

MORNING WORSHIP AT MDPC

8:30 AM BLENDED & 9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

PRAISE & WORSHIP • CONFESSION • MESSAGE • OFFERING

Musicians in these services: Meliza Gómez and Amos Rivera, worship leaders;
Daniel Amaya, bass; George Heathco, guitar; Daniel Martinez, keys; Asher Pudlo, drums

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL MUSIC

PRELUDES	<i>Jesus Loves Me and Be Thou My Vision</i>	arr. Wayne Oquin (b.1977)
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus</i>	#356; vs. 1, 3, 4 TRUST IN JESUS
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>I've Got Peace Like a River</i>	#368; vs. 1, 2, 3 I'VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER
ANTHEM	<i>Here's One</i>	arr. William Grant Still (1869-1978)
OFFERTORY	<i>My Faith Has Found a Resting Place</i>	William Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee</i>	#310; Vs. 1, 3, 5 ST. AGNES
POSTLUDE	<i>Ceremonial Procession</i>	Raymond Haan (b. 1938)

Musicians in this service:

Jason Amos, soloist; Dr. Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, piano/organ



FAITH FOR SKEPTICS

Does God EXIST? Is God really GOOD? Is faith even RATIONAL?

Sundays through August 11 • 11:00 AM-12:15 PM • Amphitheater

This is for ALL ages and stages of faith. Learn more about our speakers at skeptics.mdpc.org.

WEEKLY MINISTRY PARTNER PRAYER FOCUS

LIFE Houston (Local Infant Formula for Emergencies) provides baby food, formula, and essentials like diapers, wipes, and bottles to families in the Houston area facing difficult circumstances. The program is the primary (sometimes only) referral source for other social service agencies, hospitals, and clinics that serve children younger than one year old. lifehouston.org

Little Angels Ministry provides gift bags for newborns in the high-risk nursery at Ben Taub Hospital. The bags include handmade cross-stitched T-shirts, knitted caps and booties, and a prayer request card to mail back to MDPC. *Contact Sandy Griffith with questions or to get involved: sandygriffith@gmail.com*

The Outreach Foundation is an independent Presbyterian global mission organization that connects congregations and people in the United States with church partners around the world in Christ-centered evangelistic mission. It seeks to build the capacity of the global church to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ by sending missionaries, building relationships, expanding mission support, and equipping their global partners. theoutreachfoundation.org

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

at 7/21/19

2019 Annual Budget	\$12,240,000
Actual Income to Date	\$5,247,122
Needed to Meet Budget	\$6,992,878

Sunday, July 28, 2019



Count
It All
Joy

Philippians 4:2-9

Alf Halvorson preaching

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

–Philippians 4:4-7

MDPC ONLINE GIVING

give.mdpc.org

Did you know that MDPC has online giving? Simply visit give.mdpc.org or follow the link through the MDPC app. We are thankful for *all* gifts, but if you are able to give in this manner, the Finance Committee encourages you to do so. Thanks for your support!

HAPPENING AT MDPC

Women's Theology On Tap

"Is God anti-science? How do I actually love my enemies? What does God think about sex?" Bring your questions about God, the Bible, and faith to ask anonymously to our panel (Sarah Stone, Laurien Hook, & Rachel Poysky). Sip a beer, munch on a cheese platter, and watch them do their best to answer! Open to women of all ages and stages of faith.

Tuesday, July 30 | 6:30 PM | The Black Labrador
Please RSVP: stc.mdpc.org

Summer Movie Series

Prime Timers' Senior Group proudly hosts another film series! Beat the heat while enjoying free popcorn and acclaimed films. All are welcome, free of charge. On July 31, we're screening *RBG* (PG; documentary).

Wednesday, July 31 | 3:00 PM | Amphitheater
Not all movies are suitable for all ages. You can review movie content at pluggedin.com.

Men's Night Out @ Karbach Brewery

Come hang out, watch the Astros on the big screen, and enjoy cornhole, BBQ dinner, brewery tours, and fellowship with other Houston men! Ages 21 and up.

Thursday, Aug 1 | Doors open 5:30 PM
\$20/ticket or \$15 each for 4+! Cash bar
Register: karbach.mdpc.org

MOPS Summer Small Group

Gather with other moms of young kids for coffee, connection, and learning more about the Christian faith. We'll get to know the basics of the Bible together along with plenty of conversation about how faith can help us in our busy lives today!

Upcoming dates: August 1, August 15 | 9:30 AM
To learn more and RSVP for free childcare, visit summermops.mdpc.org.

Transformed by Hope: A Study of Luke

Nothing transforms you like studying the words and deeds of Jesus Christ in Scripture! Grab this opportunity to grow through exploring the Gospel of Luke. The study begins Kickoff Sunday, August 18. Many opportunities to participate:

Sunday Schools using curriculum • 9:45 & 11:15 AM
New Sunday Pastor-led Class • 9:45 & 11:15 AM
New Sunday In-depth Study Group • 9:45 AM
New Wednesday Study Group • 6:30-7:30 PM

Learn more and sign up: luke.mdpc.org

MAM Back to School

MAM will help 6,000 SBISD students go back to school this fall with new school clothing and shoes. These are families that need our support. Visit our table in the Breezeway and Parlor Hallway Sundays, Aug 4-18.

