

# NEW YEAR IN THE VIEW you



Sunday, Feb 11, 2024

## 8:30 SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching

Welcome & Call to Worship		Clay Brown
Songs of Praise	<i>Forever (Give Thanks) / How Great Thou Art</i>	
*Prayer of Confession & Assurance		Brett Hurst
Song of Response	<i>What He's Done</i>	
Stephen Leader Commissioning		Beth Case
Song of Preparation	<i>Holy Forever</i>	
Message	<b>New Year, New You</b> ( <a href="#">Matthew 21:28-32</a> )	Alf Halvorson
Song of Response	<i>Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death</i>	
Benediction		Alf Halvorson

## 9:45 SERVICE

Welcome & Call to Worship		Meliza Gómez / Amanda Shockley
Songs of Praise	<i>Praise / Holy Forever</i>	
Moment of Confession & Assurance		Amanda Shockley
Songs of Worship	<i>What He's Done / The Passion</i>	
Message	<b>New Year, New You</b> ( <a href="#">Matthew 21:28-32</a> )	Alf Halvorson
Song of Response	<i>Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death</i>	
Moment of Prayer and Connection		Marcus Vajdos
Benediction		Alf Halvorson

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	<i>Sonata in A Major, Movement IV</i>	César Franck (1822-1890)
Welcome & Call to Worship		Amy Delgado
Choral Introit	<i>O God, Our Help in Ages Past</i>	arr. Carl Nygard, Jr. (b. 1947)
*Hymn of Praise	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	#403 Vs. 1, 2   CONVERSE
*Prayer of Confession & Assurance		Laurien Hook
*Affirmation of Faith from the United Church of Canada		Beth Case
Anthem	<i>The Love of God</i>	Dan Forrest (b. 1978)
Pastoral Prayer		Amy Delgado
Anthem of Preparation	<i>The Deer's Cry</i>	Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)
Message	<b>New Year, New You</b> ( <a href="#">Matthew 21:28-32</a> )	Alf Halvorson
*Hymn of Response	<i>Trust and Obey</i>	Vs. 1, 4   TRUST AND OBEY (not in Presbyterian hymnal - #467 in the Methodist Hymnal))
Benediction		Alf Halvorson
Postlude	<i>Agincourt Hymn</i>	John Dunstable (1390-1453)

Musicians at 11:15: Kelley Edwards, flute; Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organ/piano

# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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



Give Online  
[give.mdpc.org](https://give.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](https://ash.mdpc.org).



**Sunday!**  
**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](https://blooddrive.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 [citic.mdpc.org](https://citic.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](https://concerts.mdpc.org)



**Sunday!**  
**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.



**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](https://ya.mdpc.org).

Join Pastor Alf's 2024 Challenge

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](https://deuteronomy.11:1.NRSV)

Learn more: [52Qs.mdpc.org](https://52Qs.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](https://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 campus or visit [partners.mdpc.org](https://partners.mdpc.org).

**Financial Update** as of Feb 4, 2024

2024 Annual Budget	\$ 13,723,677
Income to Date	\$ 1,338,761
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 12,384,916

**Births and Deaths**

**John McGowan** passed away Feb 3, 2024.  
**Fred Whitty** passed away Jan 25, 2024.  
*More information at [memorials.mdpc.org](https://memorials.mdpc.org).*

## 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 Christlike-ness. 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 helpful? 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?