

This message reminds us that the church becomes fully alive not through buildings, plans, or human strength alone, but through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. As you reflect on Pentecost and the examples of faithful people and ministries in the message, consider where God may be interrupting, renewing, and sending you.

1. What stands out to you most in Acts 2:1–41, and what does it reveal about the work of the Holy Spirit?
2. As you consider Peter’s sermon and the people’s response, what speaks to you most? Have you called on the name of the Lord, as described in verse 21? And when was the last time you were “cut to the heart,” as the people were in verse 37?
3. Where have you seen a person, church, or ministry move from being a “shell” to becoming alive again?
4. Why can a movement of God become a “museum”? What helps a church or organization stay rooted in its calling while responding to new needs?
5. Which example in the message—Moses, Nehemiah, Mary, William Carey, or William Wilberforce—speaks most directly to you, and why? Is there a contemporary example that challenges, inspires, or reshapes your thinking?
6. Where might God be calling you to become more open, available, and expectant? What could one faithful “yes” look like this week?





Online Giving

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All Events

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Children’s Choir

Sundays, 12:30-2:30pm | Choir Room

Children ages 5-10 are welcome to join Children’s Choir! In a fun and encouraging Christian environment, children will learn music, grow in their faith, and share the joy of singing with others. Learn more: childrenschoir.mdpc.org

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

The Well

Thu, Oct 15 | 6:30pm | Chapel

Join us for a night of encouragement and testimony as women share how God stepped into their stories, redirected their paths, and revealed His perfect plan. Light refreshments at 6pm in the Parlor. Our speakers are Ruth Jacob, Lisa McChristian, and Ciria Yela. RSVP: thewell.mdpc.org

Marriage Retreat

Sat-Sun, Oct 17-18 | Moody Gardens Resort

Enjoy a fun and intentional weekend together focused on your married life! Led by Brett and Kellie Hurst. Register: marriageretreat.mdpc.org

Sharing the BIG Story

Sun, Oct 4-Nov 8 | 11:15am | Summit Room

Sharing the Big Story of the gospel doesn’t have to be Big and Scary. This six-week class will equip you with simple, practical skills for sharing the love of Christ with others in a way that aligns with how God created you. Learn more: sharing.mdpc.org

Aging Roadmap

Thursdays, Oct 29, Nov 5 & 12 | 1-3pm | Rm 122

The key to aging well is planning your aging journey. This free, 3-week, 2 hours per week program will help you determine your next steps! Details and registration: roadmap.mdpc.org

Youth Connection

Every Sunday | 11:15am-12:15 pm

Students come together for fellowship, teaching, and worship. Middle and high school meet separately. All ages, come to the Youth Loft upstairs in the CLC and we’ll get you sorted!

Adults 55+ Fellowship

Dinners, lunches, fellowship events, and get-togethers over games and puzzles. All adults 55+ are welcome! Find details on all activities at adults55plus.mdpc.org.



You’re Invited to

ALL-CHURCH LUNCH

Sun, Oct 4 | 11am-1pm

Fellowship Hall



Join your church family after services for lunch on the first Sunday of each month!

Pricing and menu: ACL.mdpc.org





WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Wednesdays, 5-7pm

Menu: wnd.mdpc.org



If you’re attending one of our fall programs for kids, youth, and adults on Wednesdays, we hope you’ll join us for dinner. Or just come for the food and fellowship!



As you enter worship, we kindly ask that you silence your cell phones.

8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

GATHERING

Call to Worship		Meliza Gómez
*Songs of Praise	Here for You King of Kings	
Confession & Assurance		Matthew Adair
Song of Response	10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)	
Prayer		Christyn Knoop
Worship Song	Holy Spirit	

HEARING THE WORD

Message	Interrupted & Sent: The Church Before the Building Power, Not Just Plans (Acts 2:1-41 NRSV)	Alf Halvorson
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RESPONDING

Song of Response	Spirit of the Living God
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SENDING

*Benediction	Alf Halvorson
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9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

GATHERING

Call to Worship		Meliza Gómez
*Songs of Praise	Here for You King of Kings	
Confession & Assurance		Miah Collins
Worship Songs	Who Else Holy Spirit	

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Introduction of 2026 Outreach Partners	Amy Delgado
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Blended and Contemporary Worship Leaders
MDPC Worship Team: Uvaldo Callejas, David Cavazos, Tim Hughes, Asher Pudlo, Will Story, Angel Uribe, Fernie Uribe | Meliza Gómez, Contemporary Worship Director

*Please stand, if comfortable.

11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

GATHERING

Preludes	Prelude and Waltz from Five Pieces for Two Violins and Piano	Dmitri Shostakovich (1906-1975)
Call to Worship		Brett Hurst
Choral Introit	All the Earth Will Worship	Tom Fettke (b. 1941)
*Hymn of Praise	All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Vs. 1, 4	#142 CORONATION
*Confession and Assurance of Pardon		Amy Delgado
*Affirmation of Faith from New City Catechism		
Anthem of Preparation	Send Down the Fire	arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)
Introduction of 2026 Outreach Partners		Amy Delgado
*Hymn of Preparation	Spirit of the Living God Vs. 1	#322 LIVING GOD

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RESPONDING

*Hymn of Response	Breathe on Me, Breath of God Vs. 1, 4	#316 TRENTHAM
Prayer		Brett Hurst
Anthem of Preparation	Veni Sancte Spiritus	W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

SENDING

*Doxology	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	#592 OLD 100TH
*Benediction		Alf Halvorson
Postlude	Allegro Maestoso from Sonata IV	Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Traditional Worship Leaders
Cassandra Black, Megan Berti, Chris Childress, Josh Thomas; quartet
Miriam Belyatsky, Mila Neal; violinists | Kathryn White, organist/pianist
Sanctuary Choir | Charles Hausmann, Traditional Worship Director

*Please stand, if comfortable.

MORE WAYS TO CONNECT

Legacy Grandparenting Summit

Join other Christian grandparents at our neighbor Christ Presbyterian on Fri, Oct 9 for a day of wisdom, hope, practical resources, and community. Discover tools and encouragement for building a spiritual legacy that reaches generations to come! [LGS.mdpc.org](https://lgs.mdpc.org)

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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.

Financial Update as of Sep 20, 2026

2026 Annual Budget	\$ 14,728,728
Actual Income to Date	9,497,816
Needed to Meet 2026 Budget	5,230,912