

Merry Christmas!
Sunday, December 25, 2016



The Unexpected

An Unexpected Offer

John 1:1-14

MDPC TRADITIONAL 9:45 AM WORSHIP

PRELUDE	<i>Christmas Melody</i>	
WELCOME		Dave Steane
*CAROL	<i>Angels, from the Realms of Glory</i>	#22; Vs. 1, 4 REGENT SQUARE
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		
CAROL	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	#44; Vs. 1, 4 ST. LOUIS
LESSON from Isaiah 11:1-10		Hallie Poysky
CAROL	<i>What Child Is This?</i>	#53; Vs. 1, 3 GREENSLEEVES
LESSON from Matthew 1:18-25		Rebecca Fleener
CAROL	<i>The First Nowell</i>	#56; Vs. 1, 2 THE FIRST NOWELL
OFFERTORY	<i>The Birthday of a King</i>	WILLIAM HAROLD NEIDLINGER (1863-1924)
MEDITATION	An Unexpected Offer (John 1:1-14)	Brett Hurst
CAROL	<i>Go, Tell It on the Mountain</i>	#29; Vs. 1, 3 GO TELL IT
POSTLUDE	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	ARR. HENRY BALCOMBE (B. 1927)

MUSICIANS IN THIS SERVICE:

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

*Please stand if able.

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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).

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2017

Sundays, January 8-March 5

11:00 AM-12:15 PM | \$140 (mandatory retreat fee)

Open to spiritually prepared 8th-12th grade students

confirmation.mdpc.org



Parent Palooza

**Wednesday Evenings,
January 11 and 18**

Free Parenting Seminar!
Location: MDPC Fellowship Hall
Registration: palooza.mdpc.org

Married Life Prep

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

HOUSTON

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. >



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