



GROSSE POINTE  
MEMORIAL CHURCH  
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship  
Reformation Sunday  
October 26, 2025 | 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

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HANDBELL PRELUDE – A Mighty Fortress is Our God

*Arr. Linda Lamb*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*One:* The word has come for us from God:

*All:* **who promises to shelter us under the wings of hope and grace.**

*One:* The word has come to us from Jesus:

*All:* **who encourages us to remember the good news we have received.**

*One:* The word flows to us from the Spirit:

*All:* **who reminds us to place our hope and trust in God.**

\*HYMN 275 – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*Tune: Ein' Feste Burg*

(see bulletin pages 10 -11)

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

*All:* **Holy God, giver of all good things, we have failed to live in thanksgiving for earth, for our families, for our neighbors, and for strangers, for the air**

we breathe, the water we drink, and the soil that grows our food. Forgive us for sins against you, your creation, and one another, through disobedience to your will in word and deed. Teach us to seek your holy way and to be happy in your steadfast love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (I Tim 1:15, I Peter 2:24)**

**One:** Amen. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. Friends, believe in the Good News of the Gospel

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

**\*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:** The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**This morning we welcome and thank the following people for being members at GPMC for 50 years:**

*Gail and Allan Hart*

**We welcome and thank the following people for being members at GPMC for over 50 years:**

*Anne Acomb, Rowland Austin, Christine Bassett, Barbara Bierbusse, Phyllis and John Brewster, Catherine Brown, Paula William Brown, Tom Brown, Jane Burkey, Nancy Burr, Ethel Burwell, Alexander Byron, L. Kenneth Collinson, Ann Dalby, Margaret Davis, Martha Day, Nina DeLand, Mimi Dickinson, Jane and Peter Dow, Bruce Duncan, William Duncan, John Durno, James Everett, Janet Ferguson, Martha Fordon, Jon and Lisa Mower Gandelot, Barbara Glovac, Alice Gordon, Barbara Grogan, Hugh Hales II, Anne Harding, Hugh Harness, Jean Hudson, Dennis Jones, Sharon Kenny, Carol Koepplin, Ross Kogel, Wendy and William Krag, Harry Kurrie, Pauline Lackey, Mary Leonard, Audrey Leverenz, Linda Litchfield, Carol Manshady, Carol Marks, Carol Martin, Juliet Mazer-Schmidt, Priscilla Mead, Sharon Mertz, Cherylann Meyer, Sharon and Jose Miquel, Blair Moody IV, Susan and John Mozena, Frederick Neumann, Margaret Nordrum, Peter Nyboer, Mary Rauh, Jeanne Reichert, Ann Schmidt, Julie Schroth, Denyse and Thomas Singelyn, Jeanette Smith, John Standish, Barbara Stephens, Sally and Lee Sutton, Nancy Tewes, Gregory Thomas, Lynn Turner, Robert Tyrrell, Phoebe Weinberg, Barbara Willett, Polly Williams, Lynn Wood, Karen and Donald Young, Delle ZurSchmiede*

**We welcome and thank the following people for being members at GPMC for 70 years:**

*Sharon Mertz, Stephanie Miller, Charles Todd III*

**We welcome and thank the following people for being members at GPMC for over 70 years:**

*Doris Ann Brucker, Benjamin Chapman III, Mary Lou Duncan, Eleanor Durno, Janet Fruehauf, Janet Harness, Marian Kingwill, Margaret Parker, Mary Roby, Sally Van Dusen*

**We welcome and thank the following people for being members at GPMC for 80 years:**

*Marianne Endicott and Arthur Hudson*

**We welcome and thank Georgiana Richner - Solomon for being a member at GPMC for over 80 years.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Everlasting God, whose tenacious love holds us: make our hearts the house of your truth, and make our minds the realm of your wisdom so that our fellowship will become your dwelling place, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Deuteronomy 8:11 – 18 (O.T. page 159)

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 – Arise O God, and Shine Gordon Young

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 19:16 – 27 (N.T. page 20)

SERMON – My God and My All 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 – What Shall I Render to My God?

Austin C. Lovelace

\*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 450 – Be Thou My Vision (see bulletin page 12)

Tune: Slane

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Fugue in D minor, BWV 565

Johann Sebastian Bach

**This Morning’s Music:** Celebrates the glories of God and the Christian response towards the blessings given from above. The anthem is an exciting declaration of praise composed by the late Gordon Young (1919-1998) who served at First Presbyterian Church in Detroit as their organist and choir master. The anthem unites the choir in a declarative unison, while the organ accompanies with flourishing toccata-like figures that serve as the engine propelling the piece forward. The offertory by American composer and church music scholar, Austin C. Lovelace (1919-2010) takes text from Psalm 116. The psalmist thanks God for the blessings that are received and in return, use those blessings to fulfill the vows of servitude placed upon them. The music Lovelace uses for this pensive text is based on the tune, *Fairfield* that is found in the “Southern Harmony” collection of folk tunes that is associated with the late 18th/early 19th century practice of shape-note singing.

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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 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.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AT GPMC?

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
9:20 am	Sunday School	Third Floor
10:10 am	50+ Year Member Reception	Fellowship Hall
10:10 am	Middle Hour	Barbour Chapel
10:15 am	Children's Choir	Third Floor
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
3:00 pm	Halloween Music Concert	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	After-Concert Reception	Fellowship Hall

## ABOUT WORSHIP

**Leading and Assisting in Worship:** Jeff Lincicome, Heather Thum - Gerber, Carol Marks, liturgists; Jennifer Stacey (9 am), Elizabeth Schaefer (11 am), lay readers; Rory Powell, Handbell Director; Handbell Choir; Logan Hamilton, Minister of Music and Organist; Sanctuary Choir.

