



GROSSE POINTE  
MEMORIAL CHURCH  
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship  
Twenty - Third Sunday after Pentecost  
November 16, 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 – Give Thanks

Henry Smith, Arr. Susan E. Geschke

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 116:12 - 13)

*One:* What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

*All:* We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

*One:* Praise the Lord.

*All:* The Lord's name be praised.

\*HYMN 839 – Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!  
(see bulletin pages 10 - 11)

*Tune: Assurance*

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

*All:* O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your

Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*One:* Amen. "Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing: now it springs forth! (Isaiah 43:1,19) By the grace of 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**

*One:* "Be kind to one another, and tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:32). The peace of Christ be with you.

*All:* And also with you.

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9 AM)**

*Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism as we welcome Abigail Rose and Samuel Austin Porter, children of Rebecca and Aaron Porter. Please see the Apostles' Creed below:*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*All:* O God, by your Holy Spirit tell us what we need to hear and show us what we ought to do to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Exodus 19:1 – 6**

(O.T. page 63)

*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 – Just As I Am

Arr. Joel Raney

NEW TESTAMENT READING – 1 Peter 1:13 – 16

(N.T. page 218)

SERMON – Heroes

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 – Teach Me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood

\*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 816 – If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee  
(see bulletin page 12)

Tune: *Wer nur den lieben Gott*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Postlude -Waltz on *Wer nur den lieben Gott*

Arr. Logan Hamilton

**This Morning's Music:** Looks to God the Creator for guidance, and Christ the Redeemer for sovereign grace. The anthem arranged by Joel Raney is a choral arrangement of the pastoral hymn, *Just As I Am* with handbell accompaniment. This mixture of accompaniment adds to the meditative text of Christ's redemptive love by using the handbell's sonorous timbres to create an intimate space for the words to have lilting affect. The offertory is by English composer and organist, Thomas Attwood (1765-1838), who was appointed to the high position of organist at St. Paul's Cathedral and composer of the Royal Chapel. Attwood's works intertwine the aesthetic nature of the 18th century gallant style, while looking ahead to 19th century romanticism, as shown in his piece "Teach Me, O Lord," with his decisive use of parsing out the texture of the choir, and deceptive cadences that take the listener to unexpected places. Attwood uses text from Psalm 119 to help lead the listener into following the sometimes unexpected places the Lord leads those who follow with their minds and hearts.

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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 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, liturgists; Julia Keim (9 am), Bruce Vick (11 am), lay readers; Scott Cauvel, elder (9 am); Rory Powell, Handbell Director; Handbell Choir; Logan Hamilton, Minister of Music and Organist; Sanctuary Choir.

**The Sanctuary flowers** are given in loving memory of:  
**Cedric A. Richner, Jr.** by Susan and Andrew Richner;  
**Judy Standish** by her entire family

**Giving at GPMC:** Visit [bit.ly/GPMC-Giving](https://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.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AT GPMC?

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
9:20 am	Children's Sunday School	Third Floor
10:10 am	Congregational Meeting	Fellowship Hall
10:15 am	Children's Choir	Room 320
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary

**In accordance with the By-Laws, the Session of The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church has called The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church for today. The purpose is to: 1) elect Elders, Deacons, Trustees, Council Members and Nominating Committee Members and 2) to act on any other business which may properly come before the meeting. The Annual Meeting is to be held in Fellowship Hall immediately following the 9 am worship service.**

**The following people are proposed as new officers and council/committee members by the Nominating Committee:**

**Elders:** Ellen Creager, Jo Le Van, Alec MacKethan, Charlie Marks, Mike Marks, April Sayar, Leland Thomas

**Deacons:** Andy Bedsworth, Rick Cardoze, Bill Costello, Morgan Costello, Ron Dollette, Greg Dykstra, Sela Dykstra, Lisa Kelch, Patty McCracken, Rebecca Scholtes

