

NEW YEAR IN THE VIEW *you*



Sunday, Jan 28, 2024

8:30 SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching

Welcome and Call to Worship Clay Brown

Songs of Praise *Rejoice / Here I Am to Worship*

*Prayer of Confession and Assurance Beth Case

Songs of Response *What He's Done / King of Kings*

Message **New Year, New You** ([Luke 7:36-50](#)) Alf Halvorson

Communion *All who confess their faith in Christ are welcome to the table.*

Communion Music *Just As I Am / Jesus Paid It All*

9:45 SERVICE

Meet and Greet (In person / Online) Meliza Gómez / Laurien Hook

Song of Praise *Rejoice*

Moment of Confession Raphael Aboorvanathan

Songs of Worship *Jesus Paid It All / Hosanna*

Message **New Year, New You** ([Luke 7:36-50](#)) Alf Halvorson

Communion *All who confess their faith in Christ are welcome to the table.*

Communion Music *Just As I Am / What He's Done / King of Kings*

Moment of Connection Laurien Hook

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

11:15 SERVICE

Prelude *Fantasy from Sonata No. 2* Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Welcome and Call to Worship Christyn Knoop

Choral Introit *This Is the Day* Tom Mitchell (1947-2021)

*Hymn of Praise *How Firm a Foundation* #361 Vs. 1, 2, 5 | FOUNDATION

*Prayer of Confession and Assurance Beth Case

*Affirmation of Faith from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20

Anthem of Preparation *Father, Forgive* Lee Dengler (b. 1949)

Message **New Year, New You** ([Luke 7:36-50](#)) Alf Halvorson

Communion *All who confess their faith in Christ are welcome to the table.*

Communion Meditations

Just As I Am WOODWORTH
Sicut Cervus (As the Deer) Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

Postlude *Te Deum (We Praise Thee)* Marc A. Charpentier (1643-1704)

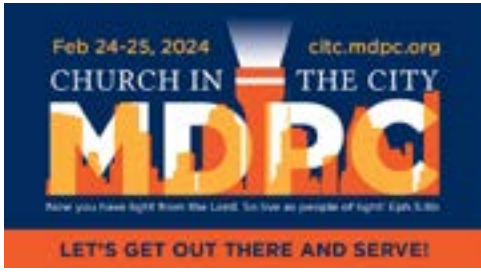
Musicians at 11:15: Antoine Griggs, soloist; Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organ

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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



Give Online
give.mdpc.org



Registration Open Now

Get to know your MDPC family while helping some of our local ministry partners! Mark your calendar and check out what we're doing in 2024: citic.mdpc.org



Tuesdays, Feb 6-27 • 7-8am

The abundant life satisfies in a way that nothing else can. David Baay and Drew Tingleaf walk us through a four-part special Men's Life series: ml.mdpc.org



Recruiting Now!

Get to know our ministry partners and make an impact on the Kingdom! Just one monthly meeting, Mar-Oct, and a few site visits. Learn more: outreach.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



Sun, Feb 4 • 11am-1:30pm

Join us for **All-Church Lunch** on the first Sunday of each month! Choose an adult entrée or entrée salad; a kid's meal option is available! To see the menu and pricing, visit acl.mdpc.org.



Thu, Feb 29 • 7pm • Sanctuary

Pianist Ryan Fogg performs music by Debussy and Ravel, including organ and piano duets based on well-known hymns with Kathryn White. concerts.mdpc.org

Join Pastor Alf's 2024 Challenge

The New City Catechism

Week 4

Question: How and why did God create us?

Answer: God created us male and female in His own image to know Him, love Him, live with Him, and glorify Him. And it is right that we who were created by God should live to His glory.

Scripture: Genesis 1:27 NRSV

Learn more: 52qs.mdpc.org



Wed, Jan 31 • 5pm • Coleman Coliseum

Come celebrate the impact mentors like you have had on the lives of SBISD students! With Aric Bostick, renowned national education speaker. Learn more at bit.ly/SpringBoard-Celebration-2024.

Births and Deaths

Joe McMillan passed away Jan 11, 2024.

Keith Blecher passed away Jan 6, 2024.

More information at 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.

New Year / New You Stories • [Luke 7:36-50](#)

This is the third in our short series in the new year on texts that help us think through transformation. Last week, we focused on the idea that Jesus *is* the New Wine/the New Garment that requires flexibility, elasticity, and openness from us as new wineskins, etc. This week, our text requires us to ponder just how much we have been forgiven by God. Those who are forgiven much love much, according to Jesus; and those who are forgiven little love little.

1. What are you most grateful for in your life right now? Do you consider yourself a very grateful person or a slightly grateful person?
2. Our text for today has four scenes or acts. It really starts with scene 2. Read verses 36-38 and write down everything you can surmise from the description.
3. Now read verses 39-43, which is scene 3. Ponder why a bigger forgiveness of debt results in bigger love. What is your guess as to why this is true?
4. Verses 44-47 are really scene 1. What does Jesus describe happened when He came to Simon the Pharisee's house? What is Jesus accusing Simon of in vs. 47? How does the smallness or largeness of our love reveal how much we feel we have been forgiven?
5. Verses 48-50 contain scene 4, but really, according to the Greek, her sins had previously been forgiven by Jesus. It was a completed action by this time. Is it possible that Jesus shares this forgiveness publicly so that she might be welcomed back into community there? Where, how, and in what ways might we release people who are indebted to us? And where might we help someone to be able to come *home*?
6. I shared three quotes near the end of my sermon: G. K Chesterton wrote, "No one is any good until he knows how bad he is;" Karl Barth once claimed that "all sin is ingratitude;" and Corrie Ten Boom put it this way, "The blood of Jesus never cleansed an excuse." How do these comments inform our understanding of our text? Regarding your sin(s), are you more like Simon the Pharisee or the woman with the alabaster jar? How might we nurture an accurate understanding of our sins without becoming depressed and overwhelmed? How might we grow in acknowledging, celebrating, and incorporating Christ's amazing forgiveness of our sins into our lives?