



GROSSE POINTE
MEMORIAL CHURCH
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship
Christ the King Sunday
November 24, 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 – Meditation on St. Columba

Arr. Logan Hamilton

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Worship Christ, Eternal Son of God;

All: **honor Christ, Incarnate Son of Mary;**

One: serve Christ, Glorious Ruler of creation;

All: **for to Christ belong the power and the glory of the Almighty. Praise be to God.**

*OPENING HYMN 802 – The King of Love My Shepherd Is
(see bulletin page 9)

Tune: St. Columba

*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 work, in deed, and in spirit.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Amen. Hear these words of hope from Psalm 103. “God is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. God will not always accuse, nor harbor anger forever; God does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God’s love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us.” 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: Before the foundation of the world Christ forgave us, and forgives us still today. Let us forgive as we have been forgiven and share the peace of Christ. The peace of the Lord be 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 Jack Thomas Lane, son of Jessica and Patrick Lane. Please see the Apostle’s Creed on page 35 in the pew hymnal.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **Lord, open our hearts to receive your Word; by your Spirit free us from the power of darkness and show to us the inheritance of the saints of light. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Daniel 7: 13 – 14

(O.T. page 780)

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 – Let All Things Now Living

Arr. Katerine K. Davis

GOSPEL READING – John 18: 33 – 37

(N.T. pages 106 –107)

SERMON – Christus Victor

Jeff Lincicome

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(see bulletin page 10)

ANTHEM AND OFFERING – O How Amiable

Ralph Vaughn Williams

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING 606 – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Tune: Old Hundredth

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Amen.

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN 363 – Rejoice, the Lord Is King!
(see bulletin page 11)

Tune: Darwall's 148th

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Fanfare on *Darwall's 148th*

Arr. Logan Hamilton

This Morning's Music: Celebrates in thanksgiving at the end of the liturgical calendar as we recognize Christ the King! The anthem arranged by Katherine K. Davis (1892-1980) takes the familiar Welsh tune "Ash Grove" and sets it as choral anthem, utilizing different arrangements of vocal textures from two to five-part writing. Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958) wrote "O How Amiable" as a festive piece to celebrate the dedication of a church and other high holidays in the life of the church, though the piece itself is reserved and meditative in nature with flowing melodic lines that start in the treble voices before joined by the tenor and bass. The piece samples text from Psalms 84 and 90, closing with a triumphant verse of "O God, our help in ages past" as we commemorate the "glorious majesty of the Lord our God" that is upon us.

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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; Joe Kaiser V (9 am), Bruce Vick (11 am), lay readers; Logan Hamilton, Interim Minister of Music and Organist; The 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 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/pledge-form/>, 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	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

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 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: Lori Conway (Jim Conway's sister-in-law), Ron Dollette, Jane Dow, Gwen Dunlap (Karen and Wayne Pratt's sister), Susan Feldman (Carol Kristan's cousin), Lisa Gandelot, Julie Harrison (Jennifer Cauvel's cousin), Rachel Howard (Cheryl Littleton's friend's daughter), Steve Lundberg (Jim Conway's brother), Betsy Maitland, Julie Meek (Marilyn Doyal's sister), Allison and Zach Thorton.

Continued Prayers for: Stacie Longo (Janie Burkey's daughter), Michael Meda, Ernestine Soloman (David Buckler's friend).

Protection and Strength for Our Loved Ones in the Military: Alec Doyal, Special Forces, U.S. Air Force (Marilyn and Guy Doyal's grandson).

This Week at GPMC

Monday, November 25

Preacher's Workshop, 10 - 11 am (2nd Floor Lounge)
Boy Scouts, 7 - 8:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)
Session Meeting, 7 - 9 pm (Room 200)

Tuesday, November 26

Women's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (Offsite)
Yoga, 10 - 11 am & 6 - 7 pm (Room 322)
Al-Anon, 6:30 - 8 pm (Library)
AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)
Thanksgiving Worship Service, 7 - 8 pm (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, November 27

Men's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (2nd Floor Lounge)
AA, 8:15 - 9:30 am (Room 200)
Church Offices Closed at Noon

Thursday, November 28

Church Offices Closed

Friday, November 29

Church Offices Closed
Free Food Fridays, 9 - 11 am (Offsite)

Saturday, November 30

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

Sunday, December 1

Worship Service, 10:30 am (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
Advent Wreath Making Event, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)
Camino de Santiago Dinner, 5 - 7 pm (Fellowship Hall)

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

802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Psalm 23)

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

The Lord's Prayer

Congregation

Logan Hamilton

Our Fa ther who art in hea ven hal lowed be thy na me

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

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

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

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

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

Rejoice, the Lord Is King! 363

Descant

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

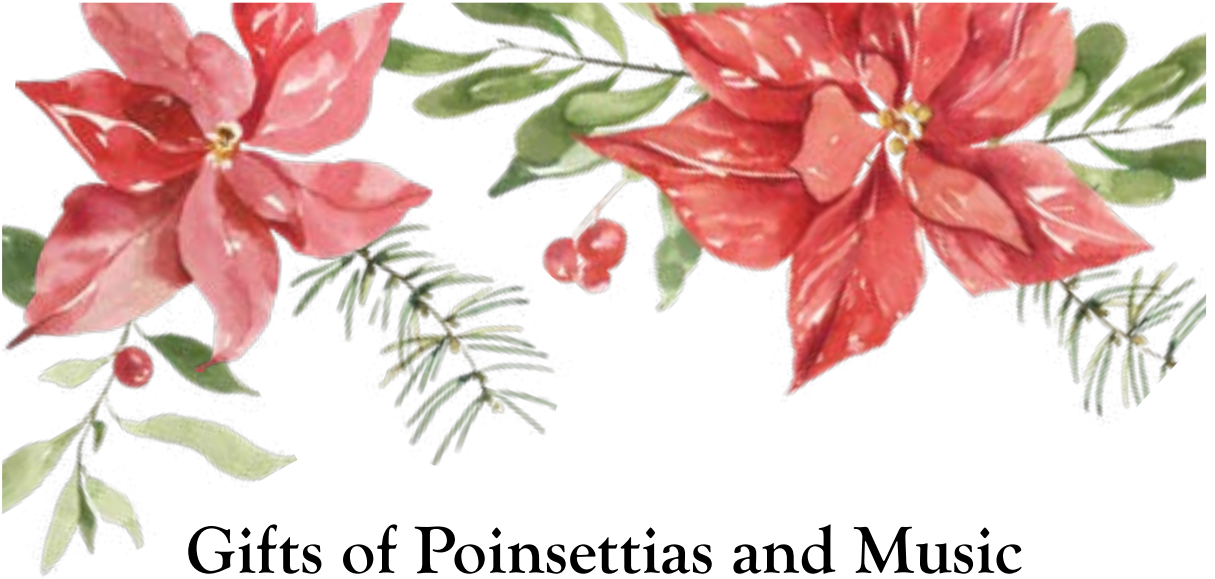
1 Re - joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
2 Our Sav - ior, Je - sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
4 Re - joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

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

Re - joyce, 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 - joyce!

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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 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

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