

GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH

“A light by the lakeshore”

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

JANUARY 15, 2023 | WORSHIP 9:00 AND 11:00 AM



Current Sermon Series: The Big Words

Sometimes words are confusing. Even in our Christian faith, words are said that we may or may not fully understand. And yet, words are powerful, and when we come to understand them, it unlocks the truths within. Join us this winter in worship as we look at some of the “Big Words” of the Christian faith. As we unpack them, we will experience even more the beauty of our God’s incredible plan for all of us.

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.

PRELUDE – Andante (from Organ Concerto No. 4) G. F. Handel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Pilgrims, we are invited to journey together into this new season

All: **towards the One who calls us each by a new name.**

One: Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us,

All: **pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us.**

One: Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us,

All: **whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called Jesus.**

*OPENING HYMN 694 – Great God of Every Blessing *Tune: Aurelia*
(see bulletin pg. 14)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy God, Maker of all

All: **Have mercy on us.**

One: Jesus Christ, Servant of all

All: **Have mercy on us.**

One: Holy Spirit, Breath of life

All: **Have mercy on us.**

One: Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Amen. Jesus is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. Hear then the good news that in and through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE – God Fills Our Hearts With Joy *Tune: Marion*

God fills our hearts with joy; God's grace and love a - bound. God
heals all earth-ly bro - ken-ness; Let praise to God re - sound! Re -
joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks and sing!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Jesus says to his disciples, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.

Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid.' The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **Everlasting God, whose tenacious love holds us: make our hearts the house of your truth, and make our minds the realm of your wisdom so that our fellowship will become your dwelling place, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children will depart for "Young Children in Worship" held in room 200 (2nd floor) after the children's sermon. At 10am, Sunday school teachers will take children up to the 3rd floor to their Sunday school classes, ages 3 - 1st grade – room 310 and 2nd - 4th grade – room 307.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Genesis 17: 1 - 8 (O.T. pg. 12)

After each reading:

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM – O Bless the Lord, O My Soul Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov
O bless the Lord, O my soul; and all within me bless his name.
O bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.
O bless the Lord, O my soul. All that is within me bless his holy name.
He is gracious and plenteous in mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
As the heavens are high above the earth,
so great his love toward those who bless his name.
O bless the Lord, O my soul.

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Hebrews 8: 6 - 13 (N.T. pg. 209)

SERMON – The Big Words: Covenant 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.**

OFFERING AND ANTHEM – I Am Always With You James Biery

I am always with you, will never leave you;
I am present always within your heart.
Morning after morning my love comes dawning:
I am within you, within your heart.

I am always with you, my love will guard you;
I will keep you always within my heart.
Moment after moment my love surrounds you;
I am within you, within your heart.

Through all days unending I will be with you;
I will hold you closely within my heart.
Timeless and forever, my love enfolds you;
I am within you, within your heart.

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING 717– For the Life That You Have Given
Tune: Pleading Savior

All: **For the life that you have given,
for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor,
with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises;
heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you,
living what we pray and sing.**

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN 834– Precious Lord, Take My Hand *Tune: Precious Lord*
(see bulletin pg. 15)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals Sigfrid Karg-Elert
(in the style of Handel)

This Morning’s Music: Mikhail Mikhaylovich Ippolitov-Ivanov (1859-1935) was a Russian composer, conductor, and teacher. His most famous music is the suite of orchestra pieces entitled “Caucasian Sketches.” Today’s anthem is part of the Russian Orthodox Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.

As the offering is collected we hear “I Am Always With You,” a song that uses a tune that James Biery composed some years ago for a project that was never completed. His wife Marilyn wrote the words in 2012. They were inspired by the final verse of the book of Matthew, in which Jesus says to his disciples, “Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.” On April 4, 1968, at 6:01 p.m., Dr. Martin Luther King was shot while standing on the second floor balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, surrounded by friends and associates. As he lay dying, he spoke these last words to his friend and musician Ben Branch, who was to perform at the event King was scheduled to attend that night: “Ben, make sure you play ‘Take My Hand, Precious Lord’ in the meeting tonight. Play it real pretty.” King’s funeral took place on April 9, 1968, at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, the church where both King and his father had served as co-pastors. His good friend Mahalia Jackson sang “Precious Lord” at the funeral.

