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| WELCOME                                       |                        |             |
| *SONGS OF PRAISE                              |                        |             |
| *PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON |                        | Beth Case   |
| SERVICE OF ELDER ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION  |                        |             |
| GIFTS OF GRATITUDE                            |                        |             |
| MESSAGE                                       | The Call to Engagement | Dave Steane |
| RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE                        |                        |             |

9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

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| WORSHIP INVITATION                           |                        |              |
| SERVICE OF ELDER ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION |                        |              |
| PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE           |                        | Laura Miller |
| MESSAGE                                      | The Call to Engagement | Dave Steane  |
| GIFTS OF GRATITUDE                           |                        |              |

Musicians in these services: Meliza Gómez and Michael Middleton, worship leaders; Daniel Amaya, bass; Daniel Martinez, keys; Asher Pudlo, drums

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL

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| PRELUDE                                        | Meditation for Organ             | George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)       |
| WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP                    |                                  |                                       |
| CHORAL INTROIT                                 | Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring      | J.S. Bach (1685-1750)                 |
| *HYMN OF PRAISE                                | Rejoice, the Lord Is King        | #155; Vs. 1, 2, 3   DARWALL's 148TH   |
| *PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE            |                                  | Beth Case                             |
| *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Apostles' Creed |                                  |                                       |
| ANTHEM                                         | Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart        | arr. Mark Hayes (b.1953)              |
| SERVICE OF ELDER ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION   |                                  |                                       |
| HYMN OF RESPONSE                               | Here I Am, Lord                  | #525; Vs. 1   Daniel Schutte (b.1947) |
| OFFERTORY                                      | The Call of Wisdom               | Will Todd (b.1970)                    |
| MESSAGE                                        | The Call to Engagement           | Dave Steane                           |
| *CLOSING HYMN                                  | O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing | #466; Vs. 1, 3   AZMON                |
| POSTLUDE                                       | Rondeau                          | Jean-Joseph Mouret (1682-1738)        |

Musicians in this service: Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organ; Sanctuary Choir



**ECO All City Worship & Prayer**  
Sister ECO congregations MDPC, First Presbyterian, and Grace Presbyterian come together for an evening of contemporary worship and prayer for our church homes and city as we begin the New Year. Join us!  
**Today, 5:00-6:30 PM | Sanctuary**

**Second-Sunday Supper**  
All-Church Lunch moves to second Sundays! The first menu of the year offers Pork Ribeye or Cod with sides.  
**Next Sunday, January 13 | 11:00 AM-1:00 PM**  
Menu and more: [food.mdpc.org](http://food.mdpc.org)

**Outreach Committees Need You!**  
We're seeking 18 volunteers to join the five subcommittees. When you serve on one of these local or global teams, you have the privilege of seeing God at work through the work of our ministry partners. Between February and September, you'll learn about, pray with, and participate in annual reviews of the ministry partners. Meet monthly to report on the reviews, make recommendations for funding support, and vote, and these are sent to Session for approval.  
*If you feel God calling you to serve in Outreach, email Stan Simmons (cssimmons49@gmail.com) for details.*

**B90: Read the Bible in 2019**  
Read 12 pages a day starting January 1, and meet once a week for support and encouragement. This could be the best new year's resolution you'll ever make.  
**Classes begin today**  
*Details: [b90.mdpc.org](http://b90.mdpc.org)*

**Men's Basketball**  
Hey men! Looking for a way to work off those extra holiday pounds? MDPC's forming teams for Friday evening games. \$450/team or \$45/individual. Participants provide a team jersey or T-shirt with a number.  
**Games: Fridays, January 11-March 8**  
*Register through January 11: [sports.mdpc.org](http://sports.mdpc.org)*

**MDPC Engineering-YA Meet n' Greet**  
Young Adult Ministry invites all the engineers at MDPC to an intergenerational meet 'n greet. Whether you're actively working in engineering or have it as a background field of work or study, come on out!  
**Thursday, Jan. 17 | 5:30-7:00 PM | Seasons 52**  
*RSVP or questions, email Christyn: [cknoop@mdpc.org](mailto:cknoop@mdpc.org)*

