



Sun, Feb 9, 2025

8:30 SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching

Welcome and Call to Worship Dan Aikins

Songs of Praise *How Great Is Our God / Be Thou My Vision*

***Prayer of Confession and Assurance** Brett Hurst

Song of Response *As the Deer*

Pastoral Prayer Dan Aikins

Song of Preparation *Great Are You, Lord*

Message All Things New: A Spring Bubbling Up in the Wilderness Alf Halvorson
[Genesis 36:24 NRSV](#)

Song of Response *The Solid Rock*

9:45 SERVICE

Welcome and Call to Worship Meliza Gómez

Song of Praise *How Great Is Our God*

Meet & Greet

Songs of Praise *That's Who I Praise / Who You Say I Am*

Moment of Confession & Assurance Miah Collins

Song of Worship *Great Are You, Lord*

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Song of Response *The Solid Rock*

Moment of Prayer / Announcements Matthew Adair

Musicians at 8:30/9:45: Children's Choir, Steffanie Dean, director; Asher Pudlo, drums;
Chris Parrott, guitar; Uvaldo Callejas, bass; Michael Middleton & Meliza Gómez, worship leaders

11:15 SERVICE

Prelude *Sonata in A Major, Movement IV* César Franck (1822-1890)

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Choral Introit *This Is the Day* Tom Mitchell (1947-2021)

***Hymn of Praise #420** *God of Grace and God of Glory* Vs. 1, 4 | CWM RHONDA

***Prayer of Confession and Assurance** Christyn Knoop

***Affirmation of Faith** from 1 Cor. 15:1-6 & Col. 1:15-20

Anthem *There Is a Balm in Gilead* Bruce Saylor (b. 1946)

Moment of Prayer Dan Aikins

Anthem of Preparation *The Love of God* Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

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***Hymn of Praise** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* Vs. 1 | CLOSER WALK

Postlude *Fanfare* Nicolas Lemmens (1823-1881)

Musicians at 11:15: Sanctuary Choir; Kelli Estes, soloist; Kelley Edwards, flutist;
Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organ/piano

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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



SANTA MARIA HOSTEL Feb 22-23, 2025 citic.mdpc.org

SPRING SPIRIT CHURCH IN THE CITY

HOUSTON FOOD BANK **MDPC**

KIDS' MEALS Now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! Eph 5:8b

MAGNIFICAT HOUSE

MISSION OF YAHWEH

PARTNER PROJECTS

HOME PROJECTS

LET'S GET OUT THERE AND SERVE!

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 citic.mdpc.org and sign up today to get your choice of projects!

Sunday!

MDPC Concert Series

Rob Landes Trio Concert

Sun, Feb 9
Sanctuary | 4pm
FREE Admission

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

PRAYER ART

VISIO DIVINA AT MFAH

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

THE WORLD OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

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

thriving in the workplace

VA YOUNG ADULTS

Sundays • 11am • Room 219

Young professionals, come hear from experts and professionals sharing practical and spiritual guidance for approaching your work. Learn more: yaevents.mdpc.org

MDPC **DAD CAMP 2025**

Sat-Sun, Mar 1-2 • MDPC Field

Dads, round up the kids and join us for an overnight campout with food, fun, and activities! To learn more and register, visit dadcamp.mdpc.org.

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN

WITH NANCY GUTHRIE

Sat, Mar 22 • 9am-3pm • First Baptist

No matter how much you already know about the Bible, if you're a woman who wants to know it better, this workshop is for you! Details at women.mdpc.org.

Create and CONNECT

Meets Monthly (Mon, Feb 10) • 6:30-8pm

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.

WOMEN'S LIVING WATER MISSION TRIP

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

Financial Update as of Feb 2, 2025

2025 Annual Budget	\$ 14,203,292
Actual Income to date	862,890
Needed to Meet 2025 Budget	13,340,402

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DISASTER RELIEF

All Things New: A New Spring • [Genesis 36:24 NRSV](#)

This is the fourth in our six-week winter series on God making all things new, including us. As part of my new year's resolutions, I'm reading the Bible through again in a year. As I was reading the incredibly dry portion of Scripture in chapter 36 of Genesis, this surprising verse popped up: *"These are the son of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah; he is the Anah who found the springs in the wilderness, as he pastured the donkeys of his father Zibeon."* I'd never really seen it before; I'd never pondered why it is there, what it might mean for our faith and faithfulness. But today, I'd like to pair it with Luke 15, Jesus' famous section which contains the parables of the lost sheep, lost coin, and lost sons.

1. Have you spent much time in the wilderness physically? What is intriguing and dangerous about a desert environment?
2. When have you spiritually been in a wilderness/dark night of the soul/desert place? How did you get there? And how eventually did you get out of it?
3. Read Gen. 36:24. What strikes you about this text in the middle of a genealogy for its context? Put yourself in Anah's shoes. What do you think it must have been like to pasture his dad's donkeys? And in the wilderness? Was it exciting? Boring? Frightening? Lonely? Peaceful? Why or why not?
4. Read Luke chapter 15. Who finds whom in each parable? Why is that Good News? What can the lost sheep or coin or sons do to be found?
5. Is there anything the sons can do to see the Good News/the springs/the hope in the last parable? What does the younger son do? Where does he come to his senses according to vs. 17? What do you hope the elder brother does at the end of the story? Does he come in to the party or stay outside mad and cold?
6. In your relationship with God, have you felt His search for you? His call for you to come home? What role might you play to not be outside God's love, God's blessings, and God's party? What prayer do you need to pray? Or actions do you need to take to enjoy the springs and party God has provided?