

GROUNDED

Following Jesus **NO** Matter What

Sun, Nov 10, 2024

8:30 SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching

Welcome and Call to Worship		Leigh McLeroy
Songs of Praise	<i>Ancient of Days / Open the Eyes of My Heart</i>	
*Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Marcus Vajdos
Song of Response	<i>Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)</i>	
Moment of Prayer		Leigh McLeroy
Song of Praise	<i>Trust in God</i>	
Message	Grounded: Baptism (Matt. 28:18-20)	Alf Halvorson
Song of Response	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	Kathryn White

9:45 SERVICE

Welcome and Call to Worship		Michael Middleton
Song of Praise	<i>Found in You</i>	
Confirmation Moment		Amanda Shockley
Baptism		Alf Halvorson
	Luke Simon Aboorvanathan, son of Raphael and Ruth Aboorvanathan	
Songs of Praise	<i>Here for You / Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)</i>	
Moment of Confession and Assurance		Christyn Knoop
Songs of Worship	<i>Trust in God</i>	
Message	Grounded: Baptism (Matt. 28:18-20)	Alf Halvorson
Song of Response	<i>Made for More</i>	
Moment of Connection		Matthew Adair
Immersion Baptisms	Alf Halvorson / Rachel Poysky / Dan Aikins	
	Bonnie Mercedes Humphreys, daughter of Jonathan and Margaret Humphreys	
	Carter Jennings, son of Thomas and Angela Jennings	
	Elizabeth Blakely Swoboda, daughter of Blake and Julie Swoboda	
	Christian William Nafziger, son of Matthew and Shauna Nafziger	
	Camille Brown, daughter of Hunter and Julie Brown	
	Ashley Claire Drum, daughter of Hayden and Laura Drum	
	Coralyn Hope Collins, daughter of Jeremiah and Michelle Collins	
	Joel David Collins, son of Jeremiah and Michelle Collins	
	Molly Elizabeth Ebbs, daughter of Charles and Blair Ebbs	
	Lyla Storms, daughter of Jonathan and Mary Beth Storms	

Musicians at 8:30/9:45: Asher Pudlo, drums; Uvaldo Callejas, bass; Jaime Arroyo, keys; Fausto Cruz, guitar; Michael Middleton and Vasti Adkins, worship leaders

11:15 SERVICE

Prelude	<i>Sonata II in C</i>	Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
Welcome and Call to Worship		Marcus Vajdos
Choral Introit	<i>The Great Commission</i>	Bruce Greer (b. 1961)
*Hymn of Praise #492	<i>Baptized in Water</i>	Vs. 1, 3 BUNNESSAN
*Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Rachel Poysky
*Affirmation of Faith from The New City Catechism, Question One		
Anthem	<i>Come to Aid Your Servant (from Te Deum)</i>	Michael John Trotta (b. 1978)
Baptism		Beth Case
	Isla Jean Rogers, daughter of Steven and Morgan Rogers	
Anthem of Preparation	<i>Beautiful River</i>	arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)
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*Closing Hymn #440	<i>In Christ There Is No East or West</i>	vs. 1, 2 MCKEE
Postlude	<i>Processional</i>	Alice Jordan (1916-2012)

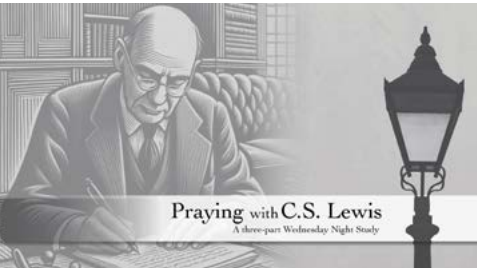
Musicians at 11:15: Priscilla Salisbury, soloist; Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organ

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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



Give Online
give.mdpc.org



Weds through Nov 20 • 7-8pm

Join Leigh McLeroy for this short course on the praying life of C. S. Lewis. No pre-reading required and all adults are welcome! More at lewis.mdpc.org.



