GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH

"A light by the lakeshore"

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

JANUARY 1, 2023 | Worship 10:30 am

First Sunday of Christmas



"When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage."

(Matthew 2:10-11a)

Order of Service for the Worship of God

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Please remember to silence electronic devices.

Organ Prelude - Pastorale, BWV 590

J. S. Bach

*Call to Worship (based on Hebrews 1:1-3)

One: Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;

All: now God has spoken to us by a Son.

One: God made the world through the Son, who has been appointed heir of all things and the perfect reflection of God's glory.

All: The Son is the exact imprint of God's being, and he sustains all things by his powerful Word.

One: Praise God for the gift of the Son. All: We welcome the light of the world!

*Opening Hymn 145 - What Child Is This (see bulletin pg. 13)

Tune: Greensleeves

Tune: Antioch

*Prayer of Praise and Adoration

All: Perfect light of revelation, as you shone in the life of Jesus, whose Epiphany we celebrate, so shine in us and through us, so that we may become beacons of truth and compassion, enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy. Amen.

*Response of Praise

All: Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;

Let every heart prepare him room,

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

*Passing of the Peace

One: The angels announced to the shepherds, "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace to all humankind." The prince of peace has entered our world; let us turn our eyes to him. With joy, the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

One: We pray, Lord, as you shine the light of your Word on us,

All: that your glory will rise upon us by the power of your Spirit.

One: Darkness may cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples,

All: but, we pray, rise upon us, that your glory may appear to the world.

One: Nations will come to the light of your Word, and peoples will be drawn to the brightness of your coming.

All: Help us, Lord, to lift our eyes to you, to hear you speak, and to listen with open hearts to your gospel.

One: Empower us to respond to your Word with obedience, and help us to be your shining lights in the universe.

All: We pray in the name of Christ, the light of the World. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children will depart for the "Young Children in Worship" room 200 (second floor) after the children's sermon. There is no Sunday school this morning, so parents are asked to pick up their child immediately following the service.

OLD TESTAMENT READING - Isaiah 63: 7 - 9

(O.T. pg. 652)

After each reading:

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM – In the Bleak Midwinter

Philip Stopford

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,

Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;

Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,

In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;

Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.

In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed

The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim, worship night and day,

A breast full of milk, and a manger full of hay;

Enough for him, whom angels fall before,

The ox and ass and camel which adore.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,

Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;

But only his mother, in her maiden bliss, Worshipped the beloved with a kiss. What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; Yet what I can I give him: give my heart. (Christina Rossetti)

Gospel Reading - Matthew 2: 1 - 12

(N.T. pgs. 1 - 2)

SERMON - Looking for Jesus

Jasmine Smart

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering and Anthem - Gesù Bambino

Pietro Yon

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night, Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light. The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced; And at his blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced. O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord. Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night, That gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light. Let every voice acclaim his name, the grateful chorus swell. From paradise to earth he came that we with him might dwell. O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

*Presentation of the Offering - What Can I Give Him Tune: Cranham



Taking the Word into the World

*Closing Hymn 134 - Joy to the World (see bulletin pg. 14)

Tune: Antioch

*Benediction

POSTLUDE - In Thee Is Gladness, BWV 615

J. S. Bach

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What's Happening Today, January 1, 2023

10:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestreamed

WORSHIP AT GPMC

Welcome! We are a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and one of its vibrant 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.

Our Mission and Vision Statement: Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever, we are called and committed to living out our love for God. Through worship, study and service, we strive to continue God's transforming work by worshiping God joyfully, welcoming others graciously, supporting one another lovingly, and faithfully responding to our community and world with compassion.

Leading and Assisting in Worship: Jasmine Smart, Carol Marks, liturgists; Sue Acton, lay reader; The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Choir, James Biery, director and organist; Nathan Turner, worship production and livestream.

Flowers for the Sanctuary are funded by our members in memory or in honor of a loved one. If interested in dedicating flowers, please contact Lynn Wood at 313.570.0564 or fruef@comcast.net

Praying for one another is an important and loving gift. The staff of GPMC meet every Tuesday morning and offer prayers for members of the congregation. Using our directory, the staff pray for the parishioners on one page each Tuesday as well as other prayer requests from the congregation. If you have a prayer request, please contact Carol Marks at cmarks@gpmchurch.org or 313.882.5330.

