



GROSSE POINTE
MEMORIAL CHURCH
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 19, 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – Prelude on 'Irish'

Charles Herbert Kitson

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from the prophet Isaiah)

One: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news.

All: Who publish peace, who bring good tidings, who publish salvation, and proclaim, "Your God reigns!"

One: God will judge among many peoples,

All: And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and nation shall not lift up sword against nation: neither shall they learn war any more.

One: Let us lift up our voices and praise the God of peace and justice.

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 758 – Why Do Nations Rage Together
(see bulletin pages 10 – 11)

Tune: Ebenezer

***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 love our neighbor. We confess that we have despised others, even to the point of hatred. We confess that we have been hurt by others. We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times are just impossible for us. We know that nothing is impossible in You. We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us. Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others, to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness. For Your Son came and lived among us, was betrayed and denied, abused and put to death. He rose again, and came with the message of peace to those who had denied him and abandoned him. May we walk in his ways.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Amen. Friends, hear this good news. Nothing is impossible with God. There is no place you can go, no end of the earth you can run, where God cannot find you. There is nothing on earth or beyond death that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. You are forgiven. You are loved. You are reconciled to God. Go and live with the love of God.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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**

One: Hear the teaching of Christ: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you (John 13:34)." The peace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

All: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (9 AM)

We welcome our newest members to GPMC: Darrene Baer, Samantha and Jeffrey Budzyn, and Aaron Porter.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 5:43 – 48

(N.T. page 5)

After each reading:

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SONG 188 – Jesus Loves Me (9 AM)

Tune: Jesus Loves Me

CHILDREN'S TIME (9 AM)

After the children's sermon, children ages 4 – Grade 4 who are participating in Sunday School, will be taken to the 3rd floor: PreK– Grade 2 to room 301; Grades 3 – 4 to room 307. Children can be picked up at 10:15 from their respective rooms.

ANTHEM – Set Me as a Seal

René Clausen

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Genesis 4:1 – 16

(O.T. pages 3 – 4)

SERMON – Way East of Eden

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.**

ANTHEM AND OFFERING – More Love

Arr. Sid Davis

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING 609

Tune: Lasst Uns Erfruen

All: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN 756 – O God of Every Nation
(see bulletin page 12)

Tune: Llangloffan

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Toccata on *Ebenezer*

Arr. Logan Hamilton

This Morning's Music: Sees to the opposite side of violent conquest that lies in compassionate love as commanded by God. The anthem by American composer and conductor, René Clausen (b. 1953) is a short, yet intimate motet set to text from the Song of Songs 8:6 "Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death." The piece is divided into two parts, with the choir in the first part singing in a homophonic texture. During the second part, the piece breaks into a call-and-response between the treble and lower voices that imitate rolling waves portraying the text, "Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it." The piece closes with a recapitulation of the opening text, reassuring that love is strong as death. The offertory is a choral setting of a Shaker hymn by Sid Davis (b. 1954), with the tune first introduced by the tenor voices. The melody further develops as the choir enters in respective harmony, singing from John 4: 4 19-21, "If ye love not each other in daily communion, how can ye love God, whom ye have not seen?"

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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 160 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 worshipping 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AT GPMC?

8:30 am	Session Meets with New Members	2nd Floor Lounge
9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
9:20 am	Sunday School	Third Floor
10:00 am	Makers Fair	Fellowship Hall
10:10 am	New Member Welcome	Fellowship Hall
10:15 am	Children's Choir	Third Floor
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary

ABOUT WORSHIP

Leading and Assisting in Worship: Jeff Lincicome, Heather Thum - Gerber, Carol Marks, liturgists; Joe Kaiser V (9 am), Janie Burkey (11am), lay readers; Logan Hamilton, Minister of Music and Organist; Sanctuary Choir.

The Birth Rose is for James Austin Petitpren born on October 4, 2025 to Sarah and Austin Petitpren.

The Sanctuary flowers are given:

In loving memory of James W. Sponseller and Doris Bergen by their daughter, Ellen Creager;

In loving memory and with gratitude for the life and legacies of Ben Burns by Beverly and the Burns Bunch.

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

Giving at GPMC: Visit bit.ly/GPMC-Giving, text "GPMC" to 73256. Offering envelopes can also 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.

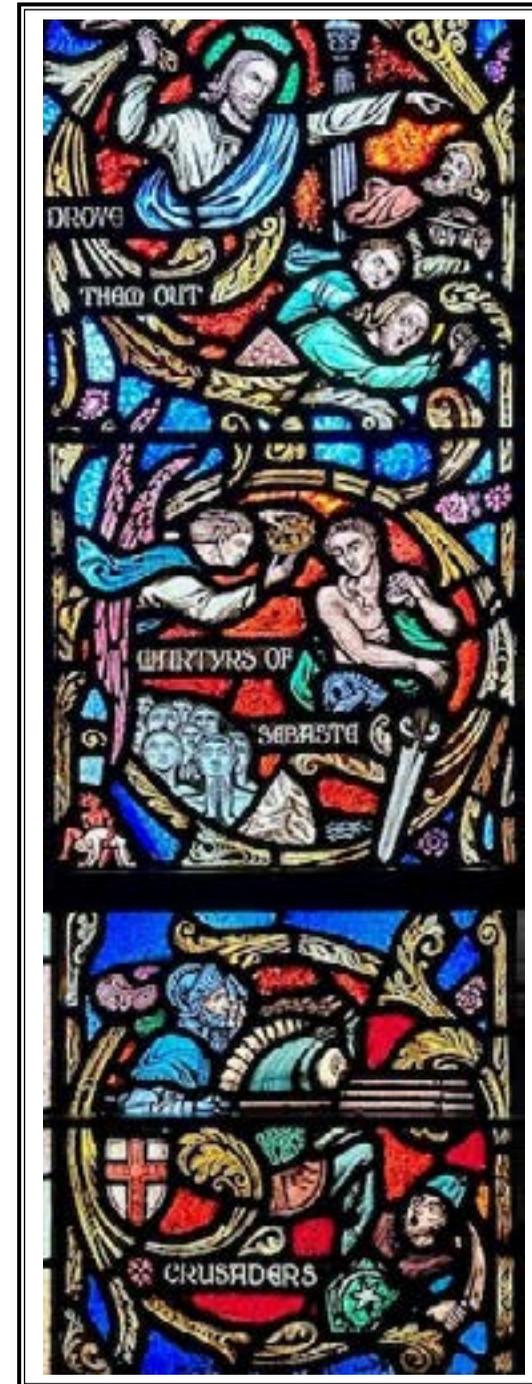
Worship kits: For children to use during worship are in blue bags located at each of the entrances.

