

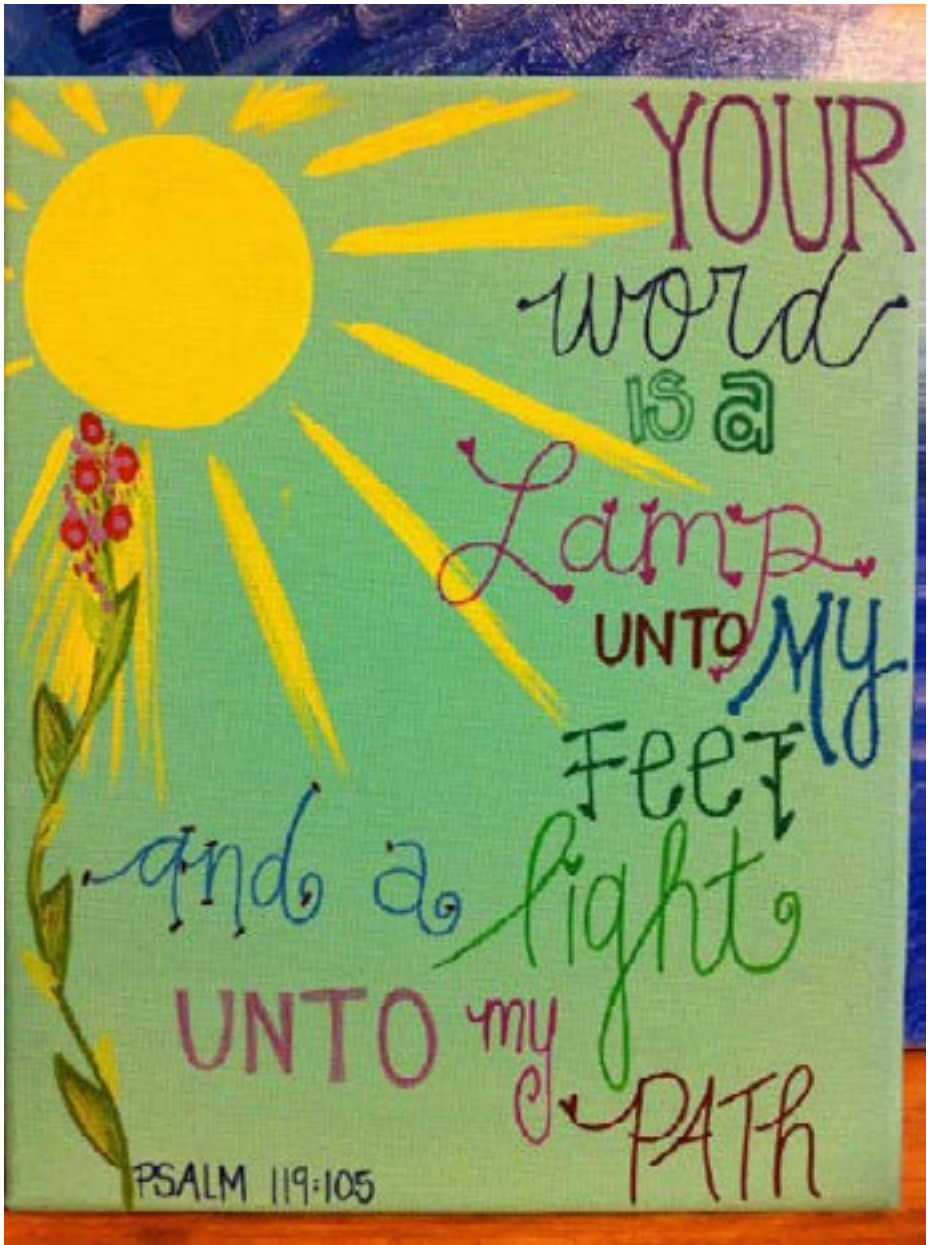
GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH

“A light by the lakeshore”

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

AUGUST 16, 2020 | WORSHIP 9AM

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Order of Service for the Worship of God

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CARILLON PRELUDE- Pavane

Geo Clement

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God has shown us what is good and what God requires of us:

Many: **To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.**

One: Let us worship God in truth and in a spirit of love!