**Gulf Coast Brass Concert**  
Made up of top brass professionals in the Houston area, Gulf Coast Brass will make its debut concert as a group at MDPC. If you love the sound of brass, this is a must-hear concert. The group will perform exciting works with organist Kathryn White and the Sanctuary Choir.  
**Sunday, January 27 | 6:00 PM | Sanctuary**  
*More on MDPC's Concert Series: [concerts.mdpc.org](http://concerts.mdpc.org)*

**Marriage, Fidelity, and Sexual Sin**  
Author and speaker Dr. Harry Schaumburg is a counselor specializing in the area of sexual sin in the church. He is the director of Stone Gate Resources and the author of *False Intimacy: Understanding the Struggle of Sexual Addiction and Undeified: Redemption from Sexual Sin, Restoration for Broken Relationships*.  
**Wednesday, February 13 | 7:00 PM**  
*Part of MDPC's Justice Initiative: [justice.mdpc.org](http://justice.mdpc.org)*

**2019 Church in the City**  
The entire MDPC family will again serve together on a Sunday morning at Houston Food Bank!  
**Sunday, February 24**  
*Register today: [citc.mdpc.org](http://citc.mdpc.org)*

**Youth Baseball, Softball, and Volleyball**  
Baseball and softball is for boys and girls in pre-K to 6th grade. Volleyball is for girls in 4th through 8th grade who are not in club volleyball.  
**All practices begin the week of March 18.**  
**Games: Saturdays, March 23-May 18**  
**\$120 includes jersey, pictures, & medal or trophy**  
*Register by February 17: [sports.mdpc.org](http://sports.mdpc.org)*

**This week, please pray for these MDPC ministry partners:**

**A 2nd Cup** is a community coffee shop raising awareness, holding strategic meetings with other anti-trafficking groups, and eventually providing aftercare resources for survivors of human trafficking. [a2ndcup.com](http://a2ndcup.com)

**Agape Development Ministries** prepares young adults age 18 to 30 for success in life, working to stop the cycle of poverty from continuing to the next generation. Mentors, job training, and transitional housing equip clients to attain financial health and the life skills necessary for success. [agapedevelopment.org](http://agapedevelopment.org)

**MDPC Field Partners Rev. Andrew & Teri Adair** launched missionary-sending agency The Antioch Partners (TAP) in 2007 to train and equip Presbyterian cross-cultural servants. TAP's goals are to see people become followers of Jesus and to foster the formation of worshipping communities among the unreached. [theantiochpartners.org](http://theantiochpartners.org)

**The White Rose is in memory of MDPC members**

- Dick Humphrey, who passed away December 22, 2018.
- Dorothy Homeyer, who passed away December 23, 2018.

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE**

This week's Financial Update will be shared this morning from the chancel.



Sunday, January 6, 2019

# 2021 New Elder Installation

Elders play a vital role in the ministries and administration of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church. Today, we install 15 new Elders to MDPC Session. Please pray for energy, wisdom, and discernment as they help guide us through the next three years and beyond.



**Robert Casteel**

Outreach | Local (2-year term)

Robert is the proud husband to Tami and father to two daughters, Emerson and Berit, both in college, and son, Ian, in high school. Robert, Tami, and family have been MDPC members for about 12 years and all have been active in the church body. Robert's parents were two Baptist missionaries and he grew up trusting God's direction as a matter of family essence. He accepted Christ as his Savior at age 13 and has been growing his personal relationship with our risen Lord ever since. Robert served on Session previously in Equipping Ministries and has been serving for the last two years as a lay person in Outreach. Robert

is accepting the call to serve as Elder for Outreach, expanding on a passion to humbly do God's work in and outside the Church. He co-leads an MDPC Youth Life Group and has been rewarded immensely in the process. He also has been active in Boy Scouts, leading and assisting for nine years. Robert is employed as a technology sales executive.



