

MDPC TRADITIONAL 9:45 AM WORSHIP

PRELUDE Christmas Melody

*CAROL Angels, from the Realms of Glory #22; Vs. 1, 4 | REGENT SQUARE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CAROL O Little Town of Bethlehem #44; Vs. 1, 4 | St. Louis

LESSON from Isaiah 11:1-10

Hallie Poysky
What Child Is This? #53; Vs. 1, 3 | Greensleeves

LESSON from Matthew 1:18-25

Rebecca Fleener

CAROL The First Nowell #56; Vs. 1, 2 | The First Nowell

OFFERTORY The Birthday of a King WILLIAM HAROLD NEIDLINGER (1863-1924)

MEDITATION An Unexpected Offer (John 1:1-14)

Brett Hurst

CAROL Go, Tell It on the Mountain

#29; Vs. 1, 3 | Go Tell It

POSTLUDE

CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High ARR. HENRY BALCOMBE (B. 1927)

MUSICIANS IN THIS SERVICE:

Cassandra Black, soloist • Charles Haussman, conductor Louise Trotter, harp • Kathryn White, organ/piano

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT YEAR-END GIVING

Checks must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2016, to be reflected on 2016 giving statement. Checks placed in the offering plate or turned in at the Front Desk next Sunday, January 1, 2017 will not be reflected on 2016 giving statements, regardless of the date on the check. The Prayer Chapel dropbox will be accessible late on Saturday, December 31, for last-minute check donations.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Start the New Year off with a Bible study!
Wednesday Evenings, January 4-February 1
6:30 PM | Amphitheater

How Then Shall We Live? A Verse-by-verse Study of the Epistle of James

The New Testament epistle of James is one of the most relevant and timely books in the Bible, full of practical guidance for how Christians are called to live out their faith. It's not an easy book, though! It steps on our toes and pokes us in the side, challenging us to let the presence of Jesus Christ transform us into a new humanity. Join Executive Pastor Dave Steane for this five-week study, full of insights into biblical language, customs, and cultures. Contact Vicki Levins with questions (vlevins@mdpc.org).

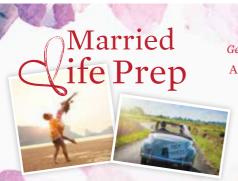
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CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2017

Sundays, Janury 8-March 5

11:00 AM-12:15 PM | \$140 (mandatory retreat fee) Open to spiritually prepared 8th-12th grade students confirmation.mdpc.org





Getting ready for a lifetime commitment...

A fun, four-week course for engaged and newly-married couples.

SUNDAYS, JANUARY 8-29 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Visit mlp.mdpc.org to register!



Family Mission Day 2017

On the MLK Day holiday, we will take buses out into the Houston community and serve the city together.

Monday, January 16 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

\$10 per person includes lunch Register today! register.mdpc.org



WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME

 2016 Annual Budget
 \$ 11,050,000
 100%

 Actual Income to Date (Dec. 18)
 \$ 8,935,587
 81%

 Needed to Meet 2016 Budget
 \$ 2,114,413
 19%

Pictured: Your giving supports Young Life: The high school years are a time when many teenagers make important life choices, including what they believe about God. YL is there to help and guide. >



