

GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH



"A light by the lakeshore"

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

JANUARY 3, 2021 | WORSHIP 9AM

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever,
Grosse Pointe Memorial Church is created by God to
worship the Lord and serve God's people.

Sharing God's love and caring for God's people,
we call disciples of all ages to put faith into action by
worshiping God joyfully,
welcoming others graciously,
supporting one another lovingly, and
serving all faithfully.

Order of Service for the Worship of God

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE—Andantino Tranquillo

Peter Warlock

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing praise to God who gathers us,
Many: **From the ends of the earth we come.**
One: With a word of promise, a spring of water,
Many: **With a loaf of bread and a cup of wine,**
One: God turns our mourning into dancing,
our sorrow into joy!
All: **Let us worship God!**

OPENING HYMN 147—The First Nowell

(stanzas 1, 2 and 3; see bulletin pgs.12-13)

Tune: The First Nowell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and
pride hide the brightness of your light: we turn away from the
poor and ignore cries for justice and do not strive for peace.
In your mercy, cleanse us from our failures of intent and
action, and renew us by your Spirit that restored and forgiven
we may reflect your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

One: Amen. Sisters and brothers, hear the good news: God bestows
grace on us to heal us and set us on the path of peace. Be reconciled
to God and one another because you have been forgiven!
Many: **Thanks be to God!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you!
Many: **And also with you!**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: Illuminating God who shines brightly through the Word incarnate
in Jesus Christ, speak to us in a fresh way that grasps our attention
and empowers our action.
All: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

NEW TESTAMENT READING—Colossians 3: 12–17

After each reading:

One: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM—What Child Is This

Tony Hewitt Jones

GOSPEL READING—Luke 2: 41–52

SERMON—The Purpose of Christmas

Mark Diehl

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*The liturgist will bless the elements and then invite you to partake,
knowing that the Spirit unites you with our Lord, our church community,
and with Christians around the world as we share this sacred moment in
new ways.*

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them to the Lord.**
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

BLESSING OF THE BREAD

BLESSING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

INVITATION TO OFFERINGS OF SELF AND GIFTS

For those who are able, we are grateful for your continued offerings to our ministries. You can donate online using the "Secure Donation Form" link on our website's front page. Your contributions are so important at this time.

OFFERING RESPONSE- What Can I Give Him?

Gustav Holst

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

CLOSING HYMN 113-Angels We Have Heard on High (see bulletin pgs.14-15)

Tune: Gloria

BENEDICTION

CARILLON POSTLUDE

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WELCOME TO GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH

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

ABOUT WORSHIP AT GPMC

Leading and Assisting in Worship: Mark Diehl, Susan Mozena, Carol Marks; The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Virtual Choir; James Biery, organist; Joe Masinick, worship service production.

What's Happening Today, January 3, 2021

9am Worship Service Pre-Recorded (Livestreamed)

Weekly Livestreamed Services will be available on GPMC's Website.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Have you Tried Out the Sunday School Offerings yet?

Our online Sunday school offering for children, youth and parents are ready and waiting for you and your family to do! Simply go to our church website and click on the "Families" link which will direct you to the "Family Faith Playlist" site. There are many different playlists to choose from and each playlist has multiple resources to use for all ages that can be done around your family's schedule. Please complete the registration forms and return them to church. They can be scanned and returned via email, regular mail or drop them off at the church by placing them in the mail slot which is located on the wood door on the ramp behind the church. If you have questions about how to start using the playlists, contact Lisa Turner or Sarah Godbehere at 313.882.5330 or by email at lturner@gpmchurch.org or sgodbehere@gpmchurch.org



Youth Groups for middle school and high school students meet each Tuesday, from 6-8pm on Trinity Terrace. We will meet again on Jan. 5. We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you next Tuesday! If we are not able to meet in person, we will text a link to the Zoom meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Godbehere at sgodbehere@gpmchurch.org for more information.

Preacher's Workshop meets January 4 at 10am via Zoom with Susan Mozena.

