



Sunday, Nov 12, 2023

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching

**8:30 SERVICE**

**Welcome and Call to Worship** Miah Collins  
**Songs of Praise** *Savior, Like a Shepherd / Be Thou My Vision*  
**\*Prayer of Confession and Assurance** Rachel Poysky  
**Song of Response** *Holy Forever*  
**Moment of Prayer** Miah Collins  
**Song of Preparation** *Gratitude*  
**Message** **Joy on the Journey: [Philippians 2:5-11](#)** Alf Halvorson  
**Song of Response** *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* Kathryn White

**9:30 SERVICE**

**Opening Song** *Never Gonna Stop*  
**Welcome and Call to Worship** Alf Halvorson  
**Baptisms** Alf Halvorson, Dan Aikins  
 Patrick Hugh Hilbe, son of Joshua and Leigh Hilbe  
 Connor David Hilbe, son of Joshua and Leigh Hilbe  
 Brice Matthew Hunt, son of Adam and Ashley Hunt  
 John Alexander Knoop, Jr. "Jack", son of Alex and Christyn Knoop  
 Emerson Anne Aikins, daughter of Dan and Lauren Aikins  
 Davis Andrew Hickman, son of Chris and Blaire Hickman

**Songs of Praise and Moment of Confession**  
*My Testimony / Gratitude / Great Are You, Lord*  
**Message** **Joy on the Journey: [Philippians 2:5-11](#)** Alf Halvorson  
**Song of Response** *Holy Forever*  
**Baptisms** Alf Halvorson  
 Catherine "Cate" Livsey Pielo, daughter of Stuart and Nikki Pielop  
 Beatrix Kay Crank, daughter of Daniel and Jenny Crank  
 Lorelei Jane Crank, daughter of Daniel and Jenny Crank  
 Vesper Claire Crank, daughter of Daniel and Jenny Crank  
 Eliza Graeve, daughter of Mark and Kelly Graeve

**Song of Celebration** *Holy Forever*  
**Moment of Prayer and Connection** Dan Aikins  
 Musicians at 8:30/9:45: Asher Pudlo, drums; Chris Parrot, guitar; Uvaldo Callejas, bass;  
 Michael Middleton & Meliza Gómez, worship leaders

**11:15 SERVICE**

**Prelude** *There Is a Longing in Our Hearts* K. White  
**Welcome and Call to Worship** Rachel Poysky  
**Choral Introit** *Rise Up, O Men of God* Kenneth Jennings (1925-2015)  
**\*Hymn of Praise** *All Creatures of Our God and King* #455 Vs. 1, 6 | LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
**\*Prayer of Confession and Assurance** Rachel Poysky  
**\*Affirmation of Faith** from the Apostles' Creed  
**\*Congregational Response** *The Gloria Patri* Hymn #579  
**Anthem** *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* arr. Russell Robinson (b.1948)  
**Pastoral Prayer** Rachel Poysky  
**Anthem of Preparation** *Glory, Glory, Hallelujah* Howard Helvey (b.1968)  
**Message** **Joy on the Journey: [Philippians 2:5-11](#)** Alf Halvorson  
**\*Hymn of Response** *It Is Well with My Soul* Vs. 1, 2 | VILLE DU HAVRE  
**Postlude** *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Randall DeBruyn

Musicians at 11:15: Antoine Griggs, soloist; Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organ/piano

# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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**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](https://happyhour.mdpc.org). It will be a fun night!



**Thu, Dec 7 • 6pm • Sanctuary Courtyard**

*NOTE: The recent Rooted newsletter listed the incorrect date. This is an evening carved out of the Christmas season for the merry...and the "not so merry."* Learn more at [blue.mdpc.org](https://blue.mdpc.org).



**Sat, Nov 18 • 6-8pm • MDPC**

All Young Adults (18-35) are invited to join us for an evening filled with food, conversations, testimonies, and thankfulness! Free childcare is available. RSVP to Sally at [shenien@mdpc.org](mailto:shenien@mdpc.org).



**Fri, Nov 24**

Be part of the transformation of Black Friday, a national shopping phenomenon, into Bless Friday, a spirit-filled service day! Learn more about the many opportunities to serve at [blessfriday.mdpc.org](https://blessfriday.mdpc.org).



**Sun, Dec 3 • 3:30-5:30pm**

Bring your whole family to enjoy a petting zoo, inflatables, cookie decorating, games, crafts, and more! The Festival is free and all are invited. Please bring cans of mixed veg or fruit cocktail to support our food pantry.



**Happening Now through Dec 3**

We have two ways you can bless a child this Christmas! Participate in Christmas for Kids (benefitting Small Steps Nurture Center) or Toy Train (benefitting FORGE for families). Learn more: [cfk.mdpc.org](https://cfk.mdpc.org)



**Sun, Dec 3 • 6-7:30pm**

With a 32-piece orchestra, the Sanctuary Choir performs *Magnificat* by Taylor Scott Davis, as well as popular carols with the congregation. Free admission and childcare. Learn more at [concerts.mdpc.org](https://concerts.mdpc.org).



**Tue, Dec 5 • 9:30am or 6:30pm**

Join us for the Women's Christmas Coffee in the Parlor or, new this year, an offsite Christmas Happy Hour! Learn more and RSVP for Happy Hour (no need to RSVP for the Coffee) at [coffee.mdpc.org](https://coffee.mdpc.org).

## Financial Update as of Nov 5, 2023

2023 Annual Budget	\$ 13,175,787
Income to Date	\$ 8,676,101
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 4,499,686

## Births and Deaths

Luke Simon Aboorvanathan was born on Oct 17 to Raphael & Ruth Aboorvanathan.  
Bob Chapman passed away on Oct 20.  
John Simmons passed away on Oct 22.  
*More information at [memorials.mdpc.org](https://memorials.mdpc.org).*

## Joy on the Journey • [Philippians 2:5-11 \(NRSV\)](#)

This is the sixth in our fall sermon series on Paul's Epistle to the Philippians. In chapter two, I said last week that Paul is trying to help the church through a period of disunity by encouraging them to have joy in serving after the example of Jesus. Today, we look at perhaps the most magnificent and profound words ever penned by Paul about Jesus.

You maybe memorized these verses at some point in your life; if you haven't, I would encourage you to focus on them in a way that they become part of your mind, heart, and soul.

1. How does our society define and reward greatness? Identify and share a few examples of the leaders we lift up as models of greatness.
2. Read Phil. 2:5-11. How does this section of scripture describe Christ's pre-existence, His earthly human existence, and then His post-human existence in these short verses? What characterizes each phase or state?
3. How does verse 5 set up the whole hymn/poem? What is Paul advocating here? Who is to be the model for our definition of and imitation of greatness? How can we nurture this attitude practically in our lives?
4. In my sermon, I explained that (from verse 5 and the end of verse 7) Jesus was both fully God and fully human. I tried to explain why that matters for our salvation. How would you summarize my attempt to explain Paul's argument?
5. In verses 9-11, Paul describes Jesus' post-human existence and how everyone in heaven or earth or under the earth should respond to Him. Is our worship and service to Him as Savior and Lord to be based on fear or on Christ's sacrificial love for us and the world? Why does how we answer that question change how we relate to Jesus now and to others as we share Him with them?
6. Have you yet "bent the knee" to Jesus and confessed Him Lord, to the glory of God the Father, like verses 10-11 encourage? If so, when and how? And if not, why not? What is holding you back, do you think? Can one of the staff or lay leaders of MDPC help you in that process? Please reach out to one of us if we can walk beside you as you work through this most critical relationship in your life.