OPENING HYMN 32-I Sing the Mighty Power of God
(see bulletin pg.14)

Tune: Ellacombe

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

Our prayer of confession is followed by a time for silent confession.

All: **We are precious in your sight, O God, yet we forget that all of us without exception are your beloved ones. Our love is fickle and erratic, with our selfish concerns dictating our decisions. We deny the ways we harm others and alienate your world. Help us understand the pain we cause others, to have our hearts broken by our complicity, and to desire an amendment to our actions that brings reconciliation and mercy. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us to one another, and bless us with your peace.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

One: Amen. Beloved, God forgives your sins and sets you on a path of transformation. Live into God's grace and be at peace to love God and serve the world.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO FAITHFULNESS-Love the Lord Your God *Tune: Great Commandment*
We affirm our faithfulness to God by singing Hymn 62, the "Great Commandment."

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Love the Lord your God with all your soul.

Love the Lord your God with all your mind.

Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: Enlightening God, the unfolding of your Word gives light and provides wisdom to all who seek your truth. Open our minds and hearts by the presence of your Holy Spirit, that we may discern the paths that lead to justice, mercy, and true life.

All: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

OLD TESTAMENT READING-Deuteronomy 6:10-12

After each reading:

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM-Shepherd Me, O God

Marty Haugen

OLD TESTAMENT READING-Exodus 20:1-3

SERMON-Choose Carefully the God Who Has Carefully Chosen You

Mark Diehl

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO OFFERINGS OF SELF AND GIFTS

For those who are able, we are grateful for your continued offerings to our ministries. You can donate online using the "Secure Donation Form" link on our website's front page. Your contributions are so important at this time.

DUET-Sound the Trumpet

Henry Purcell

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The liturgist will bless the elements and then invite you to partake, knowing that the Spirit unites you with our Lord, our church community, and with Christians around the world as we share this sacred moment in new ways.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

BLESSING OF THE BREAD

BLESSING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

CLOSING HYMN 611- Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
(see bulletin pg.15)

Tune: Hymn to Joy

BENEDICTION

CARILLON POSTLUDE-A Mighty Fortress Martin Luther, arr. Sally Slade Warner

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WELCOME TO GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH

We are a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and one of its growing congregations. As a multi-generational community of faith, we are pleased to offer a host of ministries that respond to the varied interests of our members and friends. **We give thanks to God that you joined us today and we pray you will receive a sense of God's loving Spirit from your time with us.** No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

A Sermon Series for This Moment in Time (updated 8/16/20)

This moment in history demands us to dig deeper and engage in disciplines long neglected. And some of us are unearthing resources abandoned and lost in the chaos of prosperous and healthier times. Hopefully in this time of isolation, you have reconnected more closely with some family members or friends, with reading or music or art, with the beauty of nature or warmth of the sun on your face or the coolness of breeze at your back.

One of the valuable treasures of Jewish and Christian faiths is the prominence given to scripture: it is often referred to as the word or words of God. For some, the "word of God" denotes demand and restriction; for others it connotes challenge and courage; still for others it conveys reassurance and comfort and succor. One perspective highlighted in Jewish scripture is God's word, God's Torah or Law, as that which leads the faithful into wisdom and understanding and knowledge.

Our theme for the fall program year of 2020 is "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Ps 119:105). When faith communities attend God's word by reading and studying and meditating on its meaning and significance, and implement its wisdom, those communities are led to wholeness and fulfillment, righteousness and peace.

The focus of sermons in worship through the end of October will sharpen that theme centering on the Decalogue or the "Ten Words," otherwise known as the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17). While the series is based on Mark Diehl's book *God of Deliverance and Transformation: The Ten Commandments for the Twenty-First Century*, purchasing or reading the book is not necessary in order to benefit from the series. Mark is providing a study guide for the congregation to use during the series which can be found and downloaded from GPMC's website. You are encouraged to read the scripture and engage the questions from each week's study prior to the sermon. This week will be Study #2. All sermons will be recorded and broadcast at 9 am on Sundays, and can be found on the website or our YouTube channel.