Reel Theology: Jan. 4 at 7:30pm. Join those who enjoy a "night at the movies" and tune in via Zoom to view a wonderful film, a story of faith, courage and human achievement, *Chariots of Fire*. Released in 1981, the movie is a true story of two magnificent British runners, Harold Abrahams and Eric Liddell, who competed in the 1924 Olympics, held in Paris. It is exciting, moving and illuminating, exploring issues of faith, class and privilege, and prejudice. We hope to see you at the movies! Here's the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88484248465>

Women's Bible Study, Tuesdays, 7-8am. Meeting remotely via Zoom. If you are not now a participant, but wish to join, contact Susan Mozena.

Men's Bible Study, Wednesdays, 7-8am. Will meet via Zoom Jan. 13. Please contact Steve Voorhees at captainadgadget@comcast.net with any questions. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85692864462?pwd=YWNvMmh2c0tRN3RkMXBLTFZlTld0dz09> or by phone: Zoom meeting ID: 856 9286 4462 Passcode: 406243

Adult Bible Study in January: A New Study, “Uppity Women of the Bible.” It’s a Good Time to Join Us! Join GPMC men and women as they continue a Bible study about several strong women in the Bible, through an engaging Living the Questions video study curriculum offered by Dr. Lisa Wolfe, Hebrew Bible scholar. Four brief and very engaging video presentations by Dr. Wolfe, about Ruth, The Song of Songs, Esther and Judith will be followed by discussion led by Susan Mozena: January 6 and 20. We will meet via Zoom or by phone on Jan. 6. The link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81233702834> or phone call in: 646.558.8656, ID# 81233702834

Scripture and Conversation for Women, meets each Wednesday morning, 11:15am-12:15pm, via free conference call (1.978.990.5000, access code 658374). If you are not a participant, but wish to join, contact Susan Mozena, so you can be updated as needed regarding details.

Men’s Bible Study, Saturdays, 8-9am via Zoom. If you have questions, please contact David Asker at davidasker@outlook.com

Short story readers, listen up! Our story for January is “Homeland,” by Barbara Kingsolver. Karen Pratt will lead the discussion. Hope to see you on the 13th. The Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88484248465> You can download the short story from the weekly email.

Novel as Theology will meet January 27, 7:30pm via Zoom to discuss “The Dutch House,” Ann Patchett. Available at the GP libraries in print and in audio book format, narrated by Tom Hanks. Discussion leader: Renee Catrambone. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81043410967>

OUTREACH



Help us Unpack the Truck on Friday, January 15, from 9am – noon. We join the members of St John Presbyterian Church to unload and unpack pallets of food from a Forgotten Harvest truck and put it in the cars of hungry people. We know that hunger is a bigger problem in the City of Detroit this year due to the economics of

Covid-19. We know that Forgotten Harvest knows how to run pop-up food delivery points – and all the work is outside! Wear masks, dress for the weather of the day, restrooms will be open at the church, bring your own water (and a snack if you need one). Plan to meet us at St. John’s PC; parking is available on site, 1961 E. Lafayette. Follow the link on the GPMC home page to let us know you are coming.



Our Hunger Offering in January will go to The Second Mile Center of Detroit. The center was founded in 2006 by Ruth Azar following God’s call to provide services and develop partnerships to empower and strengthen people through charitable and educational means without discrimination

based on race, color, national or ethnic origin. During Covid, the center has remained connected with the community through prayer, food deliveries, and clothing donations. Please give generously. GPMC will match congregation donations made in January up to \$2,000. Go to the GPMC Home Page and find the Weekly Offering, choosing GPMC Hunger Offering as the Donation Recipient. Or, send a check to the church this month noting Second Mile or Hunger Offering on the memo line.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to the 257 families, members and friends of GPMC who have made a 2021 financial commitment! We continue to be blessed by these gifts. The stewardship campaign is nearing its close and we are at 78% of where we need to be to continue with our current work. If you haven’t yet sent in your 2021 commitment, we would love to hear from you soon. If you have misplaced your pledge envelope, which were mailed in October, contact the church office for another or make your 2021 commitment at: <https://gpmcblogs.org/pledgeform/>. **Thank You!**

AND MORE

There will be CD copies of all our worship services in the small church book exchange building on the front lawn. Please feel free to take a copy. There is no need to return it. Thanks so much to Joe Masinick for making this possible.

