



MINISTRY GUIDE

Learn more about MDPC ministries,
classes, and on-going opportunities.



MDPC
MEMORIAL DRIVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Welcome to life at **MDPC!**

Autumn is a season of fresh starts and deeper connections—and there’s no better place to experience both than right here at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church. Whether you’re brand new to MDPC or have been part of our family for years, we’re thrilled to invite you into all this fall has to offer.

Inside this guide, you’ll discover opportunities to grow in faith, build lasting friendships, and serve others in meaningful ways. From programs for children and students to small groups for adults, from vibrant worship to transformative Bible studies, there’s something here for everyone.

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We hope you’ll join us in discovering how God is at work in and through MDPC.

WHO WE ARE

At Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church, we're a community centered on Jesus Christ and committed to following Him in every part of life. We believe church isn't just a place to attend—it's a family where people of all ages can grow in faith, find purpose, and make a real impact in the world.

Our mission comes to life through four strategic goals: **EVANGELISM**, know God's story through Jesus personally; **CONNECTION**, show that people matter more than programs; **FORMATION**, grow in Jesus and His story; and **SERVICE**, go together to love generously. Everything we do at MDPC flows through the lens of these four priorities, guiding how we worship, connect, grow, and serve together.

A hallmark of MDPC is our radical generosity. Each year, we dedicate around half of our church's income to support local and global ministry partners—a level of giving that's rare among churches. But our congregation believes that what God gives us is meant to flow outward, transforming lives far beyond our walls.

We'd love for you to be part of this story as we seek to know Christ and to share His love.



STRATEGIC GOALS

EVANGELISM | CONVERSATIONS

Know God's story through Jesus personally.

CONNECTION | COMMUNITY

Show that people matter more than programs.

FORMATION | DISCIPLESHIP

Grow in Jesus and His story.

SERVICE | OUTREACH

Go together to love generously.



WORSHIP WITH US

worship.mdpc.org

At MDPC, worship is more than a weekly gathering—it’s where we meet God, celebrate together, and grow in our faith. We offer five vibrant services in three languages, so you can experience meaningful worship in a way that speaks to your heart:

Service	Time	Style
Blended (Chapel)	8:30am	A warm mix of hymns and modern praise
Contemporary (Sanctuary)	9:45am	Energetic praise band, relevant teaching
Traditional (Sanctuary)	11:15am	Liturgical service, pipe organ, choir
Spanish-language (Chapel)	11:15am	Joy-filled bilingual worship experience
Portuguese-language (Chapel)	6pm	Vibrant Brazilian-style service with fellowship

No matter your background, there’s a place for you to connect, grow, and belong. We’d love to welcome you this weekend!

CHURCH IN THE CITY

CITC is an annual event held at the end of February when MDPC leaves the building to serve throughout Houston. Whether out in the city with mission partners or on campus working on projects that support them, our entire church family comes together to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community.

NEXT STEPS

nextsteps.mdpc.org



Ready to take your next step at MDPC? We’d love to help you make this church your home!

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Learn more about our beliefs, ministries, and community in a relaxed setting. Classes are held quarterly, each taking place over a Friday evening and Saturday morning, making it easy to fit into your schedule. When you’re ready to join, you’ll be welcomed in worship and officially received at a monthly Session meeting.

BAPTISM

We celebrate baptism as a sign of faith and belonging in God’s family. Whether by immersion or sprinkling, we’d be honored to help you or your children take this meaningful step.

ALPHA

Have questions about life, faith, or God? Alpha is the perfect place to explore. Over relaxed sessions with food, videos, and honest conversation, Alpha creates a safe space to ask anything and share your thoughts—no pressure and no judgment.





KIDS

kids.mdpc.org

We believe kids should love coming to church! Children's Ministries offers a fun, safe, and engaging place where children learn about God's love and discover how they're part of His amazing story.