Checks made out to MAM, credit card, or cash are gratefully accepted.

Men's Life Kickoff Breakfast

Join MDPC and Houston area men as we kick off Men's Life 2019: Man Alive! Come hear Pastor Emeritus, Dave Peterson, and enjoy delicious breakfast and fellowship. Open to all men of all ages.

Saturday, Aug 24 | 8:30-9:30 AM | Fellowship Hall
Register (\$10 per person): mlkickoff.mdpc.org

Walking the Mourner's Path

This Christ-centered grief program is designed to help those dealing with the loss of a loved one. It is limited to 10 participants, creating a safe place to share feelings with each other and with God. Trained facilitators guide the group.

Thursdays, Sept 5-Oct 24 | 3:30-5:00 PM | MC 116
\$30 for materials

Register at grief.mdpc.org or with Beverly Fluke:
bfluke@mdpc.org or 713-490-9542

Help Fight Childhood Hunger

Studies reveal 1 in 4 children in Houston often go without meals because their families cannot afford to buy food. A simple way you can help is to prepare meals at Houston Food Bank (HFB). Last year, MDPC volunteer teams prepared tens of 1,000s of meals that were distributed by HFB to after-school programs throughout Harris County. Thank you! Let's keep the fight against childhood hunger moving forward!


Next date: Monday, August 12 | 8:00 AM-Noon
Register and more details: hfb.mdpc.org

Theology On Tap: Sexy Time

What is the purpose of romantic relationships? How does our faith inform the way we date and marry? What does the Bible say about sex? Bring all your questions to this conversation about God and our love lives.

Tuesday, Aug 13 | 7:00-9:00 PM | 2515 Waugh Dr.
Open to Young Adults (20s & 30s)

\$5 gets you craft beer & food
facebook.com/theologyontaphouston



Who do YOU know that would make a great **MDPC OFFICER?**

The Nominating Committee requests your help to find members with gifts that equip them for MDPC leadership. Prayerfully consider whom you know that God may be preparing to serve as an Officer. Submit his/her name(s) at nominations.mdpc.org or by using the printed forms available around campus.

We need your help to identify qualified candidates to serve as MDPC Officers!

COMING FALL 2019

MDPC will release a powerful new mobile app, with all the features you've enjoyed in the past PLUS expanded features in the area of event info and easy registration, group communication, personalized notifications, check-in, and so much more. Stay tuned for additional details!



HELPING HANDS DAY

Join MDPC
for a
Housman Elementary
Work Day

Friday, August 9 • 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Getting ready for the first day is a huge job for schools. Let's lighten the load for the teachers and staff at Housman Elementary in Spring Branch ISD! We want to let everyone at this precious school know they matter and are making a difference in the lives of their students and families. Volunteers will help teachers and staff with projects to get ready for the first day of school, such as assembling parent packets, updating bulletin boards, sorting supplies, and helping teachers set up their classrooms. We also will shower them with encouragement and serve them lunch.

Register: helpinghands.mdpc.org

Contact Jan Roe with questions: jroe@mdpc.org, 713-490-9552



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A Summer Series on the Book of Philippians

Philippians 4:2-9

Alf Halvorson preaching

This is the ninth in an 11-week summer sermon series on Paul's Letter to the Philippians. We have made it through the first three chapters and are finally in the last chapter, chapter four. Paul, somehow, is able to find joy in the midst of imprisonment, suffering, and isolation. How? He is unflappable, and not unhinged by his circumstances; he is characterized by peace and hope. Would you like to know his secret?

1. Read Phil. 4:2-9; then focus on verses 2 and 3. Paul deals first with a first-century church fight. Euodia and Syntyche are not getting along, and it is causing problems in the church. Why, in your mind, doesn't Paul get into the specific issue? What is his advice to these two women and to the other church members? How does he affirm these two women in the midst of their struggle? Can you take away any principle(s) for a situation you find yourself in right now (or may down the road)?

2. In verse 4, Paul tells his people twice "to rejoice." He says this probably because they were not in the mood to rejoice due to persecution and suffering. Can you steel yourself up to rejoice? What does Paul mean here?

3. Then in verse 5 he says, "Let your gentleness [your unflappable-ness] be known to everyone." That is an odd request. Why gentleness? Why is being unflappable so important to Paul at this time and in their place?

4. I then argued that Paul gives us four pieces of advice from his own life and experience in how to be unflappable:
 - I. Recognize that "The Lord is near." (vs. 5)
 - II. Pray. (vs. 6-7)
 - III. Focus on eight things. (vs. 8)
 - IV. Do what you know to do from me; walk it out. (vs. 9)

Discuss each area to make sure you understand what Paul is recommending. On a scale of one to ten, with ten being the best, how unflappable are you right now?

Which of these four comes first? Why might that matter?

Which one or two of the four are you good at right now? Which is your weakest area?

What part of Paul's advice might you put into practice in your life right now? How can the group pray for you and our world this week?

