



GROSSE POINTE
MEMORIAL CHURCH
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship
Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2026 | 9 & 11 am

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.*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARILLON PRELUDE – Auld Lang Syne

Arr. Eric Whitmer

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God has set this day before us,

All: A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.

One: God has set our lives before us,

All: A span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.

One: God has set God's seal upon our hearts,

All: So that we might live fully in deep love. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 39 – Great is Thy Faithfulness
(see bulletin pages 12 – 13)

Tune: Faithfulness

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

All: Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done

justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Isaiah 62:11-12)**

One: Amen. Hear the promise of the Lord: "See, your salvation has come! You are a holy people, redeemed by God; sought out and not forsaken." Friends believe the good news of the Gospel,

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE – All Glory be to the Father**

Tune: Nyland

All glo-ry to the Fa - ther, All glo-ry to the Son, All glo-ry to the Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One; For as in the be - gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri-une name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive you grace and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 6:10 – 12

(N.T. page 5)

After each reading:

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SONG (9 AM) – I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light *Tune: Houston*

All: **I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.**

CHILDREN'S TIME (9 AM)

Children ages 4-grade 2 may depart for Children's Church held in room 301 after the children's sermon. Parents/caregivers can pick up their children from room 301 at 10:15 am.

ANTHEM – Star of the East

Arr. Milburn Price

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Revelation 2:8– 11

(N.T. page 231)

SERMON – The Crown of Life

Rev. Dr. Jeff Lincicome

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.**

ANTHEM AND OFFERING – He Comes to Us

Jane Marshall

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING 606

Tune: Old 100th

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN 846 – Fight the Good Fight

Tune: Duke Street

(see bulletin page 14)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – March on *Duke Street*

Arr. Logan Hamilton

This Morning's Music: Observes the quite nature of Christ's beginnings on Earth and how His human fragility parallels whom God's promises favor. The anthem is an arrangement of the Southern folk hymn, "Star in the East" arranged in the style of Kentucky Harmony. The arrangement takes inspiration from the compositional shape-note traditions, using limited but effective use of pentatonic scales and repetitive, driving rhythms. The text first alludes to worshiping the infant Jesus, but goes on to illuminate who God cradles, as declared in the last verse, "Vainly we offer each ample oblation, vainly with gold we His favor secure. Richer by far is the heart's adoration: dearer to God are the prayers of the poor." The offertory takes text by German 20th century Renaissance Man, Albert Schweitzer, and his book *The Quest of the Historical Jesus*. The text sung in Jane Marshall's arrangement is the conclusion of Schweitzer's book that recall's Christ's humble birth and how Christ reveals Himself through the "toils", "conflicts", and "sufferings" found in His fellowship to serve. Marshall ends the piece with the Epiphany based chorale, "O Morning Star, how fair and bright" arranged by Johann Sebastian Bach's with Catherine Winkworth's 1863 translation.

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WELCOME TO GPMC

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church is a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and one of its vibrant congregations. For 161 years, we have been a light by the lakeshore for Jesus Christ, through our worship, education, outreach, and community life. 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 worshipping God joyfully, welcoming others graciously, supporting one another lovingly, and faithfully responding to our community and world with compassion.

Inclusion Statement: As a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA), GPMC is an inclusive community of faith, welcoming people of all races, gender identities, and sexual orientation, believing that God gifts and calls everyone into beloved service and community with God and others.

Leading and Assisting in Worship: Rev. Dr. Jeff Lincicome, Carol Marks, liturgists; Joe Kaiser V (9 am), Elizabeth Schaefer (11 am) lay readers; Eric Whitmer, carillonneur; Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Logan Hamilton, Minister of Music and Organist.

Sermon Series (7 Letters to 7 Churches): The book of Revelation begins with seven unique letters written to seven unique churches in seven unique cities throughout Asia Minor. With deep insight coming from Jesus through the pen of John, these letters can teach us a lot about who the ancient church was in all of their success and failures, while also casting light on who we are, and what it means to be followers of Jesus today. Join us as we study these very unique and powerful letters to the ancient church.

Flowers in the Sanctuary are funded by our members in memory or in honor of a loved one. If interested in dedicating flowers, please contact Frances LaPlante-Sosnowsky at 313.434.5574 or ab7014@wayne.edu

Today's Sanctuary flowers are given:

In honor of Nina DeLand's 100th birthday today, with love from her family;

In celebration of the life of Bob Masserang by his wife, Judy.

Giving at GPMC: Please visit bit.ly/GPMC-Giving, text "GPMC" to 73256, or scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin. Offering envelopes are also found in the pews. Thank you for helping us be *a light by the lakeshore*.

Hearing assistance system in the Sanctuary: These devices, pieces and lanyards are on the credenza towards the front of the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please see one of the ushers.

Infant and toddler room: Is available in room 112 during the service should you prefer to leave your child with our wonderful caregivers.

Worship kits: For children to use during worship are in blue bags located at each of the entrances.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praying for one another is an important and loving gift. The staff of GPMC meets every Tuesday morning and offers prayers for members of the congregation. If you would like to add a person to our prayers or on the prayer list in the Sunday bulletin, please call Carol Marks at 313.882.5330 ex. 127 or email her at cmarks@gpmchurch.org. May God continue to surround you with love and care.