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What’s Happening Today, January 15, 2023

9am Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestreamed

10:10am Sunday School for All Ages, 3rd Floor

10:10am Youth Middle Hour, 3rd Floor

10:10am Adult Middle Hour, Barbour Chapel

10:10am Seekers Confirmation, 3rd Floor

11am Worship Service, Sanctuary

5pm Worship Service, Barbour Chapel

Sunday School Classroom Assignments:

3/4 year old.....Room 310 Kndg./1st grade.....Room 310

Sensory.....Room 309 2nd/3rd grades.....Room 307

4th grade.....Room 307 Middle School.....Rooms 313

High School.....Room 315

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: Jeff Lincicome, Jasmine Smart, Carol Marks, April Sayar, liturgists; Michael Kopasz (9am), Laura Ver Beek (11am), lay readers; The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Choir, James Biery, director and organist.

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of **Helen Tabert Neskow and Robert Neskow** by their daughter, Cynthia Ford and her family.

The birth roses are given for:

Charles Everett Elston, born December 5, 2022 to Scott and Allison Everett Elston. Jim and Lori Everett are Charles’ grandparents;

Charles Oliver Tran, born January 10, 2022 to Tai and Laura Huggins Tran. Lynn Huggins and Dave Pickering are Charles’ grandparents.

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 Nancy Eckert at 313.418.6380 or nancy.k.eckert@gmail.com

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.

The wireless network in the Sanctuary is “gpmchurch” and the password is bibles@gpmchurch. The address for the bulletin is <http://www.gpmchurch.org/pdf-files/bulletin.pdf>

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.

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 Jan. 16 but meets again Jan. 23.

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 captain gadget@comcast.net with any questions.

Novel as Theology meets the 2nd Wednesdays of the month at 7:30pm at different locations.

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



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

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: “@lifegpmc” to 81010; TUXIS: “@tuxis” to 81010

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

GPMC Adult Mission Trip members will hold their last meeting this Wednesday, January 18 at 7pm in room 209. We are finalizing our plans to go to New Orleans, LA January 29 - February 4 to build homes.

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

Help Our Homeless. Our monthly donations of socks and underwear are appreciated by the less fortunate. Donations go to The Second Mile Center, Neighborhood Service Organization and Detroit Rescue Mission. Donate online with a link to suggested items at HappyCheeks.org or drop off socks at the Smolen home on January 21.

GP United Methodist Church is the FIRST church to offer a Shelter Week this winter. We are delighted to support their program for housing the homeless. We will make and serve dinner for 30 at their church on Monday, January 30, 4:30 - 7:30pm. We’ll need about 15 to join us at GPUMC on Moross to cook and serve the meal. Please sign up at bit.ly/GPUMCDinner

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.

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@gpmchurch.org.

WELCOMING VISITORS AND ANSWERING PHONE

Occasionally a staff person is on vacation or ill and cannot be at church. If you would like to answer the phones and welcome folks during the week, please let Carol Marks know at cmarks@gpmchurch.org. Times are very flexible to fit your schedule. Your help would be greatly appreciated, and you will be a loving presence to those who come to the church.

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!

Makers @ Memorial: Fingers are flying in Room 220. Makers @ Memorial are busy building Fidget Quilts for local Memory Care units. These lap sized treasures will zip, snap, and soothe fussy fingers and are popular with residents and unit administrators alike. Lend a hand and join the fun on Thursdays from 10:30-12:30 or 6:30-8:30.

All Church Bowling Party is Sunday, January 22 from 2 to 4pm! Cost for Adults is \$10, kids (ages twelve & under) \$5. Hosted at Lakeshore Lanes, 31025 Jefferson, Saint Clair Shores. Go to the church website for more information and to register.

