



GROSSE POINTE
MEMORIAL CHURCH
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship
Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 21, 2024 | 9 and 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.

PRELUDE –Andante Cantabile (from Symphony No. IV)

Charles-Marie Widor

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 62)

One: For God alone our souls wait in silence,

All: **From God comes our salvation.**

One: God alone is our rock and our salvation,

All: **Our fortress; we shall not be shaken.**

One: Trust in God at all times, O People;

All: **We pour out our heart before God, our refuge.**

One: Power and steadfast love belong to you, O Lord!

All: **Let us worship God!**

*OPENING HYMN 463 – How Firm a Foundation
(see bulletin page 10)

Tune: Foundation

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

All: **Holy God, we confess that we do not always understand your ways. We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns and our carefully laid plans come to nothing. We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult, and quick to question you. Grant us patience to wait for your**

good timing. Give us courage to step out in faith and obedience, trusting your lead even when we cannot see the outcome. Forgive us, and make us worthy to bear your name.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Amen. In Christ, God's salvation has come; God's peace kisses our cheeks, wiping away our tears, and faithfulness takes us by the hand to lead us home to God. God has called us, claimed us, and redeemed us. This is good news for all of creation!

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE – God Fills Our Hearts With Joy**

Tune: Marion

All: **God fills our hearts with joy; God's grace and love abound.
God heals all earthly brokenness; Let praise to God resound!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Having been forgiven by the God of peace, we now extend that peace to one another. May the peace of Christ be with you

All: **And also with you!**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **Almighty God, pour out upon us your Spirit so that your Word may be spoken and heard by each of us. Let us not refuse your calling or ignore your voice. Let all we hear lead us to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Psalm 85: 8 – 13

(O.T. page 514)

After each reading:

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!** 2

CHILDREN'S TIME (9 AM)

Children ages 4-grade 2 may depart for "Children's Church" held in room 108 (1st floor, adjacent to the nursery) after the children's sermon. At 10:05 am, volunteers will take children participating in Middle Hour to the 3rd floor: Pre-K (age 4)-Kindergarten to room 302; Grades 1-2 to room 310; and Grades 3-4 to room 307. Parents/caregivers should pick up children not participating in Middle Hour from room 108 immediately following the service.

ANTHEM – It Is Well With My Soul

Philip P. Bliss

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought—My sin—not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well...
And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
as the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so"—it is well with my soul.
It is well...

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 14: 22 – 33

(N.T. page 15)

SERMON – We Step Out in Faith and Do Amazing Things

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 – O Lord, Increase My Faith

Henry Loosemore

O Lord, increase my faith, strengthen me and confirm me in thy true faith;
endue me with wisdom, charity, and patience in all my adversity.
Sweet Jesu, say Amen.

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING 606 – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Tune: Old Hundredth

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 353 – My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
(see bulletin page 11)

Tune: Solid Rock

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Tuba Tune

C. S. Lang

THIS MORNING’S MUSIC

The anthem is based on a hymn text written by Horatio Gates Spafford, a Chicago lawyer and elder at Fullerton Avenue Presbyterian Church. Philip Bliss composed the melody. “It is Well” was written after several traumatic events in Spafford’s life. The first was the death of his only son in 1871 at the age of four, shortly followed by the great Chicago Fire which ruined him financially (he had been a successful lawyer). Then in 1873, he had planned to travel to Europe with his wife and four daughters on the Ville du Havre, but sent the family ahead while he was delayed on business concerning zoning problems following the Great Chicago Fire. While crossing the Atlantic, the ship sank rapidly after a collision with a sailing ship, the Loch Earn, and all four of Spafford’s daughters perished. His wife Anna survived and sent him a telegram saying, “Saved alone.” Shortly afterwards, as Spafford traveled to meet his grieving wife, he was inspired to write the hymn as his ship passed near where his daughters had died.

The motet during the offering, “O Lord, increase my faith,” is traditionally attributed to Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625). It is now thought to have been composed by Henry Loosemore (1600?-1670), who was organist at King’s College Chapel. The words come from a prayer in the 1662 Anglican Book of Common Prayer, a prayer which was based on the disciples’ words, “Increase our faith!” in Luke 17:5.

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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 157 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 worshiping 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: Jeff Lincicome, Jasmine Smart, Carol Marks, liturgists; Carol Wood, lay reader; The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Choir; James Biery, organist and director.

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 Rachel Kurtz at 313.300.5353 or rkurtz1234@aol.com.

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.

Giving at GPMC: To donate, visit bit.ly/GPMC-Giving or text "GPMC" to 73256.

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.

SERMON SERIES

It's Called MinisTRY!