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church is a Stephen Ministry congregation.

Recent Prayer Requests for: Robert Cacchione (Gina Carrier's dad), Marge Cambalik, Martha Day, Gerard Huvaere (John Scholtes' friend).

Continued Prayers for: Kathy Belter (Cheryl Littleton's aunt), John Boris, Jane Dow, Joanne Grierson, Dennis Hertel (the Musials' friend), Stephanie Kornblum (Sue Vititoe's daughter), David Lile, (Anne Musial's nephew), Carol Martin (Cheryl Littleton's mother), Amy Miller, Sharon Miquel, Millie Neal (Doris Neal Van Tiem's mother), Rose Palazzolo (Frank Palazzolo's mother), Annie Prentice, Ted Schaefer (Elizabeth and Stephen Schaefer's son), Carolyn Scheuer (Marilyn Doyal's sister), Salvador Zuniga (Janice Zuniga's son).

Protection and Strength for Our Loved Ones in the Military: Ensign Peter A. Costello, USN (Gretchen and Bill Costello's son), Alec Doyal, Special Forces, U.S. Air Force (Marilyn and Guy Doyal's grandson), Christian Mageau, Senior Airman USAF (Cynthia and Michael Mageau's son), Steven Hess, Army Combat Medic, FL (Roma and Tom Hess' grandson), Alec Mains, U.S. Marines, Djibouti, Africa (Phyllis and John Brewster's grandson), Douglas Clark Ross, Senior Airman Avionics Technician, U.S. Airforce, Capt. Florencio J. Yuzon, V, U.S. Navy (Val and Pat Moran's son-in-law), 1LT Florencio C. Yuzon, VI, U.S. Army (Val and Pat Moran's grandson).

John Harris, Dr. Jodi Stevens' father, died December 23, 2025. Please pray for John's wife, Kay, Jodi and Don during these sad days of loss.

The Service of the Resurrection for **Janet Ferguson** will be held January 11, 2026 at 1:30 pm in our sanctuary followed by a reception in the 2nd floor lounge. Please continue to pray for all who love Janet.

In Memoriam

Judith Townsend Orhan

May 27, 1941 - December 19, 2025

The Service of the Resurrection will be in our sanctuary on Saturday, January 17, 2026 at 10:00 am. During these sad days of loss please pray for Judi's husband, Xhafer, their children, Scott and Jennifer, their grandchildren, and all who love Judi.

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AT GPMC?

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
9:20 am	Children's Sunday School	Third Floor
10:00 am	Second Sunday with Makers	Library
10:10 am	Adult Middle Hour	Barbour Chapel
10:15 am	Children's Choir	Room 320
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Mission Trip Meeting	Room 315
1:00 pm	Girl Scouts	Room 310

This Week at GPMC

Monday, January 12

Preacher's Workshop, 10 - 11 am (2nd Floor Lounge)
Council Meetings, 6:30 and 7 pm (Various Locations)

Tuesday, January 13

Women's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (Via Zoom)
Yoga, 10 - 11 am & 6 - 7 pm (Room 322)
Al-Anon, 6:30 - 8 pm (Library)
AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)

Wednesday, January 14

Men's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (2nd Floor Lounge)
AA, 8:30 - 9:30 am (Room 209)
Memorial Youth, 6 - 8 pm (Room 315)
Novel as Theology, 7:30 - 8:30 pm (Offsite)

Thursday, January 15

Yoga, 10 - 11 am (Room 322) & 6 - 7 pm (Fellowship Hall)
Makers@Memorial, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm & 6:30 - 8:30 pm (Room 220)
Handbell Rehearsal, 6:15 - 7 pm (Room 326)
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 - 9:15 pm (Choir Room)

Friday, January 16

Unpack the Truck, 8 - 9 am (Offsite)
Free Food Fridays, 8:30 - 10:30 am (Offsite)
AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)

Saturday, January 17

Men's Bible Study, 8 - 9 am (Offsite)
Mourner's Path Group, 10 - 11 am (2nd Floor Lounge)

Sunday, January 18

Worship Services, *9 and 11 am (Sanctuary & *Livestream)
Children's Sunday School, 9:20 - 10:15 am (Third Floor)
Adult Middle Hour, 10:10 - 10:50 am (Barbour Chapel)
Children's Choir, 10:15 - 10:35 am (Room 320)
Pilgrimage Potluck, 5 - 7 pm (Fellowship Hall)

**Please note this list is subject to change. For the most up-to-date calendar, visit gpmchurch.org.*

VOLUNTEER IN THE NEW YEAR!



Learn more about where you can share your time, skills and gifts and get involved at GPMC. Volunteering is a wonderful way to give back and to get to know your fellow church members better. Scan the QR Code, or go to our GPMC Website: gpmchurch.org and click on the drop-down "Serve" or on "Volunteer Ministry Connect Tool" under Services & Quick Links. For questions feel free to contact Donna Hartzell at dhartzell@gpmchurch.org or call 313.882.5330. There is a place for everyone!

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

Fight the Good Fight 846

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
 3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
 God's bound-less mer - cy will pro - vide.
 God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;
 Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove
 On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
 that Christ is all in all to thee.



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8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Thursday
8:30 am – 3:00 pm, Friday

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