**Betsy Farver**

Caring | Visitation

Betsy Chalmers Farver has been a member of MDPC for 25 years and has two adult children who grew up participating in MDPC Youth programs. Betsy has worked in residential real estate as an Independent Real Estate Broker for five years, after a 12-year career with John Daugherty Realtors. She also is a Property Tax Arbitrator settling disputes between homeowners and the Harris County Appraisal District. Betsy accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at a young age and feels that MDPC has strengthened her walk with Christ though the Quest Sunday School Class, MDPC Childhood Hunger Task Force, Home Visitation Ministry, and Branches Ministry. She participates in Partners in Prayer and served as an Outreach Elder from 2010 to 2012. She will be serving as the Home Visitation Elder and has met some wonderful members who can no longer come to our church services. It has been such a blessing to get to know them, to be a connection between MDPC and them, and to show the love that MDPC has for them.



**Christine Gentil**

Youth | Discipleship

Christine is a happy mom of three children, Maddie (17), Carson (15), and Ethan (12), and has been married to husband, Jeff, for 21 years. After starting their family in Portland, Oregon, they moved to Houston and have attended MDPC for 7 years. Christine attended Southwestern University as an undergraduate and then U.T. for her Masters in Social Work. She worked in the geriatric field as a social worker, but left her career 17 years ago to become a full-time mom. Christine's faith in Jesus Christ has always been a part of her life. She is excited to be a Youth Elder to not only be a part of something that will help her own children

grow, but to also have an impact on the youth of MDPC. This is a responsibility she does not take lightly. Christine also knows serving as an Elder will help fuel her fire for Jesus. She looks forward to forming new relationships and assisting with decision making that affects the direction of the Youth program.



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**Mary Lee Going**

Clerk Elect-elect

In 1958, Mary Lee's family joined MDPC, where she was confirmed and married. She and Walter delight in their two amazing sons, two gifted daughters-in-law, and five precious grandchildren. Mary Lee is an organizer, teacher, and writer. As a Certified Christian Educator, she served many churches guiding the educational ministry for preschool, elementary, youth, & adults. She served as the 2011 Moderator of Presbytery, elder, and member of various committees of Presbytery and Session. She was the Co-Teaching Leader of BSD, taught Sunday Schools and group gatherings, and even preached. As an author, she wrote seasonal devotional guides, curriculum for all ages, Mo-Ranch programs, Preschool Chapel, "We Believe" elementary curriculum, and several books including *Let Your Heart Grow: A Devotional Guide*. Mary Lee believes in the necessity of worship, prayer, Bible study, and caring for others. She trusts that our staff and session are called by God and given the gifts needed to lead MDPC in the years to come and looks forward to helping coordinate the work of the many ministries and committees of Session.



**Amy Harrington**

Personnel Elder Elect-elect

Amy Harrington is married to Clint Harrington, whom she met and married at MDPC. Together they have five children: Molly (27), Hank (19), Hannah (17), Robby (16), and Scotty (11). Amy cannot remember a time when she did not believe that Jesus Christ is her Lord and Savior. She was baptized at 7 years old at the First Baptist Church of Humble, Texas, where she attended with her parents, sister, aunts, uncles, and numerous cousins. In addition to personal devotion times, she enjoys teaching and being an active member of Daily Bread Sunday School class, and has served on the Women's Ministry Committee for the past four years. Amy graduated from Texas A&M University and University of Houston Law Center and currently practices law as a civil litigator. Amy is passionate about college football and enjoys watching her beloved Aggies, win, lose, or draw. Amy is looking forward to serving as the Personnel Elder and feels her experience in the recruiting industry and legal field supports her calling to the personnel elder position.



**Dick Harris**

Caring | Vision & Planning

Dick and his wife, Carol, have been active members of MDPC since 1983. He is the proud father of five wonderful children and their families that include 12 very special grandkids. While Dick was raised in the church, his deep personal relationship with Jesus evolved from his time with Bible Study Fellowship and the Young Life Foundation when he was in his 40s. Dick has been active at MDPC serving as an Elder twice, on two Pastor Nominating Committees (PNCs), and a short time on staff as Director of Global Missions. Over the years, he has been very active in other ministries including Faith Ministry, Young Life, Cursillo/Pilgrimage, WorkFaith Connection, Bible in 90 Days, Stoney Creek Ranch, and Urban Outreach. In his work life, Dick was a business executive with companies in several different businesses with the last being the insurance industry. Having just served on the PNC that brought Beth Case to MDPC, Dick is excited about helping define the vision and plans to take Caring Ministries to a new level.