The word "ministry" is a bit of an enigma. Typically, we relegate it to the professionals; pastors, church workers, religious do-gooders. But that is not its essence. Ministry literally means service, and because of that, as Christians ALL of us are ministers of the gospel. The saying, "God doesn't call the equipped-He equips the called" is absolutely true. Even if we feel like we don't have what it takes, we are simply called to try, to put ourselves out there, to risk, trust, love and serve-It's called minisTRY after all! Join us as we learn about and reflect on the adventure of faith and our call to ministry together.



WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AT GPMC?

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestreamed
10:00 am	Children's & Youth Middle Hour	Third Floor
10:00 am	*Adult Middle Hour	Barbour Chapel
10:00 am	Stewardship Reception Celebration	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Girl Scouts	Room 310
1:00 pm	Camino Pilgrimage Meeting	Room 209

**Middle Hour is the study of the Surprising Lives of Christian Saints.*

PRAYER REQUESTS

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 morning and offer prayers for members of the congregation.

If you would like to add a person to our prayers, please call Carol Marks 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: Audrey Hallmann (Beverly Burn's niece), Jim and Laura Hebert (brother and sister-in-law of Denise Champion), Barb Kerwin, Pauline Lackey, Lt. Colonel John Steele (friend of the Litchfield family), Steve Voorhees.

Continued Prayers for: Doug Bechler, Tom Bejin (Matt Bejin's father), Eleanor Berendt (Gregg Berendt's mother), Jim Bierbusse, Marlene Boll, Drucilla Burns (friend of Carol Koepplin), Laura Burns, Preston Burke (Victoria Hill's brother-in-law), Renee Centorbi (the Musials' friend), Ben Chapman, Bill Fox, Margery Fuller, Bill Leonard, Phyllis May, Lee Miller, Elsie Onychuck, Kay Peters (Ann Willett's friend), Rob Sawka (Jan Arndt's nephew), Georgie Solomon, Traci Spencer-Strong (Bryan Mahlmeister's sister), Kiernan Tague (friend of the Clark family), Bill Turner, Annette White (Frank Palazzolo's cousin), Susan Villa-Acre (Linda Lloyd's friend).

Protection and Strength for Our Loved Ones in the Military: Joey and Mike Bejin (nephews of Matt Bejin), General Mike Coyne (friend of the Tenglers), Alec Doyal, Special Forces, U.S. Air Force (grandson of Guy and Marilyn Doyal), Alec Mains, U.S. Marines (the Brewster's grandson), Phoebe Piku, U.S. Army Medic, Fort Liberty, Douglas Ross (Airforce, Fighter aircraft integrated avionics), Captain Florencio Yuzon V, U.S. Navy JAG (Val and Pat Moran's son-in-law), 2nd Lieutenant Florencio Connor Yuzon VI, U.S. Army (Pat and Val Moran's grandson).

This Week at GPMC

Monday, January 22

Preacher's Workshop, 10 - 11 am (2nd Floor Lounge)
Boy Scouts, 6:30 - 8 pm (Fellowship Hall)
Session Meeting, 7 - 9 pm (Room 209)

Tuesday, January 23

Women's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (Room 215)
Yoga, 10 - 11 am (Room 301) & 6 - 7 pm (Fellowship Hall)
Full Circle Yoga & Wellness, 12:15 - 2:15 pm (Fellowship Hall)
Al-Anon, 6:30 - 8 pm (Library)
AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)

Wednesday, January 24

Men's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (Room 209)
AA, 8:15 - 9:30 am (Room 209)
Red Cross Blood Drive, 12 - 6 pm (Fellowship Hall)
Memorial Youth Group, 6 - 8 pm (Room 315)
Adult Bible Study, 7:30 - 9 pm (Room 215)

Thursday, January 25

Yoga, 10 - 11 am & 6 - 7 pm (Room 301)
Makers at Memorial, 10:30 am & 6:30 pm & Quilting Class 5:30 - 7 pm (Room 220)
Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 6:15 - 7 pm (Room 322)
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 - 9:15 pm (Choir Room)

Friday, January 26

Ecumenical Men's Breakfast, 7:30 - 9 am (Fellowship Hall)
Free Food Fridays, 9 - 11 am (Offsite)
Al-Anon, 6:30 - 8 pm (Library)
AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)

Saturday, January 27

Men's Bible Study, 8 - 9 am (Offsite)
Seeker's Retreat, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm (Offsite)
Makers Event, 9 am - 2 pm (2nd Floor Lounge)
Bereavement Group, 10 - 11:15 am (2nd Floor Lounge)

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

463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign,
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
 2 When dark - ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay. less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.



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