



Sunday, Oct 29, 2023

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching

8:30 SERVICE

- Welcome & Call to Worship** Clay Brown
- Songs of Praise** *Forever / Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
- *Prayer of Confession & Assurance** Amy Delgado
- Song of Preparation** *The Solid Rock*
- Moment of Prayer** Clay Brown
- Offertory** *Holy Forever*
- Message** **Joy on the Journey: [Philippians 1:19-30](#)** Alf Halvorson
- Song of Response** *In Christ Alone*

9:45 SERVICE

- Song of Praise** *Found in You*
- Meet & Greet (In person / Online)** Michael Middleton / Mitchell Kearney
- Song of Praise** *King of Kings*
- Moment of Confession & Assurance** Mitchell Kearney
- Songs of Worship** *Holy Forever / The Solid Rock*
- Message** **Joy on the Journey: [Philippians 1:19-30](#)** Alf Halvorson
- Offering** *In Christ Alone*
- Moment of Prayer & Connection** Sally Henien

Musicians at 8:30/9:45: Asher Pudlo, drums; Chris Parrot, guitar; Uvaldo Callejas, bass; Tim Hughes, violin; Dennis Carrizo, Michael Middleton, & Meliza Gómez, worship leaders

11:15 SERVICE

- Prelude** *Gabriel's Oboe and The Falls from The Mission* Ennio Morricone (1928-2020)
- Welcome and Call to Worship** Beth Case
- *Hymn of Praise** *Take the Name of Jesus with You* Vs. 1, 2 | PRECIOUS NAME
- *Prayer of Confession & Assurance** Marcus Vajdos
- *Affirmation of Faith** from The Apostle's Creed
- *Congregational Response** *The Gloria Patri* Hymn \$579
- Anthem** *Inscription of Hope* Randall Stroope (b.1953)/arr. White
- Moment of Prayer** Beth Case
- Offering** *O Love* Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1980)
- Message** **Joy on the Journey: [Philippians 1:19-30](#)** Alf Halvorson
- *Hymn of Response** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* #466 Vs. 1, 2 | AZMON
- Postlude** *Rigaudon* André Campra (1660-1744)

Musicians at 11:15: Children's Choir, Steffanie Dean, director; Jeffrey Butler, cello; Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organ/piano

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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Covenant Sun, Nov 5 • All services

Bring completed 2024 pledge cards to worship to submit before our “heavenly Manager” in a corporate act of faith and obedience. Additional packets will be in the pews. More at generosity.mdpc.org.



Sun, Nov 5 • 11:00am-1:00pm

Join us for **All-Church Lunch** on the first Sunday of each month! A choice of adult entrée and sides or entrée salad, and a kid’s meal selection. To see menu and pricing, visit acl.mdpc.org



Shopping Bags Available Now!

Each bag helps a local family have a great Thanksgiving! Please pick up an orange tote bag (available around campus), fill it with the items listed at meal.mdpc.org, and return filled bag by Sun, Nov 12.



Wed, Nov 8 • 6:30-8pm

We all come of age...are you and your loved ones ready? Join us for a workshop series for ALL ages! In our final stand-alone session, we address **Normal Aging vs. Dementia**. More at age.mdpc.org.



Thu, Nov 9 • 6:30-8pm

Dive deeper into your marriage! Bring dinner and join us for an evening of learning and connection with your spouse. Child-care available upon request. Nov topic is Financial Peace: newlywed-ish.mdpc.org



Sat, Nov 11 • 9am-4pm

Join us for a Spiritual Retreat led by Beth Case, Leigh McLeroy, and Amanda Grace Morris. Held...by the God who sees me. Learn more and sign up: held.mdpc.org



Sun, Nov 12 • 10:45-11:15am

Join other parents of college-aged students for prayer over our children. As our children mature and often move away, we tend to feel helpless - but prayer is the answer! Learn more and RSVP: ya.mdpc.org



Tue, Nov 14 • 7:00pm

Women’s Ministry would love to host you for fellowship, fun, and “game day” food. Please register at happyhour.mdpc.org. It will be a fun night!



Remember Our Frontline Mission Partners

MDPC partners in local and global ministry truly covet your prayers! Find out this week’s prayer recipients by picking up the prayer booklet available around campus or visit partners.mdpc.org.

Births and Deaths

More information at memorials.mdpc.org

Janet Harryman passed away Oct 7, 2023.

Financial Update as of Oct 22, 2023

2023 Annual Budget	\$ 13,175,787
Income to Date	\$ 8,285,994
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 4,889,793

Joy on the Journey • [Philippians 1:19-30 NRSV](#)

This is the fourth in our extended Fall Series on Paul's Epistle of Joy to the Church at Philippi. We haven't even gotten out of the first chapter yet, but the chunks will add up in the coming weeks to advance us forward. Paul, after praying for his favorite congregation and then becoming autobiographical about the past and present, now looks to the future with joy, even during such misery and uncertainty. Do you tend to look hopefully or pessimistically about the future? Maybe Paul can help us with some perspective and real joy on our real journeys.

1. What is a book you have read that positively challenged you? I talked in my sermon about perhaps the most challenging book I read during my recent sabbatical. Have you read John Mark Comer's book, *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry: How to stay emotionally healthy and spiritually alive in the chaos of the modern world*?
2. I used a quote from Ronald Rolheiser which contends that we are not very *contented* people in the USA; and a quote from French Sociologist Jean Baudrillard where he suggests that *materialism* or *consumerism* has become the new dominant system of meaning for many Americans. As Comer puts it, "Amazon.com is the new temple. The Visa statement is the new altar. Double Clicking is the new liturgy. Lifestyle bloggers are the new priests and priestesses. Money is the new god." Is he correct for our culture? Where is he right for you and your lifestyle?
3. Read Phil. 1:19-30. How does Paul counter the cultural message that the more we have the happier we will be? In verses 19-26, what things and people, according to Paul, give life power, meaning, perspective, and purpose?
4. Verse 27 is especially poignant right now in the light of how people are behaving in their roles as citizens or politicians on the world stage. What advice does Paul give the Philippians and us? What three things in verses 27 and 28 should distinguish the Christian from the non-Christian in their public life? How do your attitudes and behavior stack up to these criteria? Where are you intimidated right now? Why, according to Paul, don't we need to be intimidated?
5. In verses 29-30, what does Paul say that God has graciously granted? Do both or either of those things seem like privileges to you? How does Phil. 3:10-11 and Rom. 5:1-5 help us with this idea? What suffering have you been trying to avoid that God might want you to accept or even embrace? Is it suffering 'for Him?' What does that mean and why does that motivation matter? How is a 'pledge' an example of suffering?
6. How might your group pray for each other and for our world considering this section of Scripture?