CDs of our worship services are available the week following the service. Please request copies at the reception desk. Sermons and worship services are also available on GPMC's website.

Please list your email address on the fellowship pad at the end of the pew if you would like to receive our weekly email.

Children are always welcome in worship at GPMC. An infant and toddler room (room 112) is available during the service should you prefer to leave your child with our wonderful caregivers. Feel free to use the glider rocker located underneath the side balcony at any time during the worship service with your child. Worship kits for children to use during worship are in blue bags located at each of the entrances.

Looking to go green? The wireless network in the Sanctuary is "gpm-church" and the password is bibles@gpmchurch. The address for the bulletin is http://www.gpmchurch.org/pdf-files/bulletin.pdf

We have a hearing assistance system in the Sanctuary. It includes a basic ear piece for people who just want a little boost to the sound. We also have a special neck lanyard for people with inductive hearing aids (also called telefoil aids), as well as a special pack and cord for Bluetooth hearing aids. These devices, pieces and lanyards are on the credenza toward the front of the Sanctuary.

DIGGING DEEPER

Middle Hour: CS Lewis Goes To Hell: "A Study of the Screwtape Letters," January 8 - 22. Oxford Don and Author CS Lewis burst onto the American stage with his Christian satire, "The Screwtape Letters." Written as a series of levels from a senior demon to a junior demon, Screwtape discusses the problem of temptation, the challenge of freewill and sin, and the battle between good and evil, all in a poignant, funny, thought-provoking way. Taught by Pastor Jeff, this three-week class will discuss some of the themes of the book, and how, through satire, Lewis provokes us towards a compelling vision of the God of the Christian faith. Participants are encouraged to read the Screwtape Letters alongside the class but is not mandatory. Join us in Barbour Chapel at 10:10am.

Preacher's Workshop meets Mondays from 10 - 11am in the 2nd floor lounge. Will not meet January 2nd, but meets again January 9th.

Women's Bible Study meets Tuesdays from 7 - 8am in room 209.

Men's Bible Study meets Wednesdays, 7 - 8am in the 2nd fl. lounge. Please contact Steve Voorhees at captaingadget@comcast.net with any questions.

Novel as Theology meets the 2nd Wednesdays of the month. On January 11th at 7:30 pm, our group will meet at the home of Karen Pratt, 1121 Buckingham, GPP. Rev. Jasmine Smart will be our leader in talking about the novel Search, by Michelle Huneven. While our Grosse Pointe Library does not have this title on its shelves yet, there are a number of copies available through the MelCat. Oprah gives this book, which takes a humorous look at the inside politics of a (fictional) Unitarian Universalist Church, four stars. It has been described as a book which offers "spiritual wisdom ~ and cookies." (There are recipes!) That pithy little description could apply to the philosophy of our group. We hope you will come help us in our spiritual and gastronomical mission!"

Scripture and Conversation for Women meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month 10:30 - 11:30am via phone. The call-in number is 1. 978.990.5000, ID 658374.

Women's Connection meets from 9 - 10am on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month in the 2nd floor lounge.

Saturday Men's Bible Study meets at 8am at Panera in the Village. For additional information contact David Asker at davidasker@hotmail.com

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

FLAME/LIFE/TUXIS meets Tuesdays from 6-8pm in the Youth Lounge. Come for dinner, games, Bible study and prayer. Bring friends and be ready for faith, fun, and fellowship! To stay updated on all the plans this year, be sure to sign up for Remind texts. FLAME: "@flamegpmc" to 81010; LIFE: "@lifegpmch" to 81010; TUXIS: "@tuxis" to 81010



This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it ... SHINE! The Christian Education team is launching a new children's group in 2023 open to those in Kindergarten through 4th grade on Sunday nights filled with music, crafts, movement, and the Word. Program dates are Sundays, January 22 - February 19, with a performance on February 26 (No programming on the 26th.) during the 5pm

worship service, followed by a Soup Dinner. Scan the QR code to register by January 15 to reserve a spot! Interested in volunteering? Contact April Sayar: asayar@gpmchurch.org

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Drive-By Food Drive. We call it "Second Saturday for Second Mile." GPMC has many friends that want to support The Second Mile Center. Let's make it an amazing day for them by bringing in donations, lots of donations. On January 14, between 10 and 11 am, you are invited to bring food, cleaning supplies and men's clothing to the GPMC parking lot. GPMC members will unpack YOUR trunk and load up the caravan to SMC. A "most wanted" list is on the website and church bulletin boards.