KALEIDOSCOPE

We're also passionate about making church accessible for every child. Kaleidoscope, our ministry for kids with special needs, provides individualized support so all children can belong, participate, and thrive as part of our church family.

SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR KIDS

PRESCHOOLERS at 8:30, 9:45, and 11:15am: Our youngest friends enjoy loving care, Bible stories, music, and fun activities designed just for them. We help little ones learn that God made them, loves them, and wants to be their friend forever.

ELEMENTARY (K–5th Grade) at 9:45 and 11:15am: Kids dive into exciting large-group worship and small-group time where they explore Bible truths, ask questions, and build friendships. Every week is an adventure that helps kids grow in their faith and learn how to live it out every day.

BLAST OFF BIBLE STUDY

An exciting Wednesday-evening Bible study for kids in First through Fifth Grade, designed to help them grow in faith, build friendships, and discover new skills. Each session includes dinner, engaging Bible lessons, and fun electives like gym games, weaving, or arts and crafts.

HOLIDAY FESTIVALS

Each Christmas and Easter, our Kids Ministry hosts vibrant family festivals open to both our congregation and the wider community. Families enjoy fun games, interactive booths, inflatables, and petting zoos, all woven together with engaging activities that help children discover the true meaning of these special seasons.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

youth.mdpc.org



At MDPC, our middle and high-school students are discovering what it means to follow Jesus and make a difference in the world. If you're a middle or high-school youth, there's a place here for you—and we'd love for you to be part of it!

SUNDAY MORNING CONNECTION

Our youth connect with friends and leaders as they dive into God's Word and talk about how faith informs everyday life. 11:15am | The Loft

WEDNESDAY LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups are where students build deeper friendships, ask honest questions, and grow together in their faith journey. 7-8:30pm

MISSION TRIPS

Service is a huge part of who we are. Instead of summer camps, MDPC's youth go on mission trips—serving in Houston, across Texas, around the U.S., and even internationally, depending on their age. It's all about loving others and living out their faith in real ways.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is available to 9th-12th grade students who are prepared to declare their faith in Jesus and join MDPC as members. It is a chance for students to understand the basic beliefs of the Christian faith, engage in discussions, ask questions, and develop as disciples of Jesus.





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YOUNG ADULTS & COLLEGE-AGE



Life in your late teens, 20s, and early 30s is full of big questions, new adventures, and important choices—and you don't have to navigate it alone. At MDPC, our Young Adults and College Ministries create spaces to connect with others, explore faith, and build authentic community.

From Bible studies and small groups to social gatherings and service projects, there's always a place for you to belong and grow. Whether you're in college, launching your career, single, married, or somewhere in between, we'd love to walk alongside you as you follow Jesus in this unique season of life.

THE PARISH: NEW BEGINNINGS

Are you a newly married couple or navigating the early years of parenting? Looking to grow in your faith and build community with others in the same season of life? Meets Sundays at 11:15am in MC 218.

THRIVE

This Bible study class is designed for young professionals in their 20s and 30s who want to dig deeper into Scripture, ask real questions, and build authentic community. Join us as we explore God's Word together and discover what it means to *thrive* in today's world. Sunday mornings at 11am in MC 219.

NEXT

What am I doing with my life? Who's my community? Where is God in all of this? NEXT is a Bible study for young adults navigating the in-between—between what was and what's ahead. Life doesn't come with a roadmap, but Scripture does give us a compass. Meets Mondays at 7pm in CLC 265.

COLLEGE CONNECTION

College Connection is a Sunday class for young adults looking to hang with friends and learn more about Jesus. Meets at 11am in MC 217.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

We believe growing in faith is a lifelong journey. Our Adult Discipleship ministry offers a wide variety of Sunday morning classes for every age and stage of life—whether you're single, married, a parent, or an empty nester. It's a great way to connect, learn, and build meaningful relationships.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

Explore a wide variety of Sunday studies at 9:45 and 11:15am, tailored by age, life stage, or special interests. We'd love to help you find the perfect fit! For a complete listing, visit groups.mdpc.org.

