

# NEW YEAR IN THE VIEW *you*



Sunday, Jan 21, 2024

## 8:30 SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching

Welcome and Call to Worship		Dan Aikins
Songs of Praise	<i>Rejoice / How Deep the Father's Love</i>	
*Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Marcus Vajdos
Song of Response	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	
Moment of Prayer		Dan Aikins
Song of Preparation	<i>Yet Not I, but Christ in Me</i>	
Message	<b>New Year, New You</b> ( <a href="#">Luke 5:33-39</a> )	Alf Halvorson
Song of Response	<i>I Surrender All</i>	

## 9:45 SERVICE

Opening Song	<i>Praise</i>	
Baptisms		Beth Case and Alf Halvorson
Philippa "Pippa" Grey Linder, daughter of Adam & Lauren Linder		
Graham Gerry Freer, son of David & Jacklyn Freer		
Clayton Gregory Kerl, son of Cameron & Lauren Kerl		
Wyatt James McCormack, son of Michael & Kelsi McCormack		
Song of Praise	<i>Rejoice</i>	
Moment of Confession		Miah Collins
Songs of Worship	<i>Yet Not I / Worthy of It All</i>	
Message	<b>New Year, New You</b> ( <a href="#">Luke 5:33-39</a> )	Alf Halvorson
Song of Response	<i>I Surrender All</i>	
Moment of Connection		Sally Henien

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

## 11:15 SERVICE

Prelude	<i>Sonata No. 3 in A Major</i>	Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
Welcome and Call to Worship		Amy Delgado
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	#371 Vs. 1, 4   CRUCIFER
*Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Amanda Grace Morris
*Affirmation of Faith from The Apostles' Creed		
Anthem	<i>Festival Sanctus</i>	John Leavitt (b. 1956)
Baptisms		Alf Halvorson
Julianna Margot Coleman, daughter of Thomas & Allison Coleman		
Louise Reynolds Smith, daughter of Roy & Hunter Smith		
Fiona Grace McLaren, daughter of Duncan & Ashley McLaren		
Anthem of Preparation	<i>A New Creation</i>	Rene Clausen (b. 1953)
Message	<b>New Year, New You</b> ( <a href="#">Luke 5:33-39</a> )	Alf Halvorson
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Just a Closer Walk with Thee</i>	"This Far by Faith" hymnal; vs. 1   CLOSER WALK
Postlude	<i>Voluntary in D</i>	David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

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

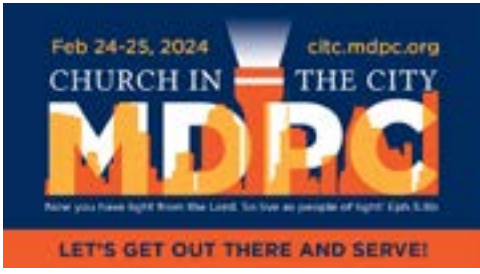
For information about baptism at MDPC, visit [baptism.mdpc.org](http://baptism.mdpc.org).

# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

See more events at MDPC at [events.mdpc.org](https://events.mdpc.org).



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## Registration Open Now

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## Sun, Jan 21 • 10:45-11:10am

Join us in the Sanctuary Lobby for a chance to get to know MDPC through a conversation with one of our pastors. Learn more at [discover.mdpc.org](https://discover.mdpc.org).



## Wed, Jan 24-May 29 • 4:45-5:30pm

Join us for a season of singing in worship services, concerts, and lots of fun! Sign up at [childrenschoir.mdpc.org](https://childrenschoir.mdpc.org).



## Wed, Jan 24-Apr 3 • 5:30-7pm

For children in K through 5th grade to grow their faith, connect with friends, and learn a new skill! [blastoff.mdpc.org](https://blastoff.mdpc.org)



## Wed, Jan 24 • 6:30-8pm • Summit Rm\*

\*The MDPC weekly email incorrectly listed location as Fellowship Hall.

Do you have a financial plan for your retirement years? Join us as financial pros share helpful tips for investment and more. Find details at [age.mdpc.org](https://age.mdpc.org).



## Recruiting Now!

Get to know our ministry partners AND make a significant impact on the Kingdom through just one monthly meeting, March-Oct, and a handful of site visits. Learn more at [outreach.mdpc.org](https://outreach.mdpc.org).

Join Pastor Alf's 2024 Challenge

The New City Catechism

**Week 3**

**Question:** How many persons are there in God?

**Answer:** There are three persons in the one true and living God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 13:14 NRSV

Learn more: [52qs.mdpc.org](https://52qs.mdpc.org)



## Fri-Sun, Feb 9-11 • Iron Horse Ranch

Connection, gourmet food, and a chance to rest in the presence of God with others. Last year's retreat sold out - reserve your spot today! [getaway.mdpc.org](https://getaway.mdpc.org)

## Births and Deaths

Joe McMillan passed away Jan 11, 2024.

Keith Blecher passed away Jan 6, 2024.

More information at [memorials.mdpc.org](https://memorials.mdpc.org).



## 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](https://partners.mdpc.org).

## Financial Update as of Jan 14, 2024

2023 Annual Budget	\$ 13,175,787
Income to Date	\$ 13,047,169
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 128,618

## New Year / New You Stories • [Luke 5:33-39](#)

This is the second in a five-week series in the new year on texts that help us understand and advance transformation in our lives. Last Sunday Paul challenged us as “chosen ones of God, holy and beloved,” to *put off* certain things and *clothe ourselves* with other things/virtues. As a Christian, because Christ’s Spirit is within us, we have the power to change the wardrobe of our lives for the better. This week Jesus confronts the Pharisees and scribes and tries to teach them about himself, His purpose in coming, and what is entailed in following and serving the Master.

1. Read Luke 5:33-39. (Often context is crucial to interpret a text. Earlier in chapter 5 of Luke’s Gospel, Jesus heals the paralytic who friends lowered through a roof. Jesus had said to the man, “Friend, your sins are forgiven you.” The Pharisees and scribes complained, “who can forgive sins but God?” And a little later in the chapter, Jesus calls Matthew the tax collector to “follow Me.” Matthew does follow, by leaving everything, and he throws a banquet with his friends for Jesus. The Pharisees and scribes again complained saying, “why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” Jesus answered, “Those who are well have no need for a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance.”) How does the context contained in between the parentheses help us understand the question of the Pharisees and scribes in verse 33?
2. Does Jesus’ answer in verses 34-35 make sense? How and why?
3. In verses 36-39, Jesus tells the first parable in the Gospel of Luke. Does this parable answer the Pharisees’ and scribes’ question too? In what way? Or, in what way does it seem like a disconnect or non-answer?
4. In the parable itself, what do you think Jesus has in mind regarding the new garment & new wine? And what is the old garment and the old wineskin? Why can’t the combination of the two work together?
5. With fabrics and animal skins, the old can’t become new again, can they? But how might a person be changed from an old item to a new one? What do you think Jesus is getting at here? In *Mere Christianity*, C. S. Lewis writes about Jesus coming into our hearts to transform our “houses” from the inside out. He is not just doing a little remodeling, but building a temple or mansion where He can live joyfully. How can we be open to this major renovation project?
6. In my sermon, I told a story from the book, *Switch*, by Dan and Chip Heath. How did that illustration and the comments around it help you think about transformation or sanctification in your life? And in this body of Christ? How might Christ’s Spirit help us become more pliable, coachable, or elastic instead of rigid, fixed, unchanging, or set in our ways? How could you pray for yourself and others in your group regarding openness to Christ and His will?