ABOUT WORSHIP AT GPMC

Leading and Assisting in Worship: Mark Diehl, Sarah Godbehere, Susan Mozena, Lisa Turner; The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Virtual Choir; James Biery, organist; Michelle Lam, carillonist; Kayla Williams, mezzo-soprano, and Dan Aggas, baritone; Joe Masinick and Nathan Turner, worship service production.

What's Happening Today, August 16, 2020

9am Worship Service Pre-Recorded (Livestreamed)
10:15am Mission Study Team via Zoom
4pm Food Drive-Thru
5pm Worship Service Trinity Terrace by Reservation

Weekly Livestreamed Services will be available on GPMC's Website.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children's Sermons: This summer during Sunday morning worship, the children's sermons have been based on different themes from the Bible. This month the stories will center around animals. Each week in the "Families First" email, activities and faith questions will be available for families to download and to do prior to the service. This weekly email is available to all members of the congregation. If you would like to receive it, please contact Lisa Turner at lturner@gpmchurch.org to sign up.

LIFE & TUXIS youth groups for middle school and high school students have their final meetings for the summer this Tuesday, August 18 at 7pm. LIFE will be welcoming our incoming 5th and 6th graders to the youth ministry with a Waterworks extravaganza! Bring your mask, a towel, and a water bottle. You may want to wear a bathing suit and bring a change of clothes. TUXIS will be meeting on the front lawn with Chelsea Gilbert for conversation. Bring your mask and a comfy blanket or chair for sitting on the grass. If you'd like to join in the fun at the end of the night, you might want to bring a towel, too! The rain date for this event is Tuesday, August 25. All youth groups will be back for the school year on Tuesday, September 15 at 7pm.

Please check emails, the bulletin, and the website for Adult Education updates. **A Note About Zoom Links in the Bulletin:** Zoom links which you find in the bulletin are not "live" links. You must either copy and paste them into your browser, or you can also type them into your browser. The links in the weekly congregational email are live links, and a convenient means of connecting to various Adult Education offerings. Ques-

tions, or help "signing up?" Contact Susan Mozena, susanhmozena@gmail.com, or 313.204.4875.

Preacher's Workshop meets August 17th at 10am via Zoom with Mark Diehl. The preaching text is Exodus 20: 4-6.

Women's Bible Study, Tuesdays, 7-8am. Meeting remotely via Zoom. If you are not now a participant, but wish to join, contact Susan Mozena.

Men's Bible Study, Wednesdays, 7-8am. We're now meeting on Trinity Terrace. Please contact Steven Voorhees at captain gadget@comcast.net with any questions.

Adult Bible Study meets August 19th at 7:30pm via Zoom and by phone. Men and women of the church gather the first and third Wednesday nights of each month via Zoom, and by phone at 7:30pm to read and discuss scripture. New members are always welcome. Here's the Zoom information: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/625042511> If you wish to join by phone, the number is 646.558.8656, and the meeting ID is 625042511.

Novel as Theology is taking a break during July and August. The next gathering of that group will be September 23rd, at 7:30pm. Stay tuned for the novel choice for September, and remember to do your very own "summer reading." (There will not be a book report due in early September...Happy reading!)

Scripture and Conversation for Women, now meeting each Wednesday morning, 11:15am-12:15pm, via free conference call (1.978.990.5000, access code 658374). If you are not a participant, but wish to join, contact Susan Mozena, so you can be updated as needed regarding details.

Men's Bible Study, Saturdays, 8-9am. Meeting remotely via Zoom. If you are not now a member and wish to join, contact David Asker at davidasker@outlook.com.

Short Story as Theology is taking some vacation in August and will reconvene on September 9th.