THE BIBLE FOR LIFE: 9:45 & 11:15AM

In fall 2025, your Adult Discipleship team is introducing some dynamic new content. The curricula will include two studies of Books of the Bible, and also *The Big Story* trio: *The Bible's Big Story*, *Theology's Big Story*, and the newest addition, *Christianity's Big Story*. These in-depth Bible studies are designed to equip participants with a comprehensive understanding of the Scriptures, looking at both the big picture and key subjects that shape the Christian faith. life.mdpc.org

WORD AND WORSHIP

Word and Worship is a Bible study running from September to March. Each week a trained teacher provides a lecture on the passage. Along with that, a curriculum book guides you through personal study while a small group component offers space to discuss things with others. wordandworship.mdpc.org

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES

AD offers a range of short-term Bible studies on Wednesday evenings. Subjects vary, as do the length of the studies, but the content is always designed to help you grow in your faith and knowledge of Scripture.

THE SPOKEN WORD

This is a beloved Holy Week tradition where our congregation reads the Bible aloud continuously from cover to cover. Participants sign up for 15-minute slots, creating a powerful reminder of the living Word at the heart of our faith. tw.mdpc.org



discipleship.mdpc.org





WOMEN'S MINISTRY

women.mdpc.org

MDPC Women's Ministry is all about helping women grow in faith, build authentic friendships, and live out their God-given purpose. From Bible studies and small groups to special events, retreats, and service opportunities, there's something for every woman—no matter your age or stage of life. It's a place to connect deeply with God and with other women who will walk alongside you through every season. Use the QR code to see upcoming events and opportunities.



THE WELL SPEAKER SERIES

Twice yearly, women gather for a special evening of connection and encouragement. The nights feature themed talks by MDPC women who open up about their own personal struggles, triumphs, and faith journeys.

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS

Each fall, Women's Ministry spreads holiday joy by supporting the siblings of students at Small Steps Nurturing Center. Participants purchase, wrap, and label three gifts for a designated child, then drop them off at the MDPC Front Office.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE

Each December, MDPC Women hosts a festive Christmas Coffee for women of all ages. Guests enjoy delicious homemade treats, warm fellowship, and a special performance by the delightful Yellow School Children's Choir. It's a joyful way to celebrate the season together!

MEN'S MINISTRY

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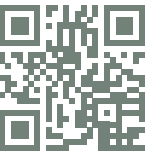
MDPC Men's Ministry exists to help men grow stronger in their faith, build meaningful friendships, and live out their calling as followers of Christ.

Through Bible studies, small groups, events, and service projects, men of all ages find encouragement, accountability, and practical ways to integrate faith into everyday life. It's a place to connect, learn, and make a real impact together.

Join us and discover how great it is to walk this journey alongside other men pursuing God's purpose!

MEN'S LIFE

Engaging thematic studies for men from fall to spring, with large-group teaching and small-group connections on Tuesday mornings.



MARRIAGE MINISTRY

marriage.mdpc.org



At MDPC, we’re passionate about helping couples build strong, Christ-centered marriages. Whether you’re engaged, newly married, or seasoned partners, our Marriage Ministry offers classes, groups, retreats, and resources to help you grow closer to God and each other. Let’s journey together toward lasting love and connection!

ANNUAL MARRIAGE RETREAT

Each fall, marriage experts Brett and Kellie Hurst lead a fun, inspiring weekend designed to help couples refresh and strengthen their relationship.

MARRIED LIFE PREP

These classes take place over two Saturdays and are for dating, engaged, and newly-married couples.

DINNER AND A MARRIAGE

Need a special date night? Join other couples at a nearby restaraunt for one of these fun events presented by Home Encouragement®.