**Marsha Hartsell**

Outreach | Global

Marsha first became a deacon in her hometown Presbyterian church in Schererville, Indiana. She joined MDPC in November 1992. BSD and her covenant group have been an important part of Marsha's faith journey. Already a member of the Global Outreach Committee, she is looking forward to serving as Outreach Elder. Previously Marsha served as a Worship & Music Elder. She attends the Tuesday Morning Bible Study, is a member of the Pathways Sunday School Class, and is a trained facilitator for Walking the Mourner's Path Workshop. Monday mornings find her at Housman Elementary School tutoring second graders. She regularly helps out on the second Wednesday of the month making sandwiches for Kids' Meals. She recently took up knitting needles to be a part of our Knitting for Missions group. She is married to Don Hartsell and they have two grown daughters, Lauren and Olivia.



**Grant Hixson**

Outreach | Local

Grant Hixson is a native Oklahoman and has lived in Houston since 1992. He is married to Rebecca Hixson. They have been members of MDPC for two years. Grant is employed by Radius Pharma as a Clinical Specialist and Rebecca is a Licensed Professional Counselor with Houston Attachment and Trauma Center. Both enjoy volunteering for MDPC Ministries, house projects, and reading.



**Melanie Jaeger**

Children's | Elementary (2-year term)

Melanie Jaeger began her church life at MDPC when she was baptized in 1975. She was confirmed here and, following graduation from Texas A&M, she returned to teach Pre-school Sunday School for many years. Melanie married her husband, Chris, at MDPC in 2008. Their pride and joy, Carson, was born in 2011. Playing baseball in the front lawn and swimming in their pool is where you will find them most days. She also enjoys exercising and her weekly participation in Word & Worship. Prior to being a stay-at-home mom, Melanie was a fourth-grade ELA teacher in Sugar Land, where she currently resides with her family. She is passionate about spreading God's love to the children at MDPC through her continuous participation in Summer Celebration. Melanie believes that a strong Christian foundation is created early on and looks forward to sharing God's word with all of His children.



**Marcus Jones**

Treasurer Elect-elect

MDPC has been Marcus' only church home. He was baptized here as an adult in 1989, married Patty here in 1990, and was privileged to baptize his daughter, Cristen (25), here in 1994. Through the years, Marcus has served in many ministry areas within the church, as a Bible teacher; high school youth volunteer and confirmation leader; as Elder of Men's Ministry during the formation and first three years of the MEN'S LIFE program (2003-2005); and a member of the adult Christian education ("ACE"), finance, strategic planning, local outreach, and Elder/Pastor nominating committees. Marcus is a CPA and a Project Management Professional and has spent most of his career as a financial executive in professional services firms. He recently changed industries and is now with a Permian Basin upstream E&P company. Marcus received his Master of Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary in 2013, just completed a four-year term as the Treasurer of the Houston Chapter of Financial Executives International, and is now looking forward to serving on the MDPC Session as the Treasurer Elect-elect.



**Nancy Kimmey**

Caring | Memorial Services

MDPC has been Nancy's church home for nearly 50 years. She is a mother of four, stepmother to three, and grandmother to seven. Her four children were all confirmed at MDPC and two of them married here. Nancy and her late husband, Bill, were married in the Chapel in 1957. Nancy started her career as a social worker, taught school for eight years, and then owned and operated two 2nd Debut Consignment shops for 23 years. She has been an active volunteer all of her years at MDPC with her favorites being teaching a children's Sunday School class, eight years with HUG, and the past few years with The Gathering. She is now grateful and eager for the opportunity to exercise her faith and pursue the call to serve the church as an Elder for Caring Ministries.



**David Michels**

Generosity

David Michels is married to Ashley, and they have three children: Kate (12), Brinklee (10), and Chase (7). David was raised Catholic, but began worshipping at MDPC after college and has been a member for 12 years. All three of his children were baptized at MDPC. David works in corporate finance for Kinder Morgan. He served on the MDPC pastor nominating committee, which helped fill two associate pastor positions and a director position during 2017, volunteers in Children's Ministries as a Sunday school teacher, leads a Rock Solid Bible study class at Wilchester Elementary, and is involved in multiple faith-based small groups. While he continues to grow in his faith, God is core to his goals as a husband, father, and friend. He is excited and motivated to take God's direction to meet the challenges presented in the role of Generosity Elder.