Created in God's Image: The Way Forward for Justice and Peace: Please plan to join us during Middle Hour on August 30th (10:10am) for our next conversation in the series "Created in God's Image: The Way Forward for Justice and Peace." Our own Sue Stanley, the principal of Salina Elementary School in Dearborn, is going to share with us her experience of stepping out of her comfort zone, in the process making connections with the predominantly Yemeni immigrant community in Salina's neighborhood, and building trust with her staff, the kids, and their parents. She will show a wonderful video that was created to tell the school's story (and part of Sue's story, too), and she will help us to welcome one of her closest colleagues, Norieah, who also will join us via

Zoom. We will have a chance to discuss the video, ask questions, and hear more about building community across what can be very real ethnic and religious divides. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88537836722>

STEWARDSHIP

GPMC FINANCIAL UPDATE		
7/31/2020		
	Budget	Actual
Pledge & Plate Receipts	\$ 723,700	\$ 711,912
Endowments & Other Income & Gifts	\$ 362,867	\$ 353,351
Total Expenses	\$ 1,086,567	\$ 1,065,442

Thank you for your on-going support of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church! We are so thankful for your generosity during these uncertain times and your unwavering commitment to GPMC continues to power our “Light by the Lakeshore.” Giving by members makes up most of our budgeted income every year and we are grateful for the generosity

of our members so far in 2020. Your continued financial support and partnership is critically needed and appreciated now more than ever in the present new reality we all face together. The opportunities to share the eternal love of Jesus through ongoing ministry within our community are only increasing in these days. We know times are difficult for many, but if you are prayerfully able to step forward for those who can’t, please do so. Just this past month, several unexpected gifts helped reduce our shortfall! Within and beyond the walls of GPMC (and on Trinity Terrace), we will continue to provide meaningful programs and outreach ~ be it virtually or otherwise ~ that enable us to witness as fully as possible God’s love. Ongoing Christian Education efforts will make sure our children know there is always love and hope, even in a world that often demonstrates to them otherwise. “Livestream” Worship will continue to bring us together at a time when we seem far too apart, separated by space, lacking human touch, and seemingly divided as ever in America. Our Music programs continue to provide us a beautifully poignant and emotional release from the concerns that fill our days. Now more than ever, GPMC needs and appreciates your gifts, no matter how large or small.

Grace and Peace, The Stewardship Council and The GPMC Staff

OUTREACH

Small world, big need. When the warehouse in the Port of Beirut, Lebanon exploded, the blast cost lives and damaged buildings for a 6 mile radius. Terrible news for our friends at the Near East School of Theology (NEST) in Beirut; their building is just 2 miles from the port. No lives were lost at the seminary, but the damage is severe. Many of you will remember that Ray Kiely, Pastor Emeritus of GPMC was the Interim President of the school in the 80s, after his tenure here and Mary Mikhael,

President of NEST from 1994-2011, was one of our Ecumenical Pastors. Because of these relationships and the ecumenical nature of the college, the Outreach Council has contributed annually to the school and has moved forward its 2020 donation. If you would like to add to this gift to NEST, we will accept donations through August 31 and forward them to the seminary. Use the Weekly Offering link at GPMChurch.org (choose “Other” and put “NEST” in the comments) or send a check noting NEST on the memo line).



Our neighbors in the 313 area code have been among the most affected in Michigan, documenting half of the state’s deaths from COVID-19 and facing 50% unemployment as of June 2020. To help, GPMC is joining

with other Presbyterians to become a Matthew 25 church (<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/>) and make a difference in peoples’ lives. We aim to work with the community to perform 313,000 acts of kindness over the next year. Look for a special communication to share more of this vision soon!

If you are not aware of our Drive-Thru Food Drive - where we are collecting a variety of pantry and essential household items - please plan to participate! Drop off your items in the church’s parking lot on August 15 from 9-11am and August 16 from 4-5pm and help support Second Mile Center & Community Tree House. See Facebook for donation ideas based on the most needed categories. This week we have ideas to involve kids in shopping for snacks. A full shopping list is available on [gpmchurch.org/313 Calling](http://gpmchurch.org/313Calling).

The August Hunger Offering will go to the Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS). They are one of the largest providers of housing to homeless families in the City of Detroit – sheltering more than 100 homeless children nightly. Please give generously. The Outreach Council continues to match your donations up to \$2,000 each month. You can make an online donation through the church website or drop off a check to the church with COTS or Hunger Offering on the memo line. Thank you again for your generosity.