WEDDINGS AT MDPC

Our gifted staff is committed to assisting you in preparing a special event that will glorify God, honor the families, and create a memorable event for all present.



CARE AND SUPPORT

caring.mdpc.org



At MDPC, we believe no one should face life’s challenges alone. Our Care and Support Ministries are here to walk alongside you with compassion, prayer, and practical help. Whether you’re navigating grief, illness, relationship struggles, or simply need someone to talk to, we’re here to offer hope and encouragement through a wide variety of services.

You matter to God—and you matter to us.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Our staff offers compassionate support in planning and carrying out memorial services for your loved one, providing guidance through each step, and helping to create a meaningful celebration of life.

SUPPORT PROGRAMS

MDPC’s Support Ministries exist to come alongside individuals and families during some of life’s most difficult seasons. Through grief support, caregiver and family support, and specialized dementia support, we offer a safe and compassionate space for sharing burdens and finding encouragement. Our Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-on-one Christian care to those walking through challenges such as illness, loss, or major life transitions. Additionally, our contact support team extends love and connection through thoughtful cards, calls, and texts—small gestures that offer meaningful reminders of God’s presence and the care of His people.

SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Our senior adult ministries are vibrant and active. Check out the opportunities at seniors.mdpc.org.





FIND A PLACE TO SERVE

outreach.mdpc.org

At MDPC, we believe faith comes alive when we serve others. We're blessed to partner with approximately 120 mission organizations locally and around the world, giving our congregation countless ways to make a difference. Whether it's helping the hungry in Houston, supporting global missions, or traveling on a mission trip, there's a place for you to serve and share God's love.



There are also plenty of ways to volunteer right here at MDPC—like teaching kids, greeting guests on the Welcome Team, helping with events, or supporting behind-the-scenes ministries. No matter your gifts or schedule, there's a way for you to get involved and be part of something meaningful.

JOIN AN OUTREACH COMMITTEE!

When you serve on an Outreach Committee, you will encounter God through the work of our partners as you play a crucial role in MDPC's radical generosity.

IMPACT MENTORING

Mentored youth show improved behavior, stronger friendships, and better grades. Invest your time as a mentor and make a lasting impact. Mentor training is provided.

JOIN US ON A MISSION TRIP!

Experience God at work as we visit, encourage, and serve alongside MDPC's global outreach partners. In 2025-26, there will be opportunities in Turkey, Greece, Egypt, and more.

KIDS' MEALS

On the second Wed of each month (4:30-6pm in Fellowship Hall), volunteers make sandwiches for pre-schoolers experiencing food insecurity. km.mdpc.org

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

wednesdays.mdpc.org

Wednesday nights are a great time to connect, grow, and recharge at MDPC! Join us for engaging programs for all ages—including kids' activities, student Life Groups, Bible studies, and fellowship opportunities. There's something for everyone, and it's the perfect midweek boost for your faith and friendships.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Come enjoy a delicious meal and great company at the MDPC Cafe! It's the perfect way to relax, connect with friends, and fuel up before evening activities. All ages are welcome and the weekly menu provides options for children, along with special family pricing. Food service hours: 5-7pm

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Our Sanctuary Choir leads worship at the 11:15 service year-round, pausing for a break in the summer. Rehearsals take place Wednesdays at 6pm in the Choir Room. Sing with us weekly or drop in whenever you're able!



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STUDENT LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups are where 6th-12th graders build deeper friendships, ask honest questions, and grow together in their faith journey. 7-8:30pm

BIBLE STUDY SERIES

Adult Discipleship offers a range of short-term Bible studies on Wednesday evenings, typically led by the AD teaching staff or trained lay people. Subjects vary, as do the length of the studies, but the content is always designed to help you grow in your faith and knowledge of Scripture.

REACH OUT...

Our MDPC Staff is here to help! If you have questions about any of the opportunities you’ve seen, or simply want to learn more about MDPC, feel free to reach out to one of our ministry contacts or Pastors.

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