



GROSSE POINTE
MEMORIAL CHURCH
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship
Christ the King Sunday
November 23, 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

CARILLON PRELUDE – Lift Every Voice and Sing

J. Rosamond, Arr. John Courter

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, everything in heaven and on earth was created. The visible and the invisible.

All: **Praise Christ, the king of all creation!**

One: The Lord has visited and redeemed the people.

All: **Praise Christ, the king of salvation!**

One: God has remembered the holy covenant and saved us from the depths of our brokenness.

All: **Praise Christ, the king of radiating light!**

One: The Lord is making peace and reconciling all things.

All: **Praise Christ, the king of redemption!**

*HYMN 263 – All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!
(see bulletin page 9)

Tune: Coronation

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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

All: Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ; yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness; yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word, in deed, and in spirit.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Amen. Jesus Christ is King of Kings and Lord of Lords - and the only One who stands blameless, and in a position, to condemn. Take heart and give thanks, because Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, and Christ prays for us. Whoever is in Christ is a new creation, the old life has passed, and new life has begun. 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: Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Since Christ has opened his heart to us, let us open our hearts to one another, and in doing so, bring glory to God.

All: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Spirit of truth, move now in ancient words and cluttered hearts that we might hear your voice and live, for we long to be glad servants of your hidden, holy reign. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Jeremiah 23:1 – 6

(O.T. page 681)

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 – Gloria in Excelsis from The Twelfth Mass

Attr. Wenzel Müller

*Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus, benedicimus, adoramus, glorificamus,
gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex Coelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili Unigenite, Jesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,*

Glorious is thy name, Almighty Lord.
All the angels stand about thy throne.
Let all nations bow before thee, and declare thy wondrous works.
we praise thee
We give thanks to thee
Lord we adore thee, we bless thee. We thank thee for thy great glory.
Heaven is thy throne and earth is thy footstool.
Thou art King over all the world
Glorious is thy name O Lord
Blessing and honour be to God for ever and evermore.

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Colossians 1:15 – 20 (N.T. pages 188 – 189)

SERMON – All Things Heather Thum – Gerber

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 – O Jesus, King Most Wonderful *Gerald Near*

*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 363 – Rejoice, the Lord is King! *Tune: Darwall’s 148th*
(see bulletin page 10)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Fanfare on *Darwell’s 148th* *Arr. Logan Hamilton*

This Morning’s Music: Celebrates the Glories of Christ the King and the end of the Liturgical Year! The anthem is often falsely attributed to Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791). In recent research, scholars believe that the work comes from the hand of Austrian composer, Wenzel Müller (1767-1835). The stylings of this movement from *The Twelfth Mass* showcase the exuberant energy of the late 18th century with swift accompaniment and elegant, balanced phrasing in the choir. The offertory is a reverend setting of 12th century text attributed to Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153). The music by Gerald Near (b. 1942) carries the text with chant-like freedom and is often harmonically ambiguous. The mystic nature of the music reflects the juxtaposing nature of Christ, through His omnipotent reign as God’s only Son, and as the intimate counselor to those that believe in His grace.

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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 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.

Leading and Assisting in Worship: Jeff Lincicome, Heather Thum - Gerber, Carol Marks, liturgists; Penny Pitts (9 am), Dave Hofmann (11 am), lay readers; Eric Whitmer, carillonneur; Logan Hamilton, Minister of Music and Organist; Sanctuary Choir.

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.

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	Adult Middle Hour	Barbour Chapel
10:15 am	Children's Choir	Room 320
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary

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!



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. 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, Emilie (Susan Griffin's sister), Joanne Grierson, Tim Moore (Ellen Creagar's brother-in-law), Rose Palazzolo (Frank Palazzolo's mother), Annie Prentice, Sue Stanley, Salvador Zuniga (Janice Zuniga's son).

