



GROSSE POINTE
MEMORIAL CHURCH
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship
Twenty - Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 20, 2024 | 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.

HANDBELL CHOIR PRELUDE – I'll Fly Away

Albert E. Brumley, Arr. Cathy Moglebust

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 121)

One: I lift my eyes up to the hills, from where does my help come?

All: **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

One: We look not to the mountains or valleys, even heaven or earth.

All: **For God is found among us.**

One: Wherever two or three are gathered in Christ's name,

All: **God is here among us.**

One: Come, let us worship the God of Creation, the God of People, the God of Community.

All: **Let us follow Jesus, for Jesus is The Way. Let us worship together in faith.**

*OPENING HYMN 445 – God, How Can We Forgive
(see bulletin page 8)

Tune: Leoni

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

One: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors

as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Amen. Hear this Good News. “In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins” (1 John 4:10). Friends, believe in the Good News of the Gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***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: “Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness” (James 3:18). The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11 AM)

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism as we welcome Olivia Paige DeBoer, daughter of Dana and David DeBoer. Please see the Apostle’s Creed on page 35 in the pew hymnal.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Send your Spirit among us, O God, as we meditate on your love. Prepare our minds to hear your Word, move our hearts to embrace what we hear, and strengthen our will to follow your way. This we pray through Christ, our Savior. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Ephesians 4: 25 – 32

(N.T. page 183)

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 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 – God Is So Good

Arr. James Biery

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 18: 21 – 35

(N.T. page 19)

SERMON – Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors

Jeff Lincicome

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(see bulletin page 9)

ANTHEM AND OFFERING – Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

Austin C. Lovelace

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING 609 – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Tune: Laast Uns Erfruen

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
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 444 – Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Tune: Detroit

(see bulletin page 10)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Fantasia on *Leoni*

Arr. Logan Hamilton

This Morning's Music: Welcomes back the Handbell Choir! The prelude is an arrangement of Albert E. Brumley's (1905-1977) gospel song that was inspired during his time as a child picking cotton on his father's home in Rock Island, Oklahoma, and influenced by the 1924 secular ballad, "The Prisoner's Song." This rendition of Brumley's song features a windchime like-effect that gives the impression of country winds blowing freely on the Oklahoma plains. The Anthem presented by the Handbell Choir is based on a traditional African tune with text by Paul Makai who is currently the leader of the Evangelical Church of Zambia.

The Offertory presented by the Sanctuary Choir is an arrangement of the German tune *Nun danket all' und bringet ehr'* composed by 17th century composer Johann Crüger (1598-1662) whose tunes are still widely used in today's hymnary, and paired with commonly known texts such as *Ah, Holy Jesus and Now We Thank We All Our God.*

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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, liturgists; Matt Bejin (9 am), Laura Ver Beek (11 am), lay readers; Logan Hamilton, Interim Minister of Music and Organist; Rory Powell, Handbell Director, The Sanctuary Choir.

The Sanctuary flowers are in honor of Carol Beltz Marks, who has served Grosse Pointe Memorial Church for 38 years as Director of Pastoral Ministries. With love and God's blessing from Ann and Gordon Willett.

Giving at GPMC: To donate, please visit bit.ly/GPMC-Giving or text "GPMC" to 73256. Envelopes can also be found in the pews.

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.

FALL SERMON SERIES

Teach Us to Pray: A Study of the Lord's Prayer

“Lord, teach us to pray.” From this question, our Lord revolutionized the lives of the disciples and our understanding of God. Join us as we study this most simple and familiar and yet revolutionary treasure of our Christian faith.



WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AT GPMC?

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestreamed
10:10 am	Adult Middle Hour	Barbour Chapel
10:10 am	Sunday School	Third Floor
10:10 am	Youth Middle Hour	Third Floor
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Girl Scouts	Room 310
5:00 pm	Installation Service	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Rev. Thum-Gerber's Reception	Fellowship Hall

Fall Middle Hour Series: Reading Jon Meacham's "American Gospel"

Join GPMC friends in reading Jon Meacham's insightful book "American Gospel" and then join Rev. Susan Mozena during Middle Hour (10:10 – 10:50 am) on October 20, 27 and November 10, in discussing the main points of his brilliant history of the interplay of faith, both public and private, in the founding of our nation and in the ongoing history of our democracy.

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, 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: Beverly Burns, Denise Deane (Mary Ann McCoy's friend), Mary Ruth Mestagh, John Page (Amy Tomlinson's father), Allison and Zach Thorton, Bette Toole (Jennifer Toole's mother), Bill Turner, Betty Voorhees (Steve Voorhees' step-mother).

