children, Charles, Jr. and Kristal Key; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Charlie is an avid traveler and loves all sports, especially golf and college football.



Kim Oswald is a retired program manager and former MDPC member. She has an adult daughter, Grace, who is a student at Sam Houston State University. Kim enjoys spending time with family and friends, volunteering, reading, and doing water aerobics.



Steven Rogers is an IT professional from Houston, Texas. He is married to another MDPC member, Morgan Rogers. They were married at MDPC in November 2020. Steven enjoys attending the Houston Symphony, scotch, and traveling.



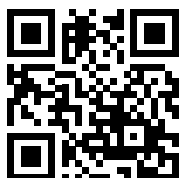
David Wellborn grew up in Alvin but lived in other parts of the world and the US for 42 years. He returned home to Houston in 2020, and has two grown sons living on the West Coast. He has been a lifelong musician and sings in the MDPC choir.

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Ready for the Next Step?

Discover MDPC with Alf • Get to know MDPC through a conversation with our Senior Pastor, Alf Halvorson. *Discover* is a casual, 30-minute get-together for Pastor Alf to share about the history, mission, and vision of MDPC.

Explore Our New Member Class! • Led by Associate Pastors, Elders, and staff, you will explore whether becoming a member is the right next step in your faith in Jesus. New members are introduced to the congregation at a worship service and invited to meet with our Session to be received as MDPC members.



See upcoming dates for **Discover MDPC and New Member Classes**: discover.mdpc.org