Continued Prayers for: Kathy Belter (Cheryl Littleton's aunt), John Boris, Jane Dow, Janet Fruehauf, John Harris (Jodi Stevens' father), Amy Hatch, Brooks David Hawke (Susan Bolton's grandson and Elizabeth Peters' great-grandson), Dennis Hertel (the Musials' friend), Stephanie Kornblum (Sue Vitioe's daughter), 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, 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: Ensign Peter A. Costello, USN (Gretchen and Bill Costello's son), 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).

Brenda Stockell, Nate Powell's mother-in-law, died November 18, 2025. Please pray for Nate and Haley in the sad days ahead.

John Page, Amy Tomlinson's father, died September 20, 2025. Please pray for John's wife Susan, Amy, Tim, and all of John's family and friends.

263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall,
3 Let ev - ery kin-dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res-trial ball
4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

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Rejoice, the Lord Is King! 363

This Week at GPMC

Descant

4 Re-joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
 2 Our Sav - ior, Je - sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
 4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.
 and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a - gain I say, re - joice!

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Monday, November 24

Preacher's Workshop, 10 - 11 am (2nd Floor Lounge)
 Session Meeting, 7 - 9 pm (Room 209)
 Boy Scouts, 7 - 8 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, November 25

Yoga, 10 - 11 am (Room 322) & 6 - 7 pm (Fellowship Hall)
 Al-Anon, 6:30 - 8 pm (Library)
 AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)
 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, 7 - 8 pm (GP Christ Church)

Wednesday, November 26

Men's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (2nd Floor Lounge)
 AA, 8:30 - 9:30 am (Room 209)
 Church Offices Closed at Noon

Thursday, November 27

Church Offices Closed

Friday, November 28

Church Offices Closed

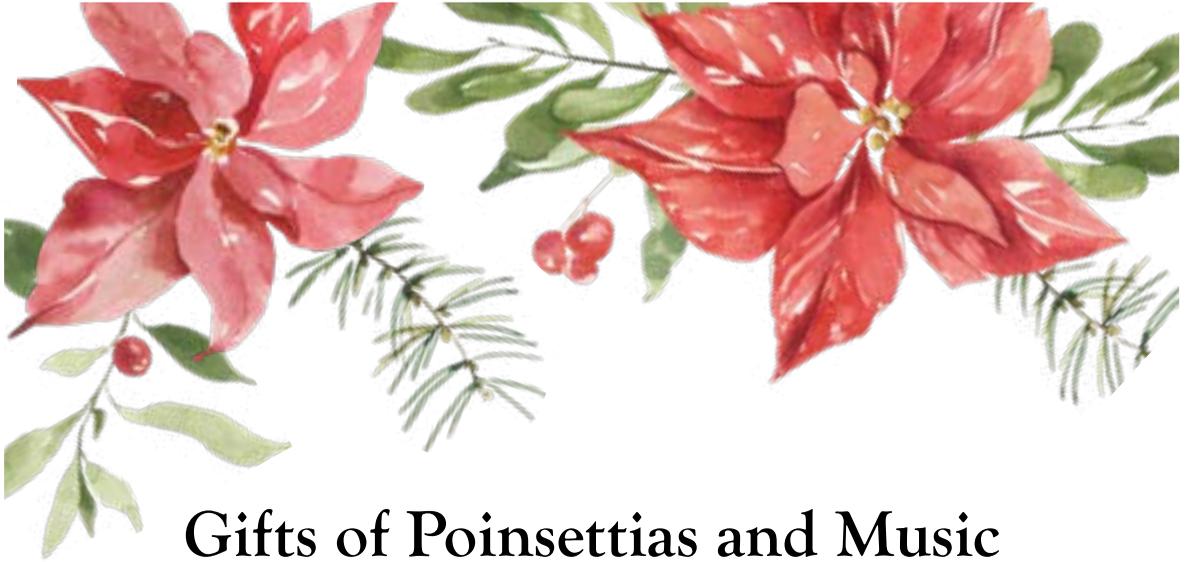
Saturday, November 29

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

Sunday, November 30

Worship Service, 10:30 am (Sanctuary & Livestream)

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



Gifts of Poinsettias and Music

If you would like to make a contribution, please fill out the form below and return it to Donna Hartzell by **Friday, December 5** 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

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