



GROSSE POINTE  
MEMORIAL CHURCH  
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship  
Second Sunday of Christmas  
January 4, 2026 | 9 & 11 am

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## 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 – Finale from Sonata No. 6, op. 65

*Felix Mendelssohn*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*One:* A new day has dawned, a new year begun.

*All:* O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice.

*One:* The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.

*All:* O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path.

*One:* We enter this new year with hope and excitement.

*All:* O Lord, remind us that You lead us. O Lord, guide us as we look to You, and worship You. Amen.

\*HYMN 321 – The Church's One Foundation  
(see bulletin page 10)

*Tune: Aurelia*

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

*All:* God of mercy and love, we know that sometimes we allow ourselves to be distracted by things that really don't matter all that much. We would rather pursue intellectual arguments than live the gospel. We would rather debate

our equals than defend the vulnerable. We prefer to think about you instead of getting to know you. So help us, God. Help us to discern what does matter to you and to the vulnerable you call us to. Help us to open up our hearts, wide in love and grace, and so be living examples of your good news. In Christ we pray.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Romans 5:5)**

**One:** Amen. Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Believe this good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**\*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 (from Jude 2)**

**One:** May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**All:** Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, and prepare our hearts to accept your

word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Zechariah 4:1- 6**

(O.T. page 830)

*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 – A Wessex Pastoral**

*Harold Carpenter Lumb Stocks*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING – Revelation 2:1- 7**

(N.T. page 231)

**SERMON – First Love**

Jeff Lincicome

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**ANTHEM AND OFFERING – Threnodi**

*Frederik Magle*

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION**

**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.**  
 One: ... who forever sing the glory of your name.

SANCTUS 559 – Holy, Holy, Holy

Tune: Sanctus (Harling)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION

*Please hold the (gluten-free) bread and cup until invited to eat and drink by the worship leader so that we can all partake in communion together.*

COMMUNION HYMN 536 – Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen  
 (see bulletin page 11)

Tune: Surge Ecclesia

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*CLOSING HYMN 100 – My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout  
 (see bulletin pages 12 – 13)

Tune: Star of County Down

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Toccata on Star of County Down

Arr. Logan Hamilton

## 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 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, Eleanor Kiggins, liturgists; Weston Linsdau (9 am), Susan Griffin (11 am), lay readers; Caroline Miller, clarinet; 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 Frances LaPlante-Sosnowsky at 313.434.5574 or ab7014@wayne.edu

**Giving at GPMC:** To give, visit [bit.ly/GPMC-Giving](https://bit.ly/GPMC-Giving), text "GPMC" to 73256; scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin, or offering envelopes can be 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.

**This Morning's Music:** Features Caroline Miller on clarinet for GPMC musical offerings. The anthem is a whimsical piece composed by English composer and organist, Harold C. L. Stocks (1884-1956) who dedicated the piece to his son, Linton. The piece opens with a cheerful melody by the clarinet that reprises itself after different tunes arise and go. The offering is a meditation on lamenting the past and looking forward to the future by Danish composer, Frederik Magle (b. 1977). A *Threnodi* or threnody is a song of lamentation for the dead, or an elegy. As such, an unfinished version of Magle's "Threnodi" premiered at his mother's funeral in 2017. After some time had passed, Magle found it within himself to complete the piece in 2022, and appropriately dedicated the piece to her. Magle describes the piece, "Although a threnody is an ode of mourning, the music is far from solely being sorrowful. It is a memorial but also a celebration of the person being mourned. In my case, my mother."

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## 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.

## WORSHIP NOTES/REFLECTION

## 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](mailto: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:** Martha Day, Emilie (Susan Griffin's sister), Chris Fines (Kathy Kurap's friend), Dick Strowger.

**Continued Prayers for:** Kathy Belter (Cheryl Littleton's aunt), John Boris, Jane Dow, Joanne Grierson, John Harris (Jodi Stevens' father), Amy Hatch, Dennis Hertel (the Musial's 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), Sue Stanley, 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).

# The Church's One Foundation 321

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.  
 2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,  
 4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,

She is his new creation by water and the word.  
 her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
 she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:  
 and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.  
 One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
 yet saints their watch keep; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
 O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.  
 And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.  
 like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternal-ly.

# 536 Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

1 Rise, O church, like Christ arisen, from this  
 2 Rise, transformed, and choose to follow after  
 3 Rise, remember well the future God has  
 4 Service be our sure vocation; courage

meal of love and grace; may we through such love en-  
 Christ, though wounded, whole; broken, shared, our lives are  
 called us to receive; present by God's loving  
 be our daily breath; mercy be our destiny-

vision whose we are, and whose, our praise. Al-  
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 ia. Rise, O church, a liv-  
 ing faith.

# 100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

## Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you  
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



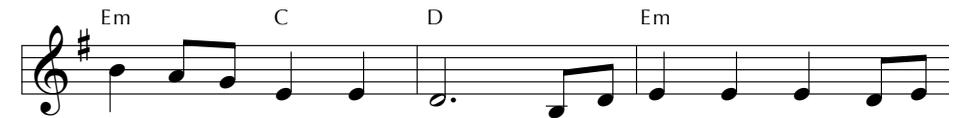
weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



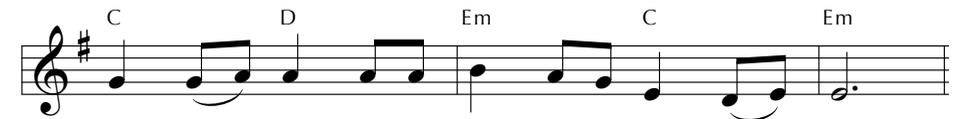
name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AT GPMC?

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
9:15 am	Children's Church	Room 301
10:10 am	Confirmation Class	Room 315
10:10 am	Adult Middle Hour	Barbour Chapel
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary

## This Week at GPMC

### Monday, January 5

Preacher's Workshop, 10 - 11 am (2nd Floor Lounge)

### Tuesday, January 6

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 7

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)

### Thursday, January 8

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 9

Free Food Fridays, 9 - 11 am (Offsite)

AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)

### Saturday, January 10

Men's Bible Study, 8 - 9 am (Offsite)

Drive By Food Drive, 10 - 11 am (Parking Lot)

## Sunday, January 11

Worship Services, \*9 and 11 am (Sanctuary & \*Livestream)

Children's Sunday School, 9:20 - 10:15 am (Third Floor)

Second Sunday with Makers, 10 - 11 am (Library)

Adult Middle Hour, 10:10 - 10:50 am (Barbour Chapel)

Children's Choir, 10:15 - 10:35 am (Room 320)

Mission Trip Meeting 12 - 3 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Girl Scouts, 1 - 2 pm (Room 310)

*\*Please note this list is subject to change. For the most up-to-date calendar, visit [gpmchurch.org](http://gpmchurch.org).*

## IT'S A NEW YEAR, SO VOLUNTEER!



*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](http://gpmchurch.org) and click on the drop-down "Serve" or on "Volunteer Ministry Connect Tool" under Services & Quick Links, or contact Donna Hartzell at [dhartzell@gpmchurch.org](mailto:dhartzell@gpmchurch.org) or call 313.882.5330. There is a place for everyone!*



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8:30 am – 3:00 pm, Friday

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