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

Valentine's Day Senior Tea, Music, and Program: "Have a Heart for Music!" On Tuesday, February 14th at 11:45am, renowned oboist, Dr. Merideth Hite Estevez will perform on the oboe and speak about the importance of embracing your inner artist and being full of love and joy toward yourself and others. Tea, coffee, scones, and other goodies will be provided. You may register by calling the church office at 313.882.5330 or by signing up at the reception desk.

FAITHFUL GIVING

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!**

Boxes of Offering Envelopes for 2023 are available in the lobby. (Assigned envelope numbers are no longer in use.) Giving envelopes are also always available in the pew racks. If you have any questions about giving, please contact Susan Griffin at sgriffin@gpmchurch.org or 882.5330.

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: Sandra Beckett, Renee Centorbi (friend of Rob and Anne Musial), Joan Coyle, Mary Lou Duncan, Judy Frey and Diane Frey (cousins of Wayne Pratt), Patti and Steve Gough (Barb Grogan's dear friends), Evan Griffin (Susan Griffin's nephew), Ida Mae Holland (Ann Steben's sister), Mark Hopkins (the Beal's brother-in-law), Barb Kerwin, Kala Kumar (Ken Shepherd's wife), Phyllis May, Nancy McLeod, Sarah Morlan (Judy and Gordon's grand daughter), Rose Palazzolo (Frank Palazzolo's mother), Bill Steiner, Lee Thomas, Laura Huggins Tran (Lynn Huggins' daughter), Eli Werder (Bill and Lyn Turner's grandson), Salvador Zúñiga (Janice Zúñiga's son).

Continued Prayers for: Jan Biddle (Lisa Turner's sister), Lou Jiovani (friend of Ann Willett), Bill Leonard, Sally Owen, Sharon Rees, Mary Rigdon, Richard Snell (Mary Snell's father), Allison Awkland, Wanda Nance (Ann Willett's cousins), John Wood.

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).

Betty Bellovich, Keith Bellovich's aunt, died December 25, 2022. Please pray for the Bellovich and Huellmantel families.

Joe Masinick was installed as pastor last Sunday at The Addison Congregational Church in Addison, MI. Our prayers and love go to Joe and his family as he begins this wonderful ministry.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, Jan. 16: Offices Closed in Observation of MLK Day
Special Session Meeting 7:30pm via Zoom

Tuesday, Jan. 17: Women's Bible Study 7 - 8am Rm. 209
Yoga 10am Fellowship Hall & 6pm Rm. 310
Youth Study Session Noon - 4pm Rm. 315
FLAME/LIFE/TUXIS 6 - 8pm Rm. 315
Al-Anon 6:30 - 8pm Library
AA 7 - 8pm Rm. 209

Wednesday, Jan. 18: Men's Bible Study 7 - 8am 2nd Fl. Lounge
AA 8:15 - 9:30am 2nd Floor Lounge
Youth Study Session Noon - 4pm Rm. 315
Stephen Minister's Meeting 9 - 10:30am Rm. 209
Adult Mission Trip Meeting 7 - 8pm Rm. 209

Thursday, Jan. 19: Women's Connection 9 - 10am 2nd Fl. Lounge
Yoga 10am & 6pm Fellowship Hall
Makers @ Memorial 10:30am - 12:30pm &
6:30 - 8:30pm Rm. 220
Youth Study Session Noon - 4pm Rm. 315
Handbell Choir Rehearsal 6:15 - 7pm Rm. 326
Kevin's Song 7 - 8:30pm Library
Choir Rehearsal 7:15 - 9:15pm Choir Rm.

Friday, Jan. 20: Unpack the Truck 8:30 - 11am Offsite
Free Food Fridays 10:30am - Noon Offsite
Youth Movie Night 6pm Rm. 315
Al-Anon 6:30 - 8pm Library
AA 7 - 8pm Fellowship Hall

Saturday, Jan. 21: Men's Bible Study 8 - 9am Offsite
New Officer Training 10 - 11:30am
Fellowship Hall

694 Great God of Every Blessing

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
 2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
 3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
 in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
 trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
 In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
 For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me
 2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 near; when my life is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I

light; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
 fall; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

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 questions, 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 card, pre-game activities and more! Terms apply; visit RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl.

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