

# Service of Worship

Twenty - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost November 17, 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.

Prelude - Improvisation on Valle du Hauve

Arr. Logan Hamilton

Tune: Ville Du Havre

#### \*Call to Worship

One: Children of God: welcome! Welcome to this place of love and grace.

All: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

One: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community.

All: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

One: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

All: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

\*Opening Hymn 840 – When Peace Like a River (see bulletin pages 8 – 9)

### \*Prayer of Confession

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

All: Lord God, your love for humankind, present in the beginning of all things, extends throughout history and touches even my life. Your love sees failings and forgives. Your love feels pain and wipes away our tears. Your love knows grief, and comforts the sorrowful. Your love sees sin and still loves the sinner. Forgive us when we fail to live lives that reflect your love. Forgive us the many times when we take for granted all that you have done for us. Transform us, through your Spirit, and empower us to serve you this day and all days.

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

One:

Amen. But now thus says the Lord, "he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine" (Isaiah 43:1). Friends believe in the good news of the Gospel.

Tune: Nyland

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

\*Response of Praise - All Glory to the Father



### \*Passing of the Peace

One:

"Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God" (Matthew 5:19). We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# PROCLAIMING THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All:

Living God, help us so to hear your Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe; and believing, we may follow your way in all faithfulness, seeing your honor and glory in all that we do. Amen.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING - Psalm 72: 15 - 19

(O.T. page 505)

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 - Sing Out Your Joy to God

George Frederic Handel, Arr. Hal H. Hopson

New Testament Reading – 2 Corinthians 1: 18 – 22

(N.T. page 168)

SERMON - Amen!

Jeff Lincicome

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (see bulletin page 10)

Anthem and Offering - Rejoice Today with One Accord

Arr. David Willcocks

\*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 698 - Take, O, take me as I am (see bulletin page 11)

Tune: Take Me As I Am

\*Benediction

POSTLUDE - Fugue sur la nom d'ALAIN

Maurice Duruflé

This Morning's Music: Rejoices in the promises of God! The anthem celebrates the great Amen with, "Sing Out your Joy to God" is a choral duet from George Handel's (1685-1759) oratorio "Joshua" that strikes up the choir in a cheerful, contrapuntal nature paraphrasing the text of Psalm 150 "...Prasie Him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise Him with the harp and lyre!" The offertory "Rejoice Today with One Accord" by David Willcocks (1919-2015) takes Martin Luther's (1483-1546) well known chorale tune "Ein Feste Burg," and sets it to text by 18th century Anglican priest, H.W. Baker (1821-1877) that proclaims the goodness of God's faithful acts and promises to His people. The choir and organ are taken through various arrangements of forceful grandeur, to intimate polyphonic textures to emphasize the juxtaposition of celebration and contemplation within the text of the work.

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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, Carol Marks, liturgists; Sue Acton (9 am), Dave Hofmann (11 am), lay readers; Logan Hamilton, Interim Minister of Music and Organist; The Sanctuary Choir.

**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 revoluntionary treasure of our Christian faith.

The Sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Judy Standish by her entire family.

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.

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.



Help GPMC shine bright and share the light by making your 2025 pledge. Scan the QR code, visit https://gpmchurch.org/pledgeform/, call the church office at 313.882.5330, or return your pledge envelope either in person or via mail. Thank you for helping us be a light by the lakeshore.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AT GPMC?

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestreamed
10:10 am	Congregational Meeting	Fellowship Hall
10:10 am	Sunday School	Third Floor
10:10 am	Youth Middle Hour	Third Floor
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Worship Service	Barbour Chapel

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 9am worship service.

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

Elders: Didi DeBoer, Brent Kelso, Kathy Rogers, Andrew Vieweg, Marshall Vyletel

**Deacons:** Bill Costello, Sela Dykstra, Lucy Edwards, Lisa Gabel, Carol Hepler, David Holme, John Keogh, Stephen Lambers, Fran LaPlante - Sosnowsky, Leslie Martin, Debby Owen, Tom Stanley, Leslie Vyletel

Trustees: Susan Acton, Jim Burton, Barbara Thomas, Steve Voorhees

Christian Education: Beth Baergen, Heidi Gunderson - Moore, Sheena Killinger, Mary Mobley, Nathan Powell, Libby Willson

Nominating: Jack McCracken, John Mozena, Laura Ver Beek

Outreach: Nancy Anderson, Drew Brown, Becky Burton, Tom Coyle, Mike Hartmann, Sandy MacMechan, Charlie Marks, Amy Miller

Parish Life: Charlie Bedsworth, Gayle Conway, Morgan Costello, Robert Mobley, Penny Pitts

Personnel: Nancy Eckert, Joann Muller, Bruce Vick

Stewardship: Dave Hofmann, Joe Kaiser V

Worship: Bobby Cooper, Lawrie Horst, Henrik Moore, Doris Neal-Van Tiem

# When Peace like a River





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# The Lord's Prayer

# Congregation

Logan Hamilton





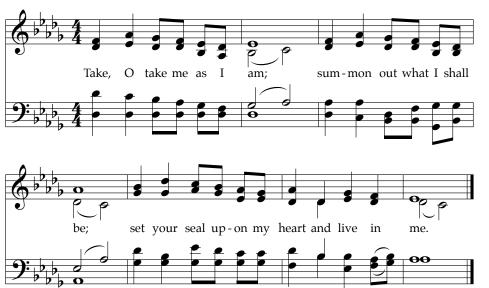








# Take, O Take Me as I Am



# 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.

We will be refreshing our prayer list on Monday, November 18. Please let Carol Marks know if you would like for your loved one to remain on the list.

