



GROSSE POINTE
MEMORIAL CHURCH
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship
Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 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

*HYMN 82 - Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
(see bulletin page 10)

Tune: Hyfrydol

*LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE (JOY)

One: For parents and guardians, that they may love their children as God loves every one of us:

All: **Loving Father, hear our prayer.**

One: For children, especially children who are poor, abused and forgotten, that the love of God may be real to them in the compassion and care of others:

All: **Loving Father, hear our prayer.**

One: Gracious God, as you love us, may we, in turn, love one another without limit, condition or expectation.

All: **Amen. Let us worship God.**

***ADVENT RESPONSE – A Flickering Candle**

Tune: Greensleeves

Choir: A flickering candle sheds its light in hope of dawn's victorious might,
and backward scurries cowardly night reminded of the morning.

All: **Watch, watch, for Christ is near, the promised Son of God most dear.
Hope, hope, his light will clear the shades of death and sin.**

Choir: Though night is long, do not grow weak, to all who suffer, clearly speak;
"The Lord, the Savior whom you seek, behold, is coming among you!"

All: **Watch, watch, for Christ is near, the promised Son of God most dear.
Hope, hope, his light will clear the shades of death and sin.**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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

All: **God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Amen. Hear the good news! "Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism" (Romans 5:5). Believe this good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another (Ephesians 4:32). The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11 AM)

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism as we welcome James Austin Petitpren, son of Sarah and Austin Petitpren. Please see the Apostles' Creed on page 35 of the pew hymnal.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Psalm 148:7 – 14

(O.T. page 550)

After each reading:

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SONG (9 AM) – Prepare the Way of the Lord *Tune: Prepare the Way*

All: **Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God. (Sung 3x)**

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 – Away in a Manger

Arr. Will Todd

GOSPEL READING – Luke 2:25 – 38

(N.T. page 55)

SERMON – Patient Hope

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 - In the Bleak Mid-Winter

Arr. Will Todd

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING 608

Tune: Praise God (Hopson)

All: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit ever - more;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN 546 - Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
(see bulletin page 11)

Tune: Sicillian Mariners

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - Toccata on *Hyfrydol*

Arr. Logan Hamilton

This Morning's Music: Looks to carols from the 19th century, blending them with the harmonic language of jazz through English composer, Will Todd (b. 1970). The anthem, "Away in a Manger" commonly known in the repertoire of English-speaking carols is often attributed to German Reformation leader, Martin Luther. However, modern scholars have concluded this is not the case and is sought to have American origins from the late 19th century. This carol is commonly paired with two tunes named *Mueller* and *Cradle Song*. The latter is more popular with European traditions in which Todd's arrangement is based on, composed by Irish American composer, William J. Kirkpatrick in 1895. This arrangement also features a soprano solo on the last verse, sung by Sheena Law-Killinger. The offertory, "In the Bleak Mid-Winter" has origins as a poem by English writer, Christina Rossetti published under the title, "A Christmas Carol" in January 1872. The music composed for the carol is by English composer Gustav Holst under the tune name *Cranham*, and was published in 1906. Todd's arrangement features a baritone soloist that opens the carol, sung by Peyton Fleming.

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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; Kelch family (9 am), Jodi and Don Stevens (11 am), Advent candle lighters; Matt Bejin (9 am), Kathy Kurap (11 am), lay readers; Jane Clark (11 am), elder; Sanctuary Choir; Logan Hamilton, Minister of Music and Organist.

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.

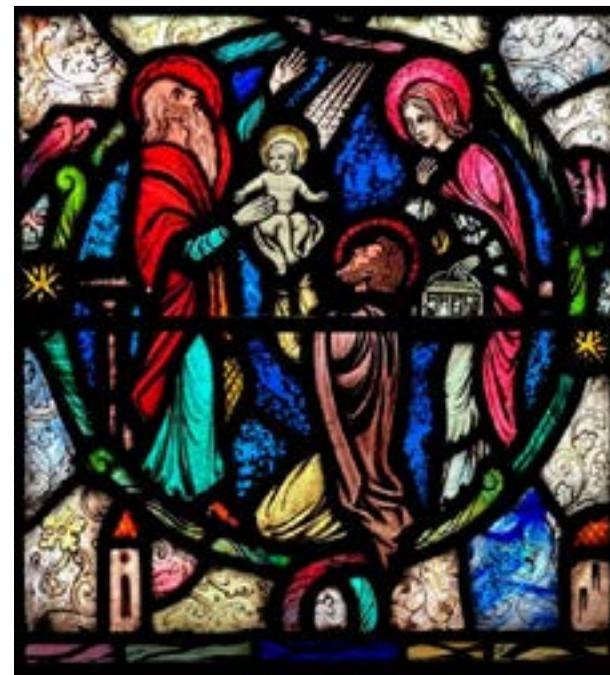
Infant and toddler room: Is available in room 112 during the service should you prefer to leave your child with our wonderful caregivers.

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

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!



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
10:10 am	Alternative Gifts Outreach	Fellowship Hall
10:15 am	Children's Choir	Room 320
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
3:00 pm	Christmas in Blue Concert	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Concert Reception	Fellowship Hall

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), Chris Fines (Kathy Kurap's friend), Joanne Grierson, Tom Moore (Ellen Creager'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, John Harris (Jodi Stevens' father), Amy Hatch, Dennis Hertel (the Musials' friend), Stephanie Kornblum (Sue Vititoe's daughter), David Lile, (Anne Musial's nephew), Carol Martin (Cheryl Littleton's mother), Amy Miller, Sharon Miquel, 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: 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).

Rich Tengler, Steve Tengler's father, died on December