

GROUNDED

Following Jesus **NO** Matter What

Sun, Nov 17, 2024

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching

8:30 SERVICE

Welcome and Call to Worship		Clay Brown
Songs of Praise	<i>Rejoice / Here I Am to Worship</i>	
*Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Dan Aikins
Song of Response	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	
Moment of Prayer		Clay Brown
Offertory	<i>Mighty Name of Jesus / What a Beautiful Name</i>	
Message	Grounded: The Word (2 Tim. 3:10-17)	Alf Halvorson
Song of Response	<i>Thy Word</i>	

9:45 SERVICE

Welcome and Call to Worship		Meliza Gómez
Song of Praise	<i>Take You at Your Word</i>	
Moment of Confession & Assurance		Amanda Shockley
Songs of Worship	<i>Mighty Name of Jesus / What a Beautiful Name</i>	
Third Grade Bibles		Rachel Poysky / Mayra Escamilla
Songs of Preparation	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	
Message	Grounded: The Word (2 Tim. 3:10-17)	Alf Halvorson
Offertory	<i>Thy Word</i>	
Moment of Connection		Taylor Coleman

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>Benedictus (Blessed)</i>	Max Reger (1873-1916)
Welcome and Call to Worship		Beth Case
*Hymn of Praise #327	<i>O Word of God, Incarnate</i>	Vs. 1, 2 AURELIA
*Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Dan Aikins
*Affirmation of Faith from Romans 8		
Anthem	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	arr. James Mulholland (b. 1935)
Third Grade Bibles		Rachel Poysky / Mayra Escamilla
Offertory	<i>Speak, O Lord</i>	arr. John Ferguson (b. 1941)
Message	Grounded: The Word (2 Tim. 3:10-17)	Alf Halvorson
*Hymn of Response	<i>Thy Word</i>	Vs. 1 THY WORD
Postlude	<i>Marche Heroique</i>	Charles-Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

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

THIRD GRADE BIBLE RECIPIENTS

9:45am	James Geiger	Hudson Morgan	11:15am
Travis Anderson	John Hubley	Brantley Nelson	Grace French
Luca Bouzerand	Emily Knoop	Rio Pudlo	Claire LaPar
Kate Brollier	Cooper Lankford	May Rice	Ford Miller
Hudson Canfield	George Lewis	Winter Roberts	Nate Paras
Case Carpenter	Luke Lionberger	Luke Weber	Cole Tackett
Nate DeMaio	Audrey Long	Kampbell	Agustin Tapia
Henry Galimore	Hazel Meacham	Wittenbraker	Zoe Tapia
Evelyn Geiger	Luke Moore		Ocean Tison James

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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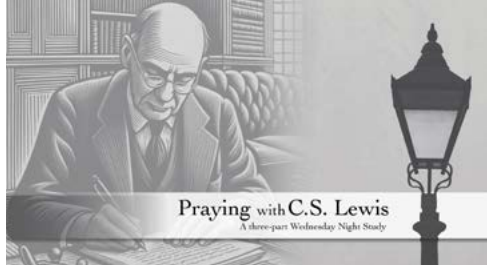


Give Online
give.mdpc.org



Final Sunday to Donate Bags!

A manned drop-off area will be at the Parlor doors this Sunday. Just pull up and we'll unload for you! Learn more about this project at meal.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.



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.



Christmas for Kids and Toy Train

Sponsor a child's Christmas wish list, or donate toys to help parents and grandparents bless the children in their lives. Learn more at toytrain.mdpc.org.



Sun, Dec 8 • 3:30-5:30pm

A free community event! Bring the whole family to enjoy inflatables, games, and so much more. Please bring canned fruit to support our food pantry. kids.mdpc.org



Sun, Dec 8 • 6pm • Sanctuary

Ring in Advent and the Christmas season with Handel's *Messiah*, Puccini's *Gloria*, and congregational carols. Free childcare: concerts.mdpc.org



Feb 7-9, 2025 • Iron Horse Ranch

Join MDPC Women's for a weekend of fun, food, and fellowship! Our speaker will be Leigh McLeroy. Learn more and register at women.mdpc.org.



Pickleball Courts Open Sunday!

The pickleball courts will open for play this Sun, Nov 17. To see Open Play hours, learn how to reserve court, and more, visit pickleball.mdpc.org.

Join Pastor Alf's 2024 Challenge



The New City Catechism

Question 47: Does the Lord's Supper add anything to Christ's atoning work?

Answer: No, Christ died once for all. The Lord's Supper is a covenant meal celebrating Christ's atoning work; as it is also a means of strengthening our faith as we look to Him, and a foretaste of the future feast. But those who take part with unrepentant hearts eat and drink judgment on themselves

[1 Peter 3:18](https://1peter3:18)

Learn more: 52qs.mdpc.org

Financial Update as of Nov 10, 2024

2024 Annual Budget	\$ 13,723,677
Actual Income to Date	\$ 10,712,167
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 3,011,510

Births and Deaths

Maureen Wright passed away Nov 7.
Ron Presswood passed away Nov 8.
Cathy Garber passed away Nov 8.

More information at memorials.mdpc.org.

Grounded: The Word • [2 Tim. 3:10-17](#)

This is the second in our short sermon series on those things that keep us grounded or solid in our faith. Last Sunday we had the joy of hearing 41 confirmands make their profession of faith in Jesus as Savior & Lord, as well as 12 baptisms, ten of which were believer baptisms by immersion. Today we give our third-graders bibles so that they can study God's word and find their story caught up into God's great love story for them and for our world. It is a fun time to worship God at MDPC and see various groups grow in Christ here.

1. If you charted your life into three or four seasons, describe your relationship to God in each season. What helped you grow and what was an obstacle to growth in each season? and who were the mentors for you in a positive way in each season? Have you returned the favor to mentor anyone in your most recent seasons?
2. Read 2 Tim. 3:10-17. Paul served as a mentor to Timothy in his faith after he left his mother and grandmother, who served as mentors to Timothy while he was at home. According to verses 10-12, in what areas did Paul serve as mentor? Do those areas surprise you? What is Paul's conclusion in verse 12? And how does his conclusion hit you? It is quite a challenging statement, but one that resonated with the friends I met in China. Do you think we are moving into a time when Christians in America will face more (or less) persecution? Why or why not?
3. Paul seems to suggest to Timothy that because verse 13 is true, verses 14-15 are necessary. What is the malady of the wicked and imposters in verse 13? And what is the prescription according to Paul in the next two verses? Why does 'knowing from whom you learned it' matter? At the end of verse 15, what specifically do the sacred writings instruct us for?
4. You maybe memorized 2 Tim. 3:16-17 sometime in your faith journey. What four things does the inspired Word of God help us with in our life and discipleship according to verse 16? And what result does Paul hope for in verse 17?
5. In my sermon, I talked about my recent trip to China. And shared some things that we didn't want to be included online. Was there anything said that increased your love of and commitment to God's Word? And was there anything shared that increased your willingness to persevere even in suffering? Pray for our brothers and sisters in China, and for our faithfulness here in the States.