Unpack the Truck on Friday, January 20, from 8:30 – 11am. We will help the members of St John Presbyterian Church unload and unpack pallets of food from a Forgotten Harvest truck and put it in the cars of hungry people. Our enthusiasm and energy bring the sunshine. Details are on the GPMC website and the Sign-up page: bit.ly/UnpackTheTruck

The packing day for Kids Coalition Against Hunger is back. Mark your calendars now for Saturday, March 18. We'll have two-hour shifts from 10am - 4pm at the War Memorial. Look for the Sign-up link beginning in February.

Calling all Sandwich Makers! The peanut butter shortage is almost over and we continue to make a positive impact with our mission to feed the hungry. Our goal remains 1000 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches per week, but we can use some help. It's a great solo, family, or group project. If you want to get involved choose any amount in multiples of 20. The Sign up and delivery directions are at bit.ly/PBJSandwiches.

Free Food Fridays. Help Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church give away food to hungry people. Sort for the Food Pantry and Kitchen Help on Thursdays from 9am to 12pm, JAPC kitchen; Pack Meals on Fridays from 8:30 – 10:30am, JAPC kitchen; Meal Distribution on Fridays from 10:30 – 11:30am, JAPC parking lot. Food boxes and pantry items come from packaged meals from MakeFoodNotWaste.org and fruits and vegetables are gleaned from neighborhood markets. Sign up at bit.ly/FreeFood-JAPC

Our Hunger Offering for January will go to The Second Mile Center. The center has helped families with a pantry offering food, clothing, essential items, and baby needs throughout the pandemic. They have restarted their after-school programs and could use some help. GPMC will match congregation donations made this month up to \$2,000. Tell us you want to help by noting the Second Mile Center on your check or by using the blue pew envelopes.

MUSIC

The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Choir always welcomes new members. The choir sings a wide variety of sacred choral music, and regularly presents large-scale works. We also offer a handbell choir for those who enjoy music but don't consider themselves singers. If you are interested, contact James Biery, Minister of Music, at (313) 882-5330 or jbiery@gpm-church.org.

FRIENDS, FAMILY, & FELLOWSHIP

Ecumenical Men's Breakfast Group meets the 2nd Friday of each month. The group meets in Fellowship Hall for fellowship and program beginning at 7:45am with coffee, breakfast at 8am, program at 8:30am and ending at 9am. The cost is \$7.00 for breakfast. For more information please contact Pete at disante1@comcast.net All are welcome!

Resting on our laurels...whatever and wherever they are! Makers @ Memorial are having a lovely holiday hiatus but will be starting 2023 with a bang. Make us your New Year's resolution! Join the fun Thursdays from 10:30-12:30 or 6:30-8:30 beginning January 5th. No sewing experience necessary. All are welcome!

All Church Family Bowling Event- save the date for Sunday January 22 from 2to 4pm! Cost for Adults is \$10, kids (ages twelve & under) \$5. Hosted at Lakeshore Lanes, 31025 Jefferson, Saint Claire Shores. Registration will be open soon!

SAVE THE DATE for Family Camping Weekend: This year we have reserved Camp Westminster off of Higgins Lake in northern Michigan from August 18-20, 2023. More details forthcoming. If you have questions or are willing to indicate interest, please let Pastor Jasmine know: jsmart@gpmchurch.org.

