NIC VV you

Sunday, Feb 11, 2024		Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching
Welcome & Call to W		Clay Brown
Songs of Praise F	orever (Give Thanks) / How Gre	at Thou Art
*Prayer of Confession	n & Assurance	Brett Hurst
Song of Response	What He's Done	
Stephen Leader Commissioning		Beth Case
Song of Preparation	Holy Forever	
Message	New Year, New You (Matthew	21:28-32) Alf Halvorson
Song of ResponseChrist, Our Hope in Life and Death		
Benediction		Alf Halvorson
	9:45 SERVICE	
Welcome & Call to W	Vorship Me	liza Gómez / Amanda Shockley
Songs of Praise	Praise / Holy Forever	
Moment of Confessio	on & Assurance	Amanda Shockley
Songs of Worship	What He's Done / The Pas	ssion
Message	New Year, New You (Matthew	<u>21:28-32</u>) Alf Halvorson
Song of Response	Christ, Our Hope in Life and	l Death
Moment of Prayer and Connection		Marcus Vajdos
Benediction		Alf Halvorson
	0/9:45: Asher Pudlo, drums; Uvaldo Callej rtinez, keys; Michael Middleton & Meliza	•
	11:15 SERVICE	
Prelude	Sonata in A Major, Movem	ent IV César Franck (1822-1890)
Welcome & Call to W		Amy Delgado
Choral Introit	O God, Our Help in Ages I	
*Hymn of Praise	What a Friend We Have in	
*Prayer of Confession		Laurien Hook
*Affirmation of Faith	from the United Church of Ca	nada Beth Case
Anthem	The Love of God	Dan Forrest (b. 1978)
Pastoral Prayer		Amy Delgado
Anthem of Preparati	on The Deer's Cry	Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)
Message	New Year, New You (Matthew	21:28-32) Alf Halvorson
*Hymn of Response	Trust and Obey	Vs. 1, 4 TRUST AND OBEY terian hymnal - #467 in the Methodist Hymnal))
Benediction		Alf Halvorson
Postlude	Agincourt Hymn	John Dunstable (1390-1453)
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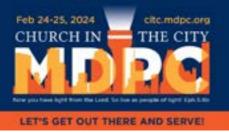
MINISTRYHIGHLIGHTS

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



Wed, Feb 14 • Noon or 7pm

Services will include a message by Pastor Alf, worship, communion, and the imposition of ashes. Childcare available by registration at ash.mdpc.org.



Socks, TP, and Bread, Oh My!

Please consider donating the above items to help make CITC a success. And don't forget to sign up! For all the details and to register, visit citc.mdpc.org



Sun, Feb 11 •6pm

BPC will celebrate their 20-year Anniversary, and all are invited! Pastor Alf will be preaching in English, and a celebration reception will follow.



The New City Catechism

Week 6

Question: How can we glorify God? **Answer:** We glorify God by enjoying Him, loving Him, trusting Him, and by obeying His will, commands, and law. For Kids: By loving Him and by obeying His commands and law.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 11:1 NRSV

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Financial Update as of Feb 4, 2024

2024 Annual Budget Income to Date Needed to Meet Budget \$13,723,677 \$1.338.761 \$ 12,384,916



Give Online

give.mdpc.org

Sun, Feb 11 • 10:00am-2:30pm

Looking for a way to serve - while saving lives? Sign up to donate blood at MDPC! Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-registering helps: blooddrive.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



Tue, Feb 13 • 6:30 or 7pm

Young adults 18-35 are invited to two fun Valentine's Eve events! Join us for Galentine's Paint Night or Guys' Night. For details and to sign up, visit ya.mdpc.org.



One Monday Monthly • 6:30-8:00pm

Do you sew, knit, write, cross-stitch, paint, or do any creative hobby? Bring whatever you're working on and create with others! Learn more at create.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 cam-

pus or visit partners.mdpc.org.

Births and Deaths

John McGowan passed away Feb 3, 2024. Fred Whitty passed away Jan 25, 2024. More information at memorials.mdpc.org.

SERMONNOTES

New Year / New You Stories • Matthew 21:28-32

This is the fifth, and final, in our short series to start off 2024. We are looking at *texts* that help us understand and progress in *transformation* toward Christlikeness. Paul put it this way in Col. 1:27b: "Christ in me, the hope of glory." Paul continues that the goal is "to present everyone *mature* in Christ," vs. 28. So, for my last text in the series, I have chosen one where Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders during holy week—shortly before His death on the cross.

- 1. Scan all of chapter 21 of Matthew's Gospel. What is the context in which this short parable is told? Who is it for? What comes before and after? How do you react to verse 45?
- 2. Read Matt. 21:28-32. Ponder these two sons. What did they do or not do? In your life, have you been more of the first son or the second son? Share an example or two.
- 3. The question by Jesus in verse 31a is a profound one: "Which of the two *did the will of his father*?" The chief priests and the elders answer correctly, but their answer points the finger back at them. Then Jesus confronts them in vs. 31b-32. What is His argument? In saying, "you did not believe him" three times, Jesus wants them to ponder what belief is and what it is not. How would you answer the question, "What is belief to Jesus here?"
- 4. Based on your answer to the question at the end of #3, how would you assess your *belief* in Christ? I shared some definitions of belief in my sermon; were any help-ful? I told a longer story by retired minister Bryant Kirkland about someone in a California desert trying to get water from a pump that needed to be primed. How did that illustration show what the prostitutes and tax collectors did (and what the religious leaders did not do) regarding John's message of "repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand"? The next parable (Matt. 21:33-43) shows how the religious leaders do the same thing with Jesus. They don't *believe* or walk out their faith in their actions/doing/following through/fruit. Where are you challenged to put God's will into practice right now?
- 5. This series has been about texts that help us with *transformation*. What overall takeaway do you have from this series? What might you "change your mind" or repent regarding? What might God want you to believe or do so you can grow or serve in a new or more complete way to show God's love and reveal God's glory?