AND MORE

Calling all Grosse Pointe Memorial members!! The HOST Committee needs your help! We would like to hear your stories to include in the Living History project we are preparing.

Are you a long-term member who sang in the choir as a youth or a new member who is excited about your Outreach participation? Do you know about some of the ways that GPMC has made an impact in the Grosse Pointe and surrounding communities? We want to highlight the memories and experiences that have contributed to making GPMC the *Light by the Lakeshore*.

Whether you feel comfortable submitting a short video or sending in great photos, we need to hear from as many members as possible.

If you would like to submit a video, we have some general guidelines to share. See pages 16-17 of bulletin for Home Recording Standards. If you would like to make a video but need some help with the technology, we have the ability to assist. You can contact Tamara Gilbert at gilby21471@aol.com or any member of the HOST committee if you have questions. HOST members: Michelle Deland, Tamara Gilbert, Sarah Godbehere, Jay Lady, Lois Palazzolo, Martha Speer, Chick VanDusen and Joe Masinick.

Congregational Conversations: The Mission Study Team continues leading our congregation's self-study and is learning about our community. We are now moving toward the culminating Mission Study Report that will be submitted first to our Session, and then to Presbytery's Commission on Ministry for approval. The Mission Study Report will be informed by the six key activities of our mission study: Congregational Gatherings, Congregational Survey, Financial Review, Demographic Study, and Community Study.

The Mission Study Team invites you to participate in our mission study in what will be the most critical part of this process: conversation with our congregation. Due to the unique circumstances surrounding our ability to gather in person, we will be hosting "Congregational Conversations" via Zoom meetings during existing bible studies and book studies and also through specifically designed Congregational Conversation Zoom meetings. Over the next few weeks, your participation and input will form the shape of our Mission Study Report. Please make note of the following Zoom meeting date, and plan to sign up through the signup genius below for the small-group conversations occurring August 16 at 10:15am.

The Sign up Genius link is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044FADAD22A31-congregational>

In preparation for thoughtful participation in the small-group conversations, please consider the following questions:

1. Why do you participate in the life of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church?
2. What do you think God is calling GPMC to do and be?
3. How can we strengthen our congregation to respond to God's call?

Our Mission Study Team has designed this process to engage you in helping to discern God's voice and mission for our church. Our process will involve careful and prayerful consideration of who we are and who God is calling us to be, as well as the identification of our collective experiences, gifts, passions, perspectives, and the strengths and needs of our community. Please join us as we set off down this path together!

The interim committees continue their work. The Mission Study Team needs your input by way of their Congregational Survey. Please take a few minutes and answer the survey online found here: (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GPMCsurvey2020>).

During these challenging times, please know that Stephen Ministers are trained to listen, to encourage, and to pray for you - it's what we do, and we would be happy to talk with you. If you would like a confidential phone conversation with a Stephen Minister, just let us know and we will set one up for you. Call Carol Marks (313.882.5330 ext.127) or one of our Stephen Leaders: Debby Owen (313.549.9644) or Lois Ann Hernquist (586.945.0094).

Memorial's Daily Prayer: Would you like to start your day with a prayer spoken on your behalf by one of the "familiar voices" from GPMC's staff? If so, call the church number and press 5 (882.5330, 5) for a prayer which is changed daily.

Sabbatical Leave Announcement: Sarah Godbehere, our Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families, will be on an extended professional leave from September 16 - December 16. GPMC's extended professional leave policy allows for 12 weeks of leave for renewal and professional development after six years of full-time ministry, much like the sabbaticals offered by other institutions. Carol Marks, Lisa Turner, Jim Biery, and Peter Henry have all received extended professional leave since the establishment of this policy. Sarah Godbehere was granted this leave by the Session at its June meeting. Sarah will spend this time as a "sabbath-ical," engaged in study and experience of the Biblical practice of sabbath rest. She will be out of the office, away from her email, and unavailable for pastoral services and duties during her sabbatical. We wish Sarah rest and renewal and we are thankful for the wonderful staff and youth program advisors team who will keep everything moving in her absence.

