



Sun, Jun 1, 2025 8:30 SERVICE Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching

Welcome and Call to Worship Beth Case

Songs of Praise *Forever (Give Thanks to the Lord) / Amazing Grace*

*Prayer of Confession & Assurance Stephen Minister

Song of Response *Here I Am to Worship*

Song of Preparation *Give Me Faith*

Message The Hall of Fame of Faith and Faithfulness Alf Halvorson
[Hebrews 11:1-7](#)

Communion Music *Remembrance / Come to the Altar*

9:45 SERVICE

Welcome and Call to Worship Michael Middleton

Songs of Praise *Cornerstone / Here I Am to Worship*

Moment of Confession & Assurance Stephen Minister

Song of Preparation *Give Me Faith*

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Communion Music *Remembrance / Come to the Altar*

Connection /Announcements Miah Collins

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

11:15 SERVICE

Prelude *Master Tallis' Testament* Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Welcome & Call to Worship Beth Case

*Hymn of Praise #285 *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* Vs. 1, 3 | AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Prayer of Confession and Assurance Stephen Minister

*Affirmation of Faith from the United Church of Canada

*Congregational Response *The Gloria Patri* Hymn #579

Anthem of Preparation *Faithful Over a Few Things* Glenn Burleigh (1949-2007)

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Communion Music *Ave Verum Corpus (Hail, True Body)* William Byrd (1543-1623)

Organ Solo *Lyric Piece* Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Postlude *Prelude from the First Partita* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

Families with little ones are a cherished part of our church community. If at any point you need a little extra space to comfort your child, please know our Family Room is available. It's a cozy, quiet space just down the hall where you can still follow the service live. Whether you stay in the Sanctuary or use the Family Room, we're just so glad you're here with us.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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MINISTRY**

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Today!



**ALL-CHURCH
LUNCH**
Dine in or order online: cafe.mdpc.org



Sun, Jun 1 • 11am-1:30pm
Join us in Fellowship Hall today after services for **All-Church Lunch** with your MDPC family! To see the menu and pricing, visit acl.mdpc.org.

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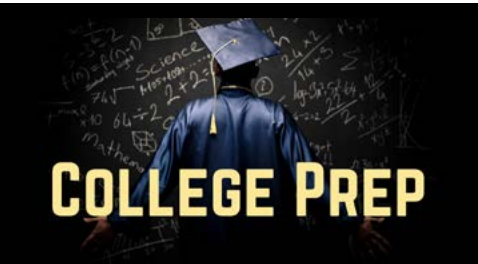
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PARISH**
NEW BEGINNINGS



Sundays starting Jun 1 • 11am-12pm
Sunday school designed for newly married young adults, with or without children. It's a welcoming space to connect, grow, and walk together in faith! vaevents.mdpc.org

**NEW
MEMBER
CLASSES**

Fri PM, Jun 6 and Sat AM, June 7
This class is how you can become a Covenant Partner or simply learn more about our church and ministries. Evening + morning, no overnight. Details: membership.mdpc.org



COLLEGE PREP

Next Session: Sun, Jun 8 • 12:30-2pm
Recent HS grads: Join us for stand-alone sessions that explore college topics and help you get ready for an exciting new chapter! Details: vaevents.mdpc.org



**BRICK
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MDPC Summer Celebration 2025

Mon-Fri, Jul 14-18 • 9:30am-12:30pm
Summer Celebration is almost here! We've got 750 adorable kids coming for faith, fun, and friendship—and volunteers like YOU help make it happen! Sign up: sc.mdpc.org



Uganda Wish List: uganda.mdpc.org
At the end of July, current 11 and 12 graders will journey to Uganda to work with Lulwanda Children's Home. Help them brighten the kids' lives with items from the wish list!



Summer REACH Camps Start Soon!
All are welcome in MDPC's REACH recreational program - you don't have to be a member to participate! See all the fun camps and classes at reach.mdpc.org.

Financial Update as of May 25, 2025

2025 Annual Budget	\$ 14,203,292
Actual Income to Date	4,648,236
Needed to Meet 2025 Budget	9,555,506

Births and Deaths
Borda Lon Harris passed away May 17.
Bob Chesshir passed away May 22.
More information at memorials.mdpc.org.

The Hall of Fame of Faith & Faithfulness • [Hebrews 11:1-7](#)

This is the first in our summer sermon series on Hebrews 11 and 12. Were you to research this book of the Bible, you'd find debate about who the author is (though we know the person is a friend of Paul—13:23-25) and there is no consensus about the date of writing nor the place of writing, yet there is crystal clarity that our hope is not in ourselves but in what God has done for us and in us through Jesus the Christ—and our response to that mercy, grace, love, sacrifice, forgiveness, and aid is what the author calls *faith*.

God's people are being persecuted by Roman leaders, culture, and peers and the writer calls the readers/hearers to endure in Heb. 10:32-39. Instead of shrinking back or giving up, they can have faith and be saved. We will wrestle with this crucial theme of faith and faithfulness this summer so we too can be inspired by these biblical examples for our own day and time and benefit.

1. In your life right now, where are you tempted to *give up or in*? Where is it hard to *stay the course with Christ*? Where could you use some encouragement regarding *endurance*?
2. Read Hebrews 11:1-7. In the first three verses, there is not so much a complete definition of faith but rather hints of what faith *does* and *how it works*. How would you summarize these verses? What does faith include or entail? Is it just positive thinking or does faith have certainty outside of our feelings? How might we grow in faith?
3. In verses 4-7, we see the first three of a myriad of examples of people who were approved as "righteous" (Abel), or "pleased God" (Enoch), or "became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith" (Noah). What in general excites or encourages you from these examples? And is there anything specific from these verses that resonates with the challenges and burdens of your life right now?
4. Abel's story is found originally in Gen. 4:1-16; Enoch's in one verse at Gen. 5:24; and Noah's challenge in Gen. 6:8-9:17. As you look more closely at each story, how does something in one or more of those stories inform your faith story? I told a little of my recent story and where faith was needed with my health scare last month. How might faith become not just a belief but an action in your lives because of these Hall of Famers?
5. Where and how might you pray for a matter that requires faith in your life or another member of your group? Take time to pray today; and then circle back on this matter in a future week to look for God's faithfulness and your faith in response.