**Malinn Saxe**

Equipping Ministries | Speaker Series

Malinn Saxe has been married to Sandy for 44 years, and they have three sons and daughters-in-love, along with the joy of her life, 10 grandchildren. Malinn and Sandy lived in Kingwood for 30 years, where they raised their sons. As the boys graduated from college, married, began their careers – they all landed in this area of Houston. Malinn found herself driving the two-hour round trip drive several times a week, with a desire to be an active part of her grandchildren's lives. She and Sandy made the decision to move closer to their family. Malinn accepted Christ as Savior as a teenager, but did not totally surrender her life to Him until her mid-20s. The past 40 years, she has been involved in growing her faith, studying His Word, being active in a church, and leaning on His grace for her strengths and her weaknesses. Malinn has fallen in love with MDPC – as a new member of only 1 ½ years – and is honored and humbled to serve Him as an Elder.



**Maureen Singleton**

Worship and Music

Maureen Singleton is blessed with a wonderful, loving family: her husband, David; their son, Robert, and his wife, Shelly; and David and Maureen's two granddaughters, Shannon and Connie. Having been a member of MDPC since 1976 when she and David moved into the area, Maureen is grateful for all that it offers to strengthen our relationship with Jesus Christ, grow our faith, and provide opportunities to serve our neighbors. Through the years, she has been involved in various Bible studies and Sunday school classes, Partners in Prayer, Venturers, Prime Timers, Impact Mentoring, and other activities and service opportunities at the church. Maureen is a founding partner in the law firm of Thompson & Horton, which focuses on representation of public and private schools and colleges and governmental and quasi-governmental entities. Maureen is humbled and honored to serve as a Worship and Music Elder at MDPC and will prayerfully follow God's guidance as she serves.

Second  
SUNDAY SUPPERS

FIRST Sunday Lunch  
is moving to  
SECOND Sundays!  
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## The Call to Engagement

Luke 4:14-22

Dave Steane preaching

A highlight of MDPC's first Sunday of the year is the privilege to ordain and install a new class of Elders. This is an important time for our congregation and for the men and women who have been elected to serve as leaders in this community of faith.

The focus today is on the issues of *calling* and *mission*. Our biblical text for this message is Luke 4:14-22, which reveals some important insights to how Jesus understood His calling and mission. The essence of Christian leadership is the call to follow the example of Jesus Christ, and to be faithful to fulfilling His mission.

1. As Luke chapter four begins, Jesus successfully endured a 40-day temptation by the devil. Despite the lies and attacks of the evil one, Jesus maintained fidelity to His character and calling, and repeatedly rebuked the devil by quoting scripture. What are some areas in your life where you have felt temptation? How have you responded? How has scripture been used during these times?
2. Luke 4:14-15 says that Jesus returned to Galilee (the region in which He grew up) and taught in the synagogues (neighborhood churches). Verse 15 concludes that Jesus was *praised by all*. Clearly Jesus was known by the people and they had high regard for Him and His teaching. How important is it for you to have a personal connection to someone who teaches or preaches? Why?
3. In verse 16, Jesus moved to a synagogue in Nazareth (His hometown) and read from Isaiah 61:1-2. Once again, we see the importance Jesus placed on scripture. What do you believe about the scriptures? How do you view their authority? How is your life shaped by their teaching?
4. In verse 18, Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me." The Holy Spirit is essential to understanding our calling and mission. We usually fail miserably when we try to do ministry on our own power. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit in your life? What does being filled with the Holy Spirit mean for you? How can you be more open to the Holy Spirit's influence?
5. In quoting Isaiah, Jesus outlined His mission: *Preach the gospel to the poor, Proclaim release to the captives, Recover sight to the blind, Set free the oppressed, and Proclaim the favorable year of the Lord*. How are these part of your life and faith? How do you see these being active at MDPC?
6. Identify one lesson or principle from this passage and determine a plan to implement it into your life.