Tue, Nov 12 • 7-9pm

Ten to twelve MDPC ladies will volunteer to bring a food board – and not just cheese! Imagine the possibilities! See details and sign up at women.mdpc.org.



Weekend Intensive: Nov 15 & 16

Interested in becoming an MDPC covenant partner? A 4-week class condensed into an evening and morning (no overnight). Learn more at membership.mdpc.org.



Sat, Nov 16 • 9am-3pm

Join us for a Women's Retreat in Brookshire, Texas, a day away to see and be seen by God. For more information and to register, visit peace.mdpc.org.



Sat, Nov 16 • 6-9pm • Summit Room

All Young Adults (18-35) are invited to join us for an evening filled with food, conversations, testimonies, and thankfulness. RSVP: yaevents.mdpc.org



Collecting through Nov 17

You can help feed over 1,000 families this Thanksgiving who struggle with food insecurity! Pick up a bag and shopping list at MDPC, or see details at meal.mdpc.org.



Bless Friday, Nov 29

It's almost here! See how you can turn Nov 29 into a day about giving instead of getting. See this year's on-site and at-home projects at blessfriday.mdpc.org.



Mon, 9-10:30 • Thu, 1:30-3 • Gym

Come for a pick-up Pickleball game at MDPC! Anyone can sign up to play, whether on your own or with friends. Learn more and sign up: indoorPB.mdpc.org

Join Pastor Alf's 2024 Challenge



The New City Catechism

Question 46: What is the Lord's Supper?

Answer: Christ commanded all Christians to eat bread and to drink from the cup in thankful remembrance of Him and His death. The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the presence of God in our midst; bringing us into communion with God and with one another; feeding us and nourishing our souls. It also anticipates the day when we will eat and drink with Christ in His Father's kingdom.

[1 Corinthians 11:23-26](https://1corinthians11:23-26)

Learn more: 52qs.mdpc.org

Financial Update as of Nov 3, 2024

2024 Annual Budget	\$ 13,723,677
Actual Income to Date	\$ 10,441,944
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 3,281,733

For information about baptism at MDPC, visit baptism.mdpc.org.

Grounded: Baptism • [Matthew 28:16-20](#)

This is the first in a short three-week sermon series on things that are foundational to the Christian Faith or that help us become or stay "grounded." I don't mean *grounded* in the sense of being sent to your room after you have misbehaved or a plane not able to take off because of bad weather or a mechanical problem. I am referring to *grounded* in the sense of being "on solid ground" or based in reality or stable. What do you think helps you/us to be grounded in that sense of the word?

1. Read Matt. 28:16-20. Look for every instance of the word, "all." Depending on which translation or paraphrase of the Bible you use, two should emerge explicitly (in verses 18, 19), but there are three more implicitly in English. It is easier to see all five in the Greek.

Here is how Dale Bruner in his commentary on the Gospel of Matthew translates the original Greek: "All authority, in heaven and on earth, has been give to me: So move out and disciple all nations; baptizing them into the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit (all of God); teaching them to keep absolutely all that I have commanded you. And look! I myself am right there with you all the days, to the end of the world." (28:18-20)

2. When you see the text with these five "alls" there, how does it read differently to you? What, in your mind, is the significance of this combination of "alls"?

3. Look at each one individually:

- A. "**All** authority..."
- B. "**All** nations..."
- C. "**All** of God..."
- D. "**All** that I have commanded you..."
- E. "I am with you, **all** the days..."

What are the promises (in A and E) and challenges (in B, C, and D) contained in those phrases?

4. Which phrases are most needed right now after a contentious election cycle? Note: Politics are based on the premise that society must be changed in order to change people. But in the politics of the kingdom of God, it is people who must be changed in order to change society. How might we reemphasize Christ's Great Commission individually and as a church? How might we be salt and light in our society?
5. What is your specific role? Is there a new commitment to take on or attitude to embrace? Is there anything to repent of or stop doing, believing, or thinking?