



GROSSE POINTE
MEMORIAL CHURCH
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 26, 2025 | 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

PRELUDE – Processional on CWM Rhonda

Arr. Logan Hamilton

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the east and west, the north and south
All: **God creates beauty and life.**
One: From all corners of the globe
All: **God calls us to love and to live and to follow.**
One: In our homes and our hearts, in this church and in the world
All: **We sing and serve, we hope and we pray.**
One: Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN 65 – Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
(see bulletin page 10)

Tune: CWM Rhonda

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

All: **Holy Lord, God of life, hear our prayer: Forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead to life, that lead instead to violence, or hate, or fear, paths that lead to dread and death. Forgive us when we forget that you offer**

us life, life that is abundant and eternal, life that began at the creation of all things. Forgive us, turn us to the right path, and let your love and grace flow over us and the world. We pray in Jesus's name and for his sake. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and we are included in that love. Know that we are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE – All Glory 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: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Hebrews 11: 8 – 10

(N.T. pages 211– 212)

After each reading:

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SONG 188 – Jesus Loves Me

Tune: Jesus Loves Me

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children ages 4-grade 2 may depart for "Children's Church" held in room 301 after the children's sermon. At 10:05 am, volunteers will take children participating in Middle Hour to the 3rd floor: Pre-K-Kindergarten to room 302; Grades 1-2 to room 310; and Grades 3-4 to room 307. Parents/caregivers can pick up children not participating in Middle Hour from room 301 immediately following the service.

ANTHEM – The God of Abraham Praise

Arr. Dorothy and Ferris Ohl

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Genesis 12: 1 – 9

(O.T. page 9)

SERMON – The Adventure of Belief

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.

*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 51– To Abraham and Sarah

Tune: Llanfylln

(see bulletin page 11)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Toccata on Llanfylln

Arr. Logan Hamilton

This Morning’s Music: Acknowledges the call to action that God places in our lives and the adoration that is warranted from our lips. The anthem is based on the hymn, “The God of Abraham Praise” and creates a triumphant choral arrangement that takes inspiration from the opening verse, “The God of Abraham praise, who reins enthroned above.” The arrangement also features a soaring soprano descant that harkens the celestial image of angels as mentioned in the fourth verse, “The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing, and ‘Holy, holy, holy!’ cry ‘Almighty King!’” The offertory is composed by major American composer and organist, Leo Sowerby (1895-1967), and is a choral setting of Psalm 121. Sowerby’s setting of God’s steadfast protection is a reflective, choral meditation that opens with an alto soloist who provides the main melody of which the piece is built upon. As the psalm progresses, the choral writing becomes more harmonically expansive to emphasize God’s wide breadth of security and guidance, before returning to the solo texture that began the piece.

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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 159 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, Heather Thum - Gerber, Carol Marks, liturgists; Elizabeth Schaefer (9 am), Jeff Ver Beek (11 am), lay readers; the Sanctuary Choir; Logan Hamilton, Minister of Music and Organist.

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

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.



Help GPMC shine bright and share the light by making your 2025 pledge. Scan the QR code, visit <https://gpmchurch.org/pledge-form/>, call the church office at 313.882.5330, or return your pledge envelope either in person or via mail. Thank you for helping us be a light by the lakeshore.

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.

WINTER SERMON SERIES

In Living Color: The Story of Our Faith

One of the gifts of GPMC is the incredible Willet stained glass windows that adorn our sanctuary. For close to 100 years, these windows have told the story of our faith, painting the Bible in living color, surrounding us on all sides with our heritage. This year, with those windows as our guide, we will be walking through the story of our faith, one pane at a time. What a gift we have been given!

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AT GPMC?