**Today's Sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of:**

Anton Tewes from his family;

Our dad and grandpa, Tim Kelch. We miss you dearly, yet you are always with us!!! - in spirit, love and laughter from Kate, Will, Blake and Avery, and Maggie, Joe and Dallas.

**The flowers in the entryway** were given in loving memory of her husband, Michael Meda by Elisabeth Meda.

**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](http://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.

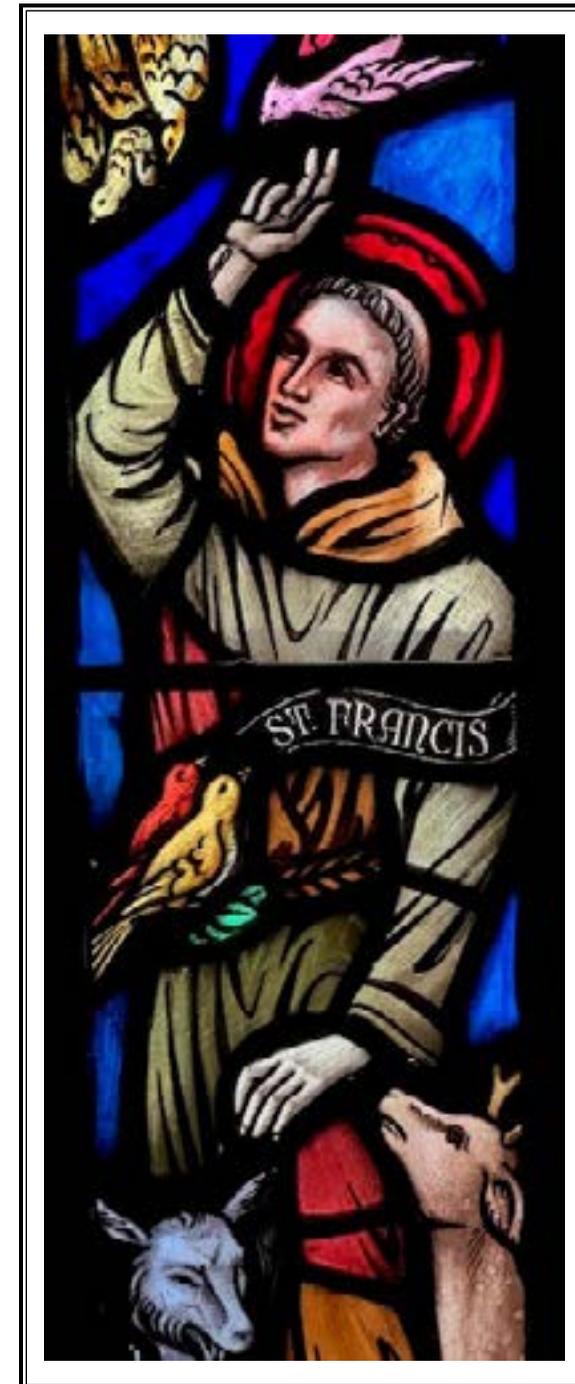
**Worship kits:** For children to use during worship are in blue bags located at each of the entrances.

## 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!*

## WORSHIP NOTES/REFLECTIONS



# 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

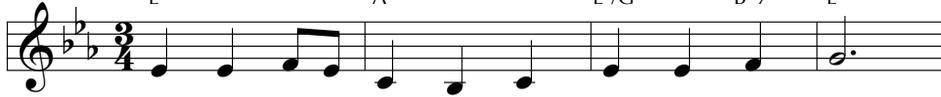
seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

# 450

## Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E<sup>b</sup> (G) A<sup>b</sup> (D/F#) E<sup>b</sup>/G (A7) B<sup>b</sup>7 (D) E<sup>b</sup>



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (G) A<sup>b</sup> (A) B<sup>b</sup>



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A<sup>b</sup> (A) B<sup>b</sup>



thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E<sup>b</sup>/G (G) A<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup>



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

## 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:** Kathy Belter (Cheryl Littleton's aunt), Martha Day, Jane Dow, Bill Fox, Janet Fruehauf, John Harris (Jodi Stevens' father), Amy Hatch, 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).

### In Memoriam

**Martha Johnson Speer**

*April 16, 1929 - October 22, 2025*

Please pray for Martha's children, grandchildren, and all who have been touched by her wonderful life. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

## In Memoriam

**Barbara E. Stowell**

*April 16, 1950 – August 25, 2025*

Please pray for Barbara's husband, Chuck and all her loved ones during these days. A private memorial service was held.

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## This Week at GPMC

### Monday, October 27

Preacher's Workshop, 10 – 11 am (2nd Floor Lounge)  
Boy Scouts, 7 – 8 pm (Fellowship Hall)  
Session Meeting, 7 – 8:30 pm (Room 209)

### Tuesday, October 28

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, October 29

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

### Thursday, October 30

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 31

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

### Saturday, November 1

Men's Bible Study, 8 – 9 am (Offsite)  
Confirmation Retreat, 10 am – 2 pm (Fellowship Hall and Third Floor)

### Sunday, November 2

Worship Services, \*9 and 11 am (Sanctuary & \*Livestream)  
Children's Church, 9:15 – 10:15 am (Third Floor)  
Children's Choir, 10:15 – 10:35 am (Third Floor)  
Girl Scouts, 1 – 2 pm (Third Floor)  
Worship Service, 5 pm (Barbour Chapel)

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