New member class has been scheduled for Jan. 10, 17 and 24th. It will be a series of Zoom calls. For questions, please contact Tamara Gilbert at tswales.gilbert@gmail.com.

The History to Our Story Team (HOST) video project is complete! The full video can be seen on the GPMC website or at <https://youtu.be/iB-nodfCbdmM>. Sincere thanks to everyone who provided photos and submitted videos. All submitted materials will appear in the on-line digital archive.

50,000 Acts of Kindness: Our 313 Calling is excited to share the good news that with your help, the community has served 50,000 neighbors in need. Here are ways to get involved:



1. Our December food drive collected more than 900 items for Manistique Community Treehouse and Second Mile Center. We will continue with this outreach after the new year from 10-11am on Saturday, Jan. 9. Mark your calendars and look for our new banner to help spread the word.

2. We are tracking well with our mission to feed the homeless with more than 1000 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches per week. If you want to get involved, dates for late December and January are now open. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044aa8ae2aa3f85-pbj>.

PRAYING FOR OTHERS

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.

RECENT PRAYER REQUESTS: Michael Becker (John Boris' grandson), Judy Caldwell (Leslie Martin's friend), Dick Heglin (friend of the Van Dusens), Kurt Larson (son of Pete Larson), Jack Liang, Darrell Offutt (father of John Boris' daughter-in-law), Rose Palazzolo (Frank Palazzolo's mother), Sharon Rees, Wendy Richardson (friend of Lois Palazzolo).

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS: Michael Anderson (Stevie Miller's son), Sandy Beckett's mother and sister, Joan and Tom Coyle, Bronn Dismukes (newborn baby of Paige and Roy Dismukes, and grandbaby of Ruth Azar and Scott Matthews), Kim Geist (Stevie Miller's daughter), Perry Kent (Phyllis May's son), Caroline Marks, Alex Scapini (Fran McCabe's nephew), Lisa Sturm (Christina Turner's friend).

FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL: Maria Marable (friend of Elizabeth Tengler), Phoebe Piku (advanced training in U.S. army), Salvador Zúñiga (Janice Zúñiga's son), Bart and Amanda Ward.

FOR OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS: All who are on the frontlines of the war against Covid-19, Keith Bellovich, Anna Brucker, Heather Frahm, Matt Koral, Lauren McCabe, Rebecca McCoy, Chris and Rosa Moore, Blake Sanford, Karlyn McCoy Schoen, Karol Swenson, George Williams, Erin Hepler Worrell.

THIS WEEK AT MEMORIAL

Monday, January 4: Preacher's Workshop 10 - 11am via Zoom
Session Meeting 7pm via Zoom
Reel Theology 7:30 -9pm via Zoom

Tuesday, January 5: Women's Bible Study 7 -8am via Zoom
FLAME/LIFE/TUXIS 6 - 8pm Trinity Terrace

Wednesday, January 6: Script. & Conv. for Women 11:15am via phone
Adult Bible Study 7:30 -9pm via Zoom

Thursday, January 7: No scheduled activities

Friday, January 8: No Scheduled Activities

Saturday, January 9: Men's Bible Study 8 - 9am via Zoom
Drive-thru Food Drive 10 -11am Parking lot

Sunday, January 10: Livestreamed Worship Service 9am
New Member Class 10 -11am via Zoom



**EXHAUSTED
BY THE PANDEMIC?**

YOU DON'T HAVE TO FACE IT ALONE.

A Stephen Minister can walk alongside you or a loved one to offer support and care—and it's free and confidential.

To learn more, call Carol Marks at 313-882-5330, Debby Owen at 313-549-9644, or Lois Ann Hernquist at 586-945-0094.



1 The first Now-ell the an-gel did say was to cer-tain poor
 2 They look-ed up and saw a star shin-ing in the
 3 And by the light of that same star three wise men
 4 This star drew nigh to the north-west; o'er Beth - le -

shep-herds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keep-ing
 east be-yond them far; and to the earth it gave
 came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was their
 hem it took its rest, and there it did both stop

their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
 great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher-ev - er it went.
 and stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

Refrain

Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

113 Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some ti - dings be which in-spire your heaven-ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - -

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!



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Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm



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