Continued Prayers for: Brian Bayhan (Janie Burkey's nephew), Laura Burns, Ethel Burwell, Ben Chapman, Fred DeHaven, Mike Duffy (the Musials' friend), Gwen Dunlap (Karen and Wayne Pratt's sister), Ann E. (Ann Willetts' friend), Danny Kerstetter's family, Stephanie Kornblum (Sue Vititoe's daughter), Elisabeth Rose Labuz (Jessie Pogue Labuz's daughter), Stacie Longo (Janie Burkey's daughter), Jan Lucas (Caroline Marks' aunt), Carol Martin (Cheryl Littleton's mother), Michael Meda, JT Mestdagh (Marlene Boll's grandson), Barbara Woolf Packard (the Musials' friend), Christina Robinson, Woody Siddall (the Schultes' nephew), Ernestine Soloman (David Buckler's friend), Doug Studders (Laura Studders' brother), Tammy Tedesco (Michelle DeLand's friend), Kathy Toupin (Judy Morlan's cousin), Henry, Megan and Lucy Walters (Anne Trubes' friends), Deb Wright, Ken Vella (Steve Vella's brother), David Vroom (Lorna and Tom Vroom's son), Bill Yates.

Protection and Strength for Our Loved Ones in the Military: Joey and Mike Bejin (Matt Bejins' nephews), General Mike Coyne (the Tenglers' friend), Alec Doyal, Special Forces, U.S. Air Force (Marilyn and Guy Doyal's grandson), 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), Captain Matthew Yelverton (Elizabeth Peters' grandson), 2nd Lieutenant Florencio Connor Yuzon VI, U.S. Army (Val and Pat Moran's grandson).

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Hurricane Helene

For those looking for ways to help aid the devastating damaged from Hurricane Helene, there is information available through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (pda.pcusa.org), or you can submit a check to GPMC noting "Disaster Relief" in the memo line, and we will make the donation to the PCUSA's disaster assistance on your behalf.

445 God, How Can We Forgive

1 God, how can we for - give when bonds of love are torn?
 2 When we have missed the mark, and tears of an-guish flow,
 3 Who dares to throw the stone to damn an - oth - er's sin,

How can we rise and start a - new, our trust re - born?
 how can you still re - lease our guilt, the debt we owe?
 when you, while know - ing all our past, for - give a - gain?

When hu - man lov - ing fails and ev - ery hope is gone,
 The o - cean depth of grace sur - pass - es all our needs.
 No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live.

your love gives strength be - yond our own to face the dawn.
 A priest who shares our hu - man pain, Christ in - ter - cedes.
 As you, O God, for - give our sin, may we for - give.

The Lord's Prayer

Congregation

Logan Hamilton

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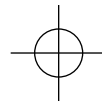
9
 thy king dom come — thy will be done — on earth as it is in hea - ven.

16
 Give us this day our dai - ly bread and for - give us our debts, as we for - give our

22
 de - bt - ors; and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion but de - liv - er us from e - vil

28
 For thine is the king - dom and the pow - er

35
 and the glo - ry — for e - ver A - men



Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive 444

Capo 5: (Am) (Dm) (Am) (C) (Em) (Am)
 Dm Gm Dm F Am Dm

1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray,
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with-in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease.

(F) (Em) (C) (Dm) (Em) (Am)
 B^b Am F Gm Am Dm

but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
 that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 what triv - ial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!
 Then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

This Week at GPMC

Monday, October 21

Preacher's Workshop, 10 - 11 am (2nd Floor Lounge)
 Boy Scouts, 6:30 - 8:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, October 22

Women's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (Room 215)
 Yoga, 10 - 11 am (Room 301) & 6 - 7 pm (Fellowship Hall)
 Al-Anon, 6:30 - 8 pm (Library)
 AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)

Wednesday, October 23

Men's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (2nd Floor Lounge)
 AA, 8:15 - 9:30 am (Room 209)
 Investment Committee Meeting, 4 - 5 pm (Room 200)
 Memorial Youth, 6 - 8 pm (Room 315)

Thursday, October 24

Yoga, 10 - 11 am (Room 301) & 6 - 7 pm (Fellowship Hall)
 Makers@Memorial, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm & 6:30 - 8:30 pm (Room 220)
 Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 6:15 - 7:15 pm (Room 326)
 Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 - 9:15 pm (Choir Room)

Friday, October 25

Ecumenical Men's Breakfast, 8 - 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, October 26

Men's Bible Study, 8 - 9 am (Offsite)
 Make a Difference Day, 10 am - 2 pm (Various Locations Onsite & Offsite)

Sunday, October 27

Worship Services, *9 & 11 am (Sanctuary & * Livestreamed), 5 pm (Barbour Chapel)
 Adult Middle Hour, 10:10 - 10:50 am (Barbour Chapel)
 Children's Sunday School, 10:10 - 10:50 am (Third Floor)
 Youth Middle Hour, 10:10 - 10:50 am (Third Floor)
 50+ Year Members' Reception, 10:10 am & 12 pm (Fellowship Hall)
 Dr. Logan Hamilton's Organ Concert, 3 - 4 pm (Sanctuary) with Reception Following

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



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