PRAYING FOR OTHERS

The congregation and staff of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church believe that prayer is very important. If you would like to add a person to our prayers, please call Carol Marks 313.882.5330 ex. 127 or e-mail her at cmarks@gpmchurch.org. May God continue to surround you with love and care.

Please continue to pray for all who mourn, especially the family and friends of those who have recently died in our congregation: Timothy Wynn Butler, Jr., John Cobau, Jane Johnson, Gladys Hunter, Joseph Pehrson, Donna Johnston, Marnie Oakman, Cristy Hyde and Audrey Ruth Eckert.

Dr. John H. (Jack) Williams, Jim Williams brother, died on August 7, 2020. Please pray for Jack's wife Norah, his brother and sister in law, Jim and Ann, and all whose life has been touched by Jack's care and love throughout these sad days.

RECENT PRAYER REQUESTS: Holly Burns, Carrie Devlin (Peg Carpenter's niece), Paul Diehl (Mark Diehl's brother), Jean Hodges, Linda Jaafar (Ken Shepherd's wife's niece), Perry Kent (Phyllis May's son), Alex Scapini (Fran McCabee's nephew), Susan Stapleton (friend of Joan and Tom Coyle), Louise Winters (Ken Shepherd's sister).

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS: Adam Bolton, All who are on the frontlines of the war against Covid-19, Jean Carmichael, Arlene Cobau, Joan Coyle, Thomas M. Coyle, Jr. (Tom and Joan Coyle's son), Shawn Cunningham (Cheryl Littleton's friend), Lynne Doyal (Guy and Marilyn Doyal's daughter-in-law), Barbara Flood, Dale Foote (Dan Aggas' partner), Andrew Godbehere (Sarah Godbehere's brother), Dick Heglin (friend of the Van Dusens), Janet Hooper (Jim Hooper's sister), Leonard Hooper (Jimmy Hooper's brother), Tina Kilates (Kathie Morinelli's friend), Jack Liang, Jane McFeeley, JC Robinson (Christina Robinson's husband), Barbara Wratchford and Margaret Kumar (Kenneth Shepherd's aunt and mother-in-law).

FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL: Maria Marable (friend of Elizabeth Tengler), Phoebe Piku (advanced training in U.S. army), Salvador Zúñiga (Janice Zúñiga's son), Bart and Amanda Ward.

FOR OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS: Keith Bellovich, Anna Brucker, Heather Frahm, Matt Koral, Lauren McCabee, Rebecca McCoy, Chris and Rosa Moore, Blake Sanford, Karlyn McCoy Schoen, Karol Swenson, George Williams, Erin Hepler Worrell.

In Memoriam

Holly Kerslake Burns

(December 18, 1964 - August 11, 2020)

A memorial service will be held at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church at a later date. Please pray for all who love Holly during these sad days.

THIS WEEK AT MEMORIAL

Monday, Aug. 17: Preacher's Workshop 10 - 11am via Zoom
Shelter Week Planning 4pm Trinity Terrace

Tuesday, Aug. 18: Women's Bible Study 7 - 8am via Zoom
Middle School 7 - 8pm Trinity Terrace

Wednesday, Aug. 19: Men's Bible Study 7-8am Trinity Terrace
Script. & Conv. for Women 11:15am via phone
Adult Bible Study 7:30 - 9pm via Zoom

Thursday, Aug. 20: Yoga 6 -7pm Trinity Terrace

Friday, Aug. 21: Michindoh Family Camp Offsite

Saturday, Aug. 22: Men's Bible Study 8 - 9am via Zoom

Sunday, Aug. 23: Worship Service 9am via Livestream
Worship Service 5pm Trinity Terrace by Reserv.

32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.

that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.

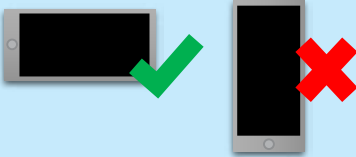


Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.



GPMC Home Recording Standards – Cell Phone

Cell Phone Recording

Record inside, in a quiet space.

