



GROSSE POINTE
MEMORIAL CHURCH
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship
The Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 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 – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
(a setting of Hymn 827)

Dieterich Buxtehude

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

All: **The light has shined on the nations who live in the shadow of death.**

One: The true light that enlightens every person is coming into the world. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

All: **The Lord is our light and our salvation. We shall not be afraid.**

*OPENING HYMN 150 – As with Gladness Men of Old
(see bulletin page 14)

Tune: Dix

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Psalm 139)

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

All: **Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in the shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness which shrouds our lives. Illumine us by your Word so we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (from Romans 8: 34; 2 Corinthians 5: 17)

One: Amen. Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE 134** – Joy to the World

Tune: Antioch

All: **Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** (from Psalm 103)

One: “The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.” The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (9 AND 11 AM)

We welcome our newest members to GPMC: Gayle and James Conway, Deborah and Stephen D’Arcy, Sarah and James Gilpin, Callie and Ryan Lewicki.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **Our Lord and our God, now as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit.
Soften our hearts that we may discern your ways. Fill us with your light.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Psalm 90: 1 – 8

(O.T. pages 517 – 518)

After each reading:

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

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. Parents/caregivers should pick up children from room 108 immediately following the service.

ANTHEM – What Child Is This?

Thomas Hewitt Jones

What child is this who, laid to rest, On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king, Whom shepherds worship and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him praise, The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians fear: for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, The Cross be borne for me, for you:
Hail! Hail the Word Made Flesh, The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; Come peasant, king, to own him!
The King of Kings salvation brings: Let loving hearts enthrone him!
Raise, raise the song on high! The Virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy! joy! for Christ is born, The babe, the Son of Mary!

What child is this who, laid to rest, On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?
What child is this?

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 25: 14– 30

(N.T. page 27)

SERMON – It’s Called MinisTRY

Jeff Lincicome

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING AND ANTHEM – Tomorrow shall be my dancing day

John Gardner

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day; I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play, To call my true love to my dance;
Sing, O my love, O my love, my love, my love,
This have I done for my true love.
Then was I born of a virgin pure, Of her I took fleshly substance
Thus was I knit to man's nature To call my true love to my dance.
Sing, O my love...
In a manger laid, and wrapped I was So very poor, this was my chance
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass To call my true love to my dance.
Sing, O my love...
Then afterwards baptized I was; The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice heard from above, To call my true love to my dance.
Sing, O my love...

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 562 – Holy, Holy, Holy

Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, heav-en and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, 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 bread and cup until invited to eat and drink by the worship leader so that we can all partake in communion together.

COMMUNION MUSIC

ORGAN – Puer nobis nascitur

Tune: Jean-François Dandrieu

COMMUNION HYMN 152 – What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright *Tune: Puer nobis nascitur*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN 141 – On This Day Earth Shall Ring
(see bulletin page 15)

Tune: Personent hodie

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – In Thee Is Gladness, BWV 615

J. S. Bach

THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

The organ prelude was composed by Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707) and is based upon the German chorale “Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern.” The hymn (#827 in our hymnal) is traditionally called the “Queen of Chorales”; because of its morning star imagery it is associated with the celebration of Epiphany and the coming of the Magi. The postlude is one of the most exuberant organ pieces of J. S. Bach (1685-1750). It is based upon Hymn #242 which originally was associated with the coming of the New Year. Watch and listen for the joyful Zimbelstern, the rotating “bell star” at the top of the organ case.

The anthem was written by Thomas Hewitt Jones, a young English composer of both concert and commercial music. The poetry was written by William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) as “The Manger Throne” and is most commonly sung to the traditional English ballad tune “Greensleeves.”

“Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day” seems to have had its origin in the medieval tradition of the mystery play. The carol tells the story of Christ the Redeemer’s incarnation among humankind, and calls us (his “true love”) to follow him in his “dance” on earth. The music was composed by John Gardner in 1962 for his students at St. Paul’s Girls’ School in West London. It is sung all over the world and most notably by the King’s College Choir at several of their Christmas Eve services.

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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: Preston Burke (Victoria Hill's brother-in-law), Bill Fox, Jim and Audrey Hallmann (Beverly Burn's niece), Laura Hebert (brother and sister-in-law of Denise Champion), Lee Miller, Elsie Onychuck, Kay Peters (Ann Willett's friend), Al Sauter (friend of the Bucklers), Georgie Solomon, Annette White (Frank Palazzolo's cousin).

