



Covenant Sunday, Nov 5, 2023 **8:30 SERVICE** Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching

Welcome & Call to Worship Clay Brown

Songs of Praise *Come, Now Is the Time / How Great Is Our God*

*Prayer of Confession & Assurance Dan Aikins

Song of Preparation *Yet Not I but Christ in Me*

Moment of Prayer Clay Brown

Song *Holy Forever*

Message **Joy on the Journey: [Philippians 2:1-4](#)** Alf Halvorson

Renewing My Personal Covenant with God

Song of Celebration *Goodness of God*

9:45 SERVICE

Meet & Greet (In person / Online) Meliza Gómez / Amanda Shockley

Song of Praise *Glorious Day*

Moment of Confession & Assurance Amanda Shockley

Songs of Worship *Holy Forever / Worthy of It All*

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Song of Celebration *Goodness of God*

Moment of Prayer & Connection Sally Henien

Musicians at 8:30/9:45: Asher Pudlo, drums; Chris Parrott, guitar; Uvaldo Callejas, bass; Daniel Martinez, keys; Michael Middleton & Meliza Gómez, worship leaders

11:15 SERVICE

Prelude *Andante Cantabile from Symphony No. 4* Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Welcome and Call to Worship Amy Delgado

Choral Introit *Joy in the Morning* Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992)

*Hymn of Praise *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* #343 Vs. 1, 3 | BEECHER

*Prayer of Confession & Assurance Marcus Vajdos

*Affirmation of Faith from Heidelberg Catechism

Anthem of Preparation *Jubilate Deo (Sing Joyfully to God)* Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

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Covenant Anthem *God Has Work for Us to Do* Mark A. Miller (b. 1956)

Postlude *Trumpet Tune* Gordon Young (1919-1998)

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

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

See more events at MDPC at events.mdpc.org.



Give Online

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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

Bob Chapman passed away on Oct 20.
John Simmons passed away on Oct 22.

Financial Update as of Oct 29, 2023

2023 Annual Budget	\$ 13,175,787
Income to Date	\$ 8,400,069
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 4,775,718

Joy on the Journey • [Philippians 2:1-4 NRSV](#)

This is the fifth message in our fall sermon series on the letter of Paul to the Philippians. If chapter one could be summarized under the theme “joy in suffering,” chapter two might be framed as “joy in serving.” Is it possible serving could produce joy in us and others because of our service or the service of others?

1. When has someone served you that really had a positive impact on you? What did they do? How did they do it? Was it a one-time act or did it continue over an extended period of time?
2. Read Phil. 2:1-4. Focus first on verse one. In the NRSV, the first word is “if,” but the text could be translated “since” or “as indeed is the case.” Give a positive example of each item Paul lifts up in verse one. What is he trying to do through this speaker’s technique in the minds and hearts of his readers/listeners?
3. There has been some disunity in the church in Philippi. In fact, he names three of the “problem people” later in the letter. If you were in the church, or one of the three problem causers, how would you react to verse two and three? How would you paraphrase his advice? And how as a leader might you help your brothers and sisters put Paul’s advice into practice?
4. Is verse four simply a restatement of verse three? How are they similar and different? Is Paul saying that we don’t matter, that we are worms and everyone else is better than we are? If not, what is he saying?
5. I explained verse three in my sermon, and that to “put others ahead of us in line” does not have to reveal weakness of character or identity but rather could reveal strength of character and an extra reservoir of grace in our lives. How do verses 5-11, which we will cover next week, give us a preview of Christ’s example of this principle?
6. November 5 is Covenant Sunday, when we offer to God as an act of worship our financial pledge for the coming year. How does Phil. 2:1-4 provide you with a positive rationale for your investment in the life and ministries of Christ through MDPC?