

1. The church is not a building, it is a family united by a covenant

We are chosen in Christ to become members of the new covenant community, a covenant that God Himself guarantees and that unites us to Him and to one another (Galatians 3:26-29). In Christ every wall of hostility is torn down — nationality, race, language, status — and we find a new identity as brothers and sisters, sharing one Father.

2. Praise — a foretaste of heaven

As at Pentecost, when each person heard the wonders of God in their own language, at MDPC we praise in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, and Chinese. Our multicultural worship is no accident: it is a small foretaste of the multitude from “every nation, tribe, people, and language” gathered before the throne (Revelation 7:9).

3. Holy Communion — no one is left out

At the Lord’s Table, the Spirit unites us to Christ to nourish and transform us. There, rich and poor, citizen and immigrant alike, eat of the same bread and drink of the same cup. This commitment extends as well to our food pantry and kid’s meals which feed thousands every week.

4. Baptism — the covenant does not depend on our own strength

Baptism is a sign and seal of the covenant of grace: an infant who cannot turn to God, or a sick person in a hospital bed, are equally claimed and sustained by the family of faith that prays, visits, and cares. God’s covenant rests on His promise, not on our own strength.

5. Koinonia (fellowship) sends us out as God’s hands in the world

The fellowship we share with one another — from children playing together to mutual discipline in love — does not stay within the walls of the church. It sends us out as ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20), with more than 100 mission partners, to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8).

Financial Update as of July 19, 2026

2026 Annual Budget	\$ 14,728,728
Actual Income to Date	7,311,548
Needed to Meet 2026 Budget	7,417,180

Births and Deaths

Bob Lehman passed away July 16.
Gwen Lilliot passed away July 21.
More information at memorials.mdpc.org .





Online Giving give.mdpc.org



All Events events.mdpc.org

MAM Back to School Drive

Sun, Aug 2-23
Your donations will allow local parents to shop for uniforms and other school essentials so their children can begin the new school year ready to thrive! Learn more or donate: mambts.mdpc.org

Men’s Night at HRC

Tue, Aug 4 | 6:30-9pm | Houston Racquet Club
Men, invite your buddies to join us for another fun night out, with Astros on the big screen, Tex-Mex, beer, and great fellowship. Come be part of the excitement! \$20/person includes food and drink. Registration: mensnight.mdpc.org

Transforming Grief

Wed, Aug 19-Oct 7 | 4-5:30pm
Join others in an 8-week program based on the curriculum Walking the Mourner’s Path. Group size is limited to 10. Trained facilitators guide the group. Learn more and register: grief.mdpc.org

Dad’s Pickleball Social

Sat, Aug 22 | 8-11:30am | MDPC Courts
Kick off the fall with a relaxed morning of pickleball, connection, and fun. This low-key hangout is a great chance to meet other dads in a similar stage of life, enjoy some friendly games, and start building new friendships: social.mdpc.org

Word and Worship

Weekly, Sep 2026-Feb 2027
Grow deeper in your faith through the book of Daniel. It contains some of the stories we are most familiar with, but also many others that are often neglected - this study will cover all of them! Many day and time options for groups. Learn more and register: wandw.mdpc.org

Ladies Bingo Night

Thu, Sep 10 | 5:30-8:30pm | MDPC
Get ready for a night of fun, laughter, and connection with women of all ages at MDPC! Unwind, meet new friends, and enjoy 10 exciting rounds of bingo—complete with great prizes and a grand prize finale: bingo.mdpc.org

MomCo: Good Company

Every other Thu, Sep 10-Apr 29 | 9:30-11:30am
Calling all moms looking for community, encouragement, and a sense of belonging! Whether you’re navigating diapers, school drop-offs, or somewhere in between, you’ll find women who understand. Plus, enjoy free childcare while you connect, laugh, and recharge: momco.mdpc.org

Men’s Life: Finding Your True Identity

Tue, Sep 15-Nov 17 | 6:30-7:45am
In Men’s Life 2026, we’ll discover who you already are in Christ and learn to live from the identity God has given you—not the one the world tries to assign. Learn more and register: ml.mdpc.org

ECO Theological Conference

Mon-Wed, Sep 21-23 | MDPC
What if some of Christianity’s oldest errors are still shaping our thinking today? Join students of the faith from across the nation for engaging presentations that connect the past with the present. Details and registration: theologyconf.mdpc.org

Young Adults Fall Retreat

Fri, Oct 2 at 4pm-Sun, Oct 4 at 1pm
Join other young professionals for a relaxing week-end in Caldwell, Texas, at a beautiful farmhouse tucked away in the countryside. Learn more and register: yaevents.mdpc.org





8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

GATHERING

Call to Worship Clay Brown

*Songs of Praise *All Creatures of Our God and King | Here I Am to Worship*

Confession & Assurance Riley McDaniel

Prayer Clay Brown

Worship Song *Holy Forever*

HEARING THE WORD

Message **God Gathers: Family of the New Covenant** Guillermo Yela
1 Peter 2:9-10 and Ephesians 2:11-22 (NRSV)

RESPONDING

Offertory *Oh How Good to Be Together*

SENDING

*Benediction Guillermo Yela

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9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

GATHERING

Call to Worship Michael Middleton

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Welcome Sally Henien

Worship Song *Holy Forever*

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11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

GATHERING

Prelude *Oh How Good to Be Together* arr. Sauers, Ranheim

Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Crowder

*Confession and Assurance of Pardon Amy Delgado

*Affirmation of Faith from The Apostles' Creed

*Congregational Response *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

HEARING THE WORD

Anthem of Preparation *Holy Forever* arr. Tomlin

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RESPONDING

*Anthem of Response *Holy Forever* arr. Tomlin

Prayer Amy Delgado

Offertory *Here I Am to Worship* arr. Hughes

SENDING

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #592 | OLD 100TH

*Benediction Guillermo Yela

Postlude *Here I Am to Worship* arr. Hughes

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*Please stand, if comfortable.

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Remember Our Frontline Mission Partners

MDPC partners in local and global ministry truly covet your prayers! Find out this week's prayer recipients by picking up the prayer booklet available around campus or visit partners.mdpc.org.