**Trustees:** Debbie Bellovich, Deborah D'Arcy, Chuck Gabel, Martin Klein

**Christian Education:** Mike Bates, Amanda Be, Patrick Linsdau, Joe Lupinacci

**Nominating:** Ben Burns, Steve Vella

**Outreach:** Lanie Fitzpatrick, Mike Huellmantel, Colleen Huntsman, Marc Jerabek, Dale Lewis

**Parish Life:** Pam Sharrow, Jodi Stevens, Bryce Thomas, Ann Trube

**Personnel:** Jay Lytle, Judy Masserang

**Stewardship:** Jim Beardslee, Jay Fradenburg, Lisa Gandelot, Robb Sharrow

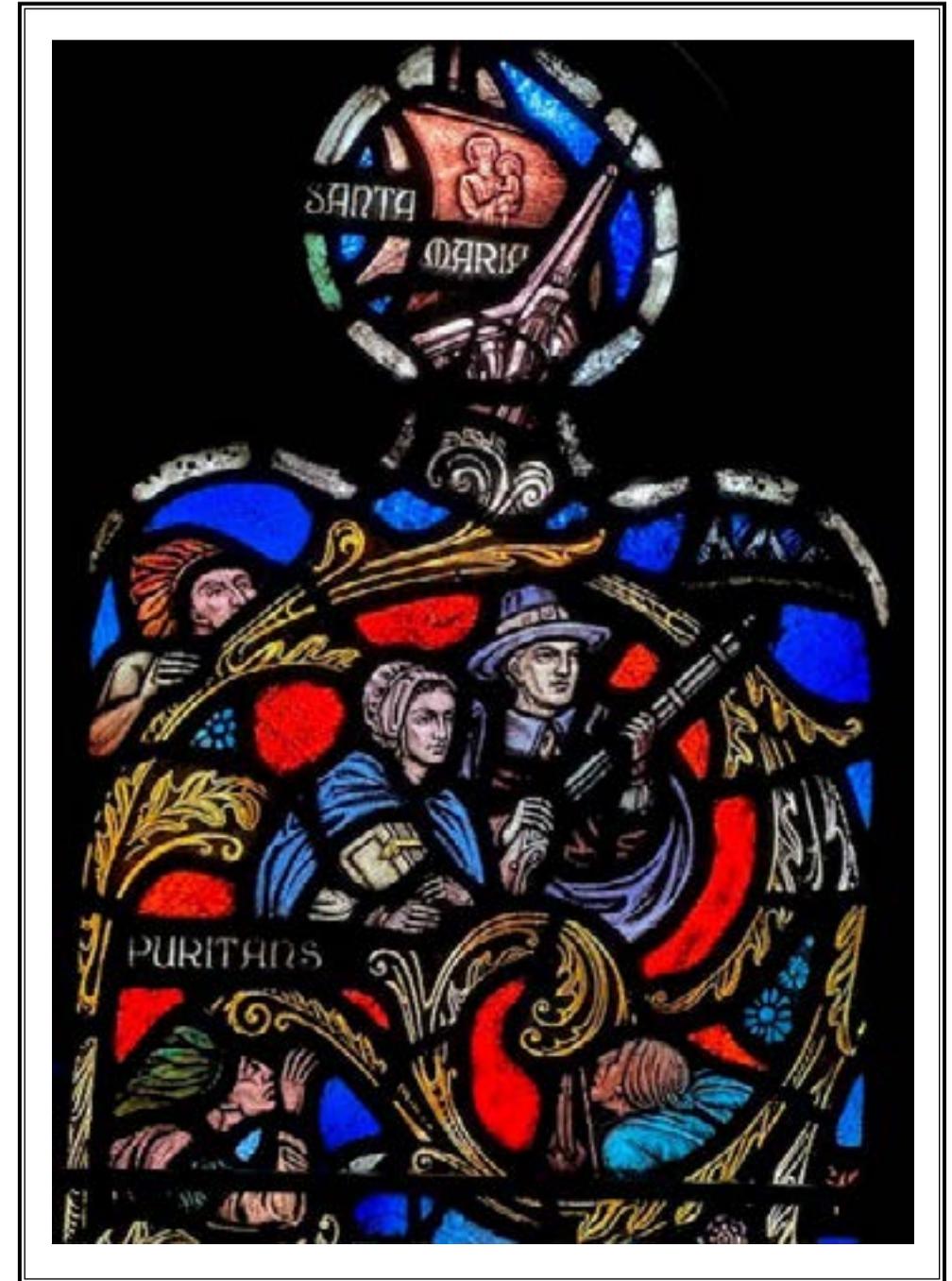
**Worship:** Cam Davies, Chelsea Gilbert, Stephanie Nicholson, Amanda Treadwell, Lynn Wood

## 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



# 839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of  
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,  
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,  
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

# If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 816

## PRAYER REQUESTS

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful  
 2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful  
 3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine

heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -  
 hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's  
 own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of

tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in  
 plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our  
 grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er

God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.  
 in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.  
 yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

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, John Harris (Jodi Stevens' father), David Lile (Anne Musial's nephew), Rose Palazzolo (Frank Palazzolo's mother), Annie Prentice, Salvador Zuniga (Janice Zuniga's son).

**Continued Prayers for:** Wendy Beal, Kathy Belter (Cheryl Littleton's aunt), John Boris, Jane Dow, Janet Fruehauf, Joanne Grierson, Amy Hatch, Brooks David Hawke (Susan Bolton's grandson and Elizabeth Peters' great-grandson), Dennis Hertel (the Musials' friend), Stephanie Kornblum (Sue Vititoe's daughter), Carol Martin (Cheryl Littleton's mother), Mary Matvias (Elizabeth Tengler's aunt), Kenneth Mazer-Schmidt, Amy Miller, Sharon Miquel, Millie Neal (Doris Neal Van Tiem's mother), Christina Robinson, 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).

## This Week at GPMC

### Monday, November 17

Preacher's Workshop, 10 - 11 am (2nd Floor Lounge)  
Boy Scouts, 7 - 8 pm (Fellowship Hall)

### Tuesday, November 18

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, November 19

Men's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (2nd Floor Lounge)  
AA, 8:30 - 9:30 am (Room 209)  
Stephen Ministers Meeting, 9:15 - 11 am (2nd Floor Lounge)  
Bible Basics, 10 - 11 am & 7 - 8 pm (Room 320)  
Memorial Youth, 6 - 8 pm (Room 315)  
Newberry Legacy Coffee & Conversation, 6:30 - 7:30 pm (2nd Floor Lounge)  
Adult Bible Study, 7:30 - 8:30 pm (Library)

### Thursday, November 20

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, November 21

Unpack the Truck, 8:30 - 10:30 am (Offsite)  
Free Food Fridays, 9 - 11 am (Offsite)  
Parent Connection, 6 - 8 pm (Room 320)  
AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)

### Saturday, November 22

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

### Sunday, November 23

Worship Services, \*9 and 11 am (Sanctuary & \*Livestream)  
Children's Sunday School, 9:20 - 10:15 am (Third Floor)  
Adult Middle Hour, 10:10 - 10:50 am (Barbour Chapel)  
Children's Choir, 10:15 - 10:35 am (Third Floor)

*\*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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