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, Renee Centorbi (the Musials' friend), Ben Chapman, Margery Fuller, Bill Leonard, Phyllis May, Alicia Ollila (friend of Jan Arndt), Rob Sawka (Jan Arndt's nephew), Traci Spencer-Strong (Bryan Mahlmeister's sister), Kiernan Tague (friend of the Clark Family), Bill Turner, 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).

Daniel Michael Klepp, Tim Klepp's father, died December 31, 2023. The Service of the Resurrection will be held at St. Irenaeus Church on Monday, January 8 at 11:00 am. Please hold Tim, Heather, Daniel, Evie, John, and all of Daniel's family, close to your hearts and in your prayers.

In Memoriam

Joan Helen Taylor Coyle

March 27, 1944 – December 24, 2023

The Service of the Resurrection was held on Friday, December 29, 2023 in our sanctuary. Please hold Joan's husband, Tom, their children, Tom Jr., Shawn, Erin, their families, and all who loved Joan, in your thoughts and prayers during these sad days.

If you would like to see Joan's service, please visit our website at gpmchurch.org and click on Livestream under Services and Quick Links.

WORSHIP NOTES

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; Sue Acton (9am), Laura Ver Beek (11am), lay readers; The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Choir; James Biery, organist and director.

The Birth Rose is for Rowan Louis Burke, born December 6, 2023 to Rachel and Patrick Burke. Rowan is the grandson of Anne and John Burke.

The Chancel Poinsettias are in loving memory of Bob Masserang in celebration of his love of family, friends, special needs kids, and life by his wife, Judy Masserang.

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

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 toward 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?

8:30 am	Session Meeting	2nd Floor Lounge
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
10:10 am	New Member Reception	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Girl Scouts	Room 310
5:00 pm	Worship Service	Barbour Chapel

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

This Week at GPMC

Monday, January 8

Preacher's Workshop, 10 - 11 am (2nd Floor Lounge)
Council Meetings, 6, 6:30, 7 & 7:30 pm (Various Locations)
Boy Scouts, 6:30 - 8:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, January 9

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 10

Men's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (2nd Floor Lounge)
AA, 8:15 - 9:30 am (Room 209)
Stephen Minister's Training, 2 - 5 pm (Room 307)
Memorial Youth Group, 6 - 8 pm (Room 315)
Novel as Theology, 7:30 - 9 pm (Offsite)

Thursday, January 11

Yoga, 10 - 11 am & 6 - 7 pm (Room 301)
Makers at Memorial, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm & 6:30 - 8:30 pm (Room 220)
Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 6:15 - 7 pm (Room 322)
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 - 9:15 pm (Choir Room)

Friday, January 12

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 13

Men's Bible Study, 8 - 9 am (Offsite)
Bereavement Group 10 - 11:15 am (Room 215)
Drive Thru Food Collection 10 - 11 am (Parking Lot)

Sunday, January 14

Worship Service, 9* & 11 am (Sanctuary, *Livestream available)
Adult Middle Hour, 10 - 11 am (Barbour Chapel)
Children's Middle Hour, 10 - 11 am (Rooms 302, 306, 310)
Youth Middle Hour, 10 - 11 am (Room 315)
Girl Scouts 1 - 2 pm (Room 310)
Worship Service, 5 pm (Barbour Chapel)

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

SERVE AT GPMC

If you would like to find out where you might share your unique skills and gifts and feel well-suited to serve at GPMC, scan this URL to learn more about our Ministry Connect Tool. There is a place for everyone - let us help you discover yours.



As with Gladness Men of Old 150

1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to thy low-ly bed,
 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare at thy man-ger, rude and bare,
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ery day keep us in the nar-row way;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be-fore thee, whom heaven and earth a-dore;
 so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last

so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
 so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
 all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav-en-ly king.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.

141 On This Day Earth Shall Ring

1 On this day earth shall ring with the song
 2 His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came
 3 God's bright star, o'er his head, wise men three
 4 On this day an-gels sing; with their song

chil-dren sing to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to
 down to earth Beth-le-hem saw his birth; ox and ass be-
 to him led; kneel they low by his bed, lay their gifts be-
 earth shall ring, prais-ing Christ, heav-en's King, born on earth to

Refrain

save us; him the Fa-ther gave us.
 side him from the cold would hide him. *Id-e-o-o-o-o,
 fore him, praise him and a-dore him.
 save us; peace and love he gave us.

id-e-o-o-o-o, id-e-o glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o!



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