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!

SERMON NOTES/REFLECTIONS



758 Why Do Nations Rage Together

(Psalm 2)

1 Why do na-tions rage to - geth - er; why in vain do
 2 To the chil-dren of the prom-ise God shall give the

they con-spire? Rul-ers of earth's vast do - min - ions light
 throne this day. With a scep - ter forged of i - ron, they

the skies with mar - tyr's fire. Truth mis - tak - en, God for -
 shall dash their foes as clay: faith re - veal-ing, hum-bly

sak - en, banes of righ - teous - ness a - rise; yet shall
 kneel - ing, quench the fire and sheathe the sword, for God's

they reap sore dis - plea-sure, sure de - feat be - fore God's eyes.
 wrath is quick-ly kin - dled; blest are they who serve the Lord.

O God of Every Nation 756

PRAYER REQUESTS

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand.
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

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. 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, Jane Dow, Bill Fox, Janet Fruehauf, John Harris (Jodi Stevens' father), David Lile (Anne Musial's nephew), Carol Martin (Cheryl Littleton's mother), Mary Matvias (Elizabeth Tengler's aunt), Kenneth Mazer-Schmidt, Amy Miller, Sharon Miquel, Beth Moran (Jane Fox's friend), Annie Prentice, Christina Robinson, Deb Voorhees.

Continued Prayers for: John Boris, Blakely DiTomasco (Pamela Sharrow's great niece), Joanne Grierson, Brooks David Hawke (Susan Bolton's grandson and Elizabeth Peters' great-grandson), Dennis Hertel (the Musials' friend), Stephanie Kornblum (Sue Vitioe's daughter), Millie Neal (Doris Neal Van Tiem's mother), Ted Schaefer (Elizabeth and Stephen Schaefer's son), Carolyn Scheuer (Marilyn Doyal's sister).

Protection and Strength for Our Loved Ones in the Military: 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).

Laura Griggs Bradley, daughter of Bruce and Chrissie Bradley, died on September 30, 2025. The Service of the Resurrection will be in our Sanctuary on Monday, November 3, 2025 at 10:00 am. Please pray for Bruce, Chrissie, Laura's brother and sister, Thurman and Eleanor, and all who love Laura during these sad days.

In Memoriam

Michael Anthony Meda

November 27, 1956 – October 9, 2025

The Service of the Resurrection will be in our sanctuary on Saturday, October 25, 2025 at 10:00 am. Please pray for Michael's wife, Elisabeth and all who have been touched by Michael's life.

This Week at GPMC

Monday, October 20

Preacher's Workshop, 10 – 11 am (2nd Floor Lounge)
Boy Scouts, 6 – 8 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, October 21

Women's Bible Study, 7 – 8 am (Room 215)
Yoga, 10 – 11 am (Room 322) & 6 – 7 pm (Fellowship Hall)
Makers Potluck, 4:30 – 6:15 pm (2nd Floor Lounge)
Al-Anon, 6:30 – 8 pm (Library)
AA, 7 – 8 pm (Room 209)

Wednesday, October 22

Men's Bible Study, 7 – 8 am (2nd Floor Lounge)
AA, 8:30 – 9:30 am (Room 209)
Bible Basics, 10 – 11 am & 7 – 8 pm (2nd Floor Lounge)
Memorial Youth, 6 – 8 pm (Room 315)
Adult Mission Trip Meeting, 7 – 8 pm (Room 200)

Thursday, October 23

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, October 24

Free Food Fridays, 9 – 11 am (Offsite)
Parent Connection, 6 – 8 pm (Room 320)
Al-Anon, 6:30 – 8 pm (Library)
AA, 7 – 8 pm (Room 209)

Saturday, October 25

Men's Bible Study, 8 – 9 am (Offsite)
Children's Service Day/Halloween Party, 10 am – 12 pm (Room 301)
Make a Difference Day, 9 am – 1 pm (Offsite)

Sunday, October 26

Worship Services, *9 and 11 am (Sanctuary & *Livestream)
Children's Sunday School, 9:20 – 10:15 am (Third Floor)
Middle Hour, 10:10 – 10:50 am (Barbour Chapel)
Children's Choir, 10:15 – 10:35 am (Third Floor)
Halloween Concert, 3 – 4 pm (Sanctuary)
Concert Reception, 4 – 5 pm (Fellowship Hall)

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

VOLUNTEER AT GPMC!



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 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 or call 313.882.5330. There is a place for everyone!



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