- 1 Find a place inside to set your cell phone horizontally. So it is stationary while recording. Friends may have trouble holding the phone steady. 
- 2 Make sure you are standing or seated in a way that your head is in the center of the video and that there are no windows or lights behind you. 
- 3 Press record, set the phone in its position, and take your place. Do a test to make sure you are heard and seen correctly. 
- 4 Now it's time to record. Repeat step 3 and once in position take a deep breath and smile. You can have people off screen prompt you with questions but please leave space between question and answer. Watch and listen to your recording to ensure quality!

What do you enjoy about GPMC?

Responding After a Pause and a Smile

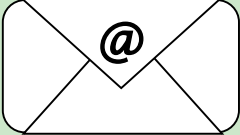

I remember GPMC...

Please contact joe.masinick@gmail.com with any questions




GPMC Home Recording Standards – Cell Phone

Sending Your Video

- A Email your video to joe.masinick@gmail.com 
- B Upload your video to Google Drive Folder [here](#) 
- C Share a link. Links can be sent to the email above or by text 313-919-3012. <https://link...>
- D A Thumb Drive, sealed in an envelope with your name and address on it, dropped off in the Mail Slot of:

1100 Grayton St. Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230



Your Thumb Drive will be returned.

Please contact joe.masinick@gmail.com with any questions

Below is an update on communion and in-person worship services at the direction of the Session of GPMC. As we return to these important patterns in our life of faith, there are many things that will feel comforting and familiar, and there are things that will be different. We trust that the Holy Spirit is at work in our midst as we move forward together in ways that will protect the most vulnerable.

Communion will be offered during the pre-recorded worship service this Sunday, August 16, so that we can safely share in this sacrament from our homes. You can access pre-recorded services from our website. Whenever you watch the worship services, please come prepared with some kind of bread and with “fruit of the vine” – juice or wine, your choice! The liturgist will bless the elements and then invite you to partake, knowing that the Spirit unites you with our Lord, our church community, and with Christians around the world as we share this sacred moment in new ways.

In-person outdoor worship has begun at 5pm on Trinity Terrace with much joy! We expect to have this worship service every Sunday that weather permits us to be outside. Prepare for heat and sun! **Please make yourself comfortable by wearing cool clothing and bringing a hat or umbrella and a water bottle.** Seating is limited to 50 people. In order to protect our staff, community, and congregation, this will be different from our typical 5 pm service in several ways:

1. Reservations are required for attendance and special parking. Reservations will open the Monday prior to worship at 9 am and will close at 4 pm each Friday. Reservations can be made either online through our church website (see the green button on the bottom right side of this page) or by calling the church office at 313.882.5330 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9am to 4pm. We will have a waiting list and may announce additional changes to our reservation process if more people would like to attend than we are able to accommodate. There will be 5 reserved parking spots for people who are at high risk. Each spot is for 1 vehicle to worship from within your car. **Please note, several handicap spots are also available near Trinity Terrace. No reservation is required for these spots.**

2. Arrive 15 to 20 minutes early. Before entering Trinity Terrace, your temperature will be taken, and you will be asked a few questions regarding your current health status. While waiting for your turn, please practice social distancing in the parking lot.

3. Seating with social distancing will be practiced based on your reservation. Chairs will be prearranged to accommodate your reservation with the understanding that seats will be placed far enough apart to minimize virus transmission. **Do not move chairs that are already in place.** If you need additional seating, please acquire additional chairs from the garage area.

4. Entering and exiting Trinity Terrace. Please enter and exit Trinity Terrace through the large gate next to the Little Club and be mindful to continue social distancing. At the end of worship, all participants will be dismissed in an orderly way by the worship leader. Please wait for your row to be called.

5. Masks are required. All participants over the age of two years are required to wear a mask.

6. Worship Participation. Worship practice will not include the use of printed bulletins or song books. We will not have congregational singing. Music during worship will only be instrumental. Communion will not be offered. Passing of the Peace will not include physical contact.

We look forward to welcoming you to worship, gathering as a community, and seeing one another face to face. If, however, you are at high risk for COVID-19, we encourage you to take good care of yourself and worship from home. Our pre-recorded weekly worship will continue to be available online and can be accessed through our website. These worship services are released at 9am every Sunday. Whether we worship virtually or in person, we trust that God hears our prayers and unites us into the one body of Christ.



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