



# ALL THINGS NEW

Sun, Feb 2, 2025

8:30 SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching

**Welcome and Call to Worship** Rachel Poysky  
**Songs of Praise** *Everlasting God / Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me*  
**\*Prayer of Confession and Assurance** Clay Brown  
**Offertory** *New Wine*  
**Message** **All Things New: A New Spine** Alf Halvorson  
[2 Timothy 1:7-12 NRSV](#)  
**Song of Response** *Savior Like a Shepherd*

9:45 SERVICE

**Welcome and Call to Worship** Rachel Poysky  
**Scouts Moment** Rachel Poysky & Jason Griffin  
**Eagle Scouts:** Mason A. Price **PRAY recipients:**  
 Collin E. Holmes Riley W. Williams Owen Tackett  
 Jake C. Duggan Samuel "Trace" E. Glenn Rosso  
 Ryan M. Plakos Murphree Chase Tseng  
 Marcelo H. Freire Elijah "Eli" K. Roberts Caleb Dina  
 de Carvalho Tyler T. Koehn Benjamin Michaelsen  
 Ryan J. Presswood Nicholas Michaelsen

**Songs of Praise** *Holy Forever / How Great Thou Art*  
**Moment of Confession & Assurance** Taylor Coleman  
**Songs of Worship** *Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me / Good Plans*  
**Message** **All Things New: A New Spine** Alf Halvorson  
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**Offertory** *New Wine*  
**Moment of Connection / Announcements** Luke Funderburk

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

11:15 SERVICE

**Prelude** *Adagio in E major* Frank Bridge (1879-1941)  
**Welcome and Call to Worship** Rachel Poysky  
**Choral Introit** *Awake, My Heart* Jane Marshall (1924-2019)  
**\*Hymn of Praise #476** *O Worship the King* Vs. 1, 2, 5 | LYONS  
**\*Prayer of Confession and Assurance** Laurien Hook  
**\*Affirmation of Faith from the Apostles' Creed**  
**\*Congregational Response** *The Gloria Patri* Hymn #579  
**Anthem** *Good News!* Rosephanye Powell (b. 1962)  
**Moment of Prayer** Rachel Poysky  
**Offertory** *The Call* Z. Randall Stroope (b. 1953)  
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**\*Hymn of Response #357** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* Vs. 1, 2 | MARYTON  
**Postlude** *Prelude in Classic Style* Gordon Young (1919-1998)

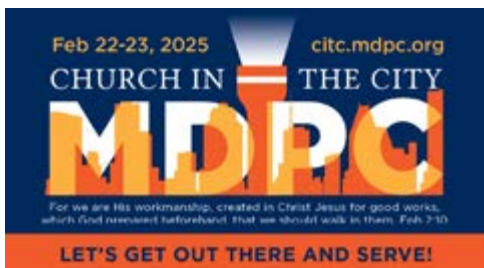
Musicians at 11:15: Sanctuary Choir; Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organ

# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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## Registration Is Open

This annual all-church service project is when MDPC leaves the pews to serve our city. There are projects for every age and ability! Learn more at [citc.mdpc.org](https://citc.mdpc.org).



## Sun, Feb 2 • 11am-1:30pm

Join us in Fellowship Hall this Sunday after services for **All-Church Lunch** with your MDPC family! To see the menu and pricing, visit [acl.mdpc.org](https://acl.mdpc.org).



## Tue, Feb 4-18 • 7-8am • Amphitheater

Join Men's Life this spring for three quick Tuesday morning sessions as we give one-on-one relationships a closer look. Learn more and sign up: [mlnextsteps.mdpc.org](https://mlnextsteps.mdpc.org)



## Tue, Feb 4 and 11 • 1-3pm

Wondering why you walked into a room? Can't find your phone? This free, two-part program addresses the 4 most common memory complaints: [memory.mdpc.org](https://memory.mdpc.org)



## Sun, Feb 9 • 4pm • Sanctuary

Hear Gershwin, Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, and 40s and Broadway tunes. Audience requests will be taken! Learn more about our Concert Series: [concerts.mdpc.org](https://concerts.mdpc.org)



## Choose March 7-9 or 7-16

Young adults, join us as we team up with Steiger for a catalytic mission trip to the South by Southwest festival in Austin! Details and registration: [steiger.mdpc.org](https://steiger.mdpc.org)



## Wed, Feb 12 • 9am-2:30pm • MFAH

Join pastors Beth Case and Jeanmarie Tade in a day of reflective prayer at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston. Learn more and sign up: [mfah.mdpc.org](https://mfah.mdpc.org)



## Wed, Feb 12-26 • 6:30-7:30pm

A new class led by Laurien Hook looking at the culture, customs, and thoughts present during the time of the New Testament. Learn more and sign up: [world.mdpc.org](https://world.mdpc.org)



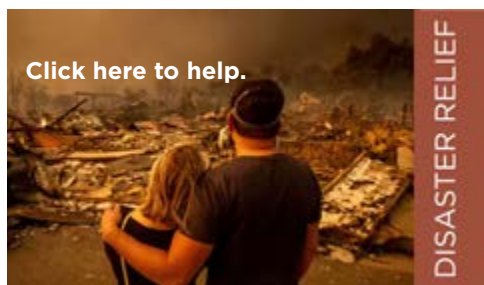
## Fri-Sun, Feb 7-9 • Iron Horse Ranch

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](https://women.mdpc.org).



## Sun-Sat, May 4-10 • Honduras

Serve alongside fellow MDPC ladies helping communities acquire clean water and experience "living water"—the gospel of Jesus Christ. [livingwater.mdpc.org](https://livingwater.mdpc.org)



## Financial Update

Updates will resume publication after Session votes on the new budget in January.

## All Things New: A New Identity • [2 Timothy 1:7-12](#)

This is the third in our six-week series in the new year about becoming new in Christ. Perhaps these sermons are cumulative or even sequential. If we begin to see with "new eyes" as did Elisha and his attendant, and if we receive our new identity in 1 Peter 2:4-10 through our baptism and profession of faith, then we are invited/challenged to see in 2 Timothy 1:7-12 that God has not given us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

1. When were you scared and chickened out from some courageous act? And when have you been frightened, but still did the hard, the right, or the courageous thing? Share stories.
2. Read 2 Tim. 1:7-12. What does mentor Paul share with mentee Timothy to inspire him? What is Timothy supposed to rekindle from verse 6? Where is he supposed to rely from verse 8? And what is Paul able to say he knows and is sure of from verse 12?
3. I talked in my sermon from the very famous story of David confronting Goliath in 1 Samuel 17:20-51. Read that section of Scripture and answer these questions: What offended David to rile him up to be courageous? What previous experiences when David was a shepherd prepared him for this encounter with this enemy of God's people? Do you feel like you are in a hidden phase of life preparing for what is to come, or are you in a very public and very pressure-packed part where nearly every move you make is visible to others? If you are in the former phase, how can you appreciate that your faithfulness here will prepare you for faithfulness needed in the future? And if you are in the latter phase, how can you draw from God's help and the successes of the past in your current battle?
4. What things require your courage and faith right now? Perhaps memorize 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God did not give you a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline." With God's help and the support of your community of faith, take the hard but necessary step, make the right move even though it is challenging, offer the difficult sacrifice, knowing that "God is able to guard until that day what you have entrusted to Him."