FAITHFUL GIVING

GPMC Financial Update						
11/30/2022						
	Budget		Actual		Fav (Unfav)	
Pledge & Plate Receipts	\$	1,046,500	\$	1,000,432	\$	(46,068)
Endowments & Other Income & Gifts	\$	735,108	\$	781,796	\$	46,688
Total Receipts	\$	1,781,608	\$	1,782,228	\$	620
Total Expenses	\$	1,807,184	\$	1,802,735	\$	(4,449)
Net Income (Deficit)	\$	(25,575)	\$	(20,507)	\$	5,068

Thank you to all our members who have made a 2023 financial commitment. We are truly blessed by these pledges, and we appreciate the thought and prayer that went into making them. If

you have yet to take this step, there is still time to give it thought as we continue to accept pledges. You may put your pledge envelope, which can be found in the pews, in the offering plate, you may mail it in, or you can make a phone call to the finance office at 882.5330. GPMC has a range of programs that work with youth and adults, both within our membership and outside of it. Thank you for your gifts and pledges which make all of them happen! GPMC is the blessing that it is because of YOU and your financial support!

PRAYER REQUESTS

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.

Current Prayer Requests for: Renee Centorbi (friend of Rob and Anne Musial), Joan Coyle, Mary Lou Duncan, Judy Frey and Diane Frey (cousins of Wayne Pratt), Evan Griffin (Susan Griffin's nephew), Ida Mae Holland (Ann Steben's sister), Mark Hopkins (the Beal's brother-in-law), Kala Kumar (Ken Shepherd's wife), Phyllis May, Nancy McLeod, Laura Huggins Tran (Lynn Huggins' daughter), Mae Rooke (1 year old friend of Jane and Mark Dearth), John Wood.

Continued Prayers for: Jan Biddle (Lisa Turner's sister), Lou Jiovani (friend of Ann Willett), Barb Kerwin, Bill Leonard, Walter Maddox (friend of Pauline Lackey), June McWatt, Sally Owen, Sharon Rees, Mary Rigdon, Richard Snell (Mary Snell's father), Allison Awkland, Wanda Nance (Ann Willett's cousins).

Protection and Strength for Our Loved Ones in the Military: Joey and Mike Bejin (nephews of Matt Bejin), Alec Doyal (grandson of Guy and Marilyn Doyal), Special Forces, US Air Force, Alec Main (the Brewster's grandson), Phoebe Piku (advanced training in U.S. army), Douglas Ross (Airforce, Fighter aircraft integrated avionics), Salvador Zúñiga (Janice Zúñiga's son).

In Memoriam

Anne June McWatt

April 1, 1928 - December 21, 2022

A Service of the Resurrection will be at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church at a later date. Please pray for June's children, grandchildren, and all who love her during these sad days.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, Jan. 2: Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, Jan. 3: Women's Bible Study 7 - 8am Rm. 209 Yoga 10am Fellowship Hall & 6pm Rm. 310 Al-Anon 6:30 - 8pm Library AA 7-8pm Rm. 209

Wednesday, Jan. 4: Men's Bible Study 7 - 8am 2nd Fl. Lounge AA 8:15 - 9:30am 2nd Floor Lounge

Thursday, Jan. 5: Yoga 10am & 6pm Fellowship Hall Makers @ Memorial 10:30am - 12:30pm & 6:30 - 8:30pm Rm. 220 Handbell Choir Rehearsal 6:15 - 7pm Rm. 326 Choir Rehearsal 7:15 - 9:15pm Choir Rm.

Friday, Jan. 6: Free Food Fridays 10:30am - Noon Offsite Al-Anon 6:30 - 8pm Library AA 7 - 8pm Fellowship Hall

Saturday, Jan. 7: Men's Bible Study 8 - 9am Offsite

Sunday, Jan. 8: Worship Service 9am Sanctuary & Livestreamed Sunday School 10:10 - 11am 3rd Floor Seekers Confirmation Orientation 10:10 - 11am Rm. 320

> Adult Middle Hour 10:10 - 11am Barbour Chapel Youth Middle Hour 10:10 - 11am 3rd Floor

Worship Service 11am Sanctuary

Nominating Committee Meeting 12:15 - 1:45pm Rm. 209

Worship Service 5pm Barbour Chapel





American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church

16 Lake Shore Drive Grosse Pointe Farms

Wednesday, January 25, 2023 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

For an appointment, log onto RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code: gpbloodcouncil). If guestions, call Beth Frahm at 313-550-3870 or Peter Marks at 313-549-6051.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

> Come give Jan. 1-31 and automatically be entered for a chance to win an exciting trip for you and a guest to Super Bowl LVII in Phoenix! Includes travel, hotel, \$500 gift cord, pre-game activities and more! Terms apply: whit RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl.

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