Recent Prayer Requests for: Lori Conway (Jim Conway's sister-in-law), Denise Deane (Mary Anne McCoy's friend), Ron Dollette, Jane Dow, Gwen Dunlap (Karen and Wayne Pratt's sister), Susan Feldman (Carol Kristan's cousin), Lisa Gandelot, Steve Lundberg (Jim Conway's brother), Betsy Maitland, Julie Meek (Marilyn Doyal's sister), Allison and Zach Thorton.

Continued Prayers for: Brian Bayhan (Janie Burkey's nephew), Laura Burns, Ethel Burwell, Ben Chapman, Jay D'Arcy (Deborah and Stephen D'Arcy's son), Fred DeHaven, Mike Duffy (the Musials' friend), 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), John Page (Amy Tomlinson's father), Christina Robinson, Woody Siddall (the Schultes' nephew), Judith Sloden (Jeanne Reichert's sister), Ernestine Soloman (David Buckler's friend), Doug Studders (Laura Studders' brother), Tammy Tedesco (Michelle DeLand's friend), Kathy Toupin (Judy Morlan's cousin), Bill Turner, Henry, Megan and Lucy Walters (Anne Trubes' friends), Deb Wright, David Vroom (Lorna and Tom Vroom's son).

Eric Byron Andreou, Amy Miller's brother, died on October 26, 2024. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Please pray for Amy, Scott and all who love Eric.

Betty Voorhees, Steve Voorhees' stepmother, died on November 10, 2024. Please pray for Steve, Deb and the Voorhees family.

## This Week at GPMC

## Monday, November 18

Preacher's Workshop, 10 – 11 am (2nd Floor Lounge) Boy Scouts, 6:30 - 8:30 pm (Fellowship Hall) Adult Mission Trip Meeting, 7 – 8 pm (Room 200)

### Tuesday, November 19

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, November 20

Men's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (2nd Floor Lounge) AA, 8:15 - 9:30 am (Room 209) Memorial Youth, 6 – 8 pm (Room 315) Youth Mission Trip Meeting, 7:30 – 8:30 pm (Room 315)

# Thursday, November 21

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 Choir Rehearsal, 6:15 - 7:15 pm (Room 326) Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 - 9:15 pm (Choir Room)

# Friday, November 22

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, November 23

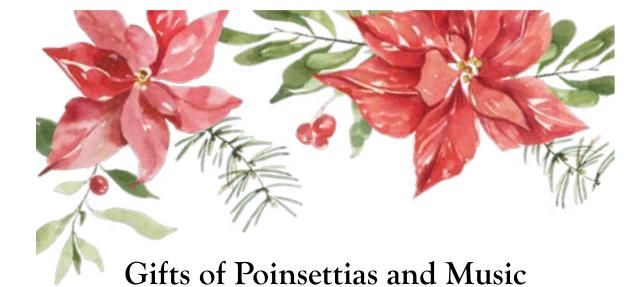
Men's Bible Study, 8 - 9 am (Offsite)

# Sunday, November 24

Worship Services, \*9 & 11 am (Sanctuary & \*Livestreamed), 5 pm (Barbour Chapel) Children's Sunday School, 10:10 - 10:50 am (Third Floor) Youth Middle Hour, 10:10 - 10:50 am (Third Floor)

<sup>\*</sup>Please note this list is subject to change. For the most up-to-date calendar, visit gpmchurch.org. 13

# Worship Notes/Reflections



If you would like to make a contribution, please fill out the form below and return it to Donna Hartzell by **Friday**, **December 6** in order to have your dedication included in the Christmas Eve bulletins. A suggested amount for poinsettias and music is \$25 – 50.

Please print exactly how you would like your dedication to be in the bulletin. *Example: Mary & John Smith by their grandchildren, Betty & Mike Smith.* 

Your Name:		
Daytime Phone:	Email:	
Check one of the following:	My Christmas Gift	
In Memory of	\$ For Poinsettias	
In Honor of	\$ For Ministry of Music	
To the Glory of God		

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Please use additional forms if necessary. Forms can be found in the Carillon, online, and in the church reception area.



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#### Office Hours

8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 3:00 pm, Friday

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Network in Sanctuary: gpmchurch Password: bibles@gpmchurch

Network on Trinity Terrace: GPMC-Guest Password: GPMC123#

Please email lcameron@gpmchurch.org to receive weekly eNews.



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