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestreamed
10:10 am	Sunday School	Third Floor
10:10 am	Youth Middle Hour	Third Floor
10:10 am	Adult Middle Hour	Barbour Chapel
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Parish Life Ice Skating Event	Patterson Park

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 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: Susan Feldman (Carol Kristan's cousin), Paul Fink (John Mozena's cousin), Audrey Leverenz, Julie Meek (Marilyn Doyal's sister), Derek Starks (friend of Todd Andrus family and Susan Murray), George Stultz, Louise Thomas, Allison and Zach Thorton.

Continued Prayers for: Rowland Austin, Myrna Bowler (April Sayar's mother), Lori Conway (Jim Conway's sister-in-law), Ron Dollette, Jane Dow, Gwen Dunlap (Karen and Wayne Pratt's sister), Lisa Gandelot, Julie Harrison (Jennifer Cauvel's cousin), Yvonne Held (Becky Scholtes' mother), Rachel Howard (Cheryl Littleton's friend's daughter), Will, Karrie (Crouse) and Cormac Joines (Annie Prentice's brother and family), Stephanie Kornblum (Sue Vititoe's daughter), Steve Lundberg (Gayle Conway's brother), Betsy Maitland, Michael Meda, Dr. Alan Shepherd (Ken Shepherd's brother), Martha Speer, Teddy (Judith Sudomier's grandson).

Protection and Strength for Our Loved Ones in the Military: Alec Doyal, Special Forces, U.S. Air Force (Marilyn and Guy Doyal's grandson), Alec Mains, U.S. Marines, Djibouti, Africa (Phyllis and John Brewster's grandson).

In Memoriam

William Stone Turner, Jr.

July 29, 1939 – January 19, 2025

The Service of the Resurrection was held in our sanctuary Friday, January 24 at 11:00 am. Please hold Bill's wife, Lynn, their children, Bill, Jill and Rebecca, their grandchildren and many friends in your prayers.

This Week at GPMC

Monday, January 27

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

Tuesday, January 28

Women's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (Room 215)
Yoga, 10 - 11 am (Room 322) & 6 - 7 pm (Fellowship Hall)
Al-Anon, 6:30 - 8 pm (Library)
AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)

Wednesday, January 29

Men's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (2nd Floor Lounge)
AA, 8:15 - 9:30 am (Room 209)
Bible Basics Bible Study, 10 - 11 am & 7 - 8 pm (Room 306)
Investment Committee Meeting, 4 - 5 pm (Room 209)
Memorial Youth, 6 - 8 pm (Room 315)

Thursday, January 30

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

Friday, January 31

Free Food Fridays, 9 - 11 am (Offsite)
Parent's Connection, 6 - 8 pm (Offsite)
Al-Anon, 6:30 - 8 pm (Library)
AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)

Saturday, February 1

Men's Bible Study, 8 - 9 am (Offsite)
Youth Sunday Rehearsal, 1 - 2:30 pm (Sanctuary)

Sunday, February 2

Worship Services, 10:30 am (Sanctuary & Livestreamed) & 5 pm (Barbour Chapel)
Youth Sunday Celebration, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)

In accordance with the By-Laws, the Session of The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church has called The Yearly Report Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church for Sunday, February 9, 2025 at 10:10 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report; acting on Session recommended changes to the terms of call of the installed pastors; filling any vacancies on the Session, Board of Deacons, councils and committees and Board of Trustees; and addressing such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The meeting is to be convened at the Church in Fellowship Hall.

Crazy Horse Memorial, South Dakota



Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

51 To Abraham and Sarah

I Will Be Your God

1 To A - bra - ham and Sa - rah the call of God was clear:
 2 From A - bra - ham and Sa - rah a - rose a pil - grim race,
 3 We of this gen - er - a - tion on whom God's hand is laid

"Go forth and I will show you a coun - try rich and fair.
 de - pen - dent for their jour - ney on God's a - bun - dant grace;
 can jour - ney to the fu - ture se - cure and un - a - fraid,

You need not fear the jour - ney, for I have pledged my word
 and in their heart was writ - ten by God this sav - ing word,
 re - joic - ing in God's good - ness and trust - ing in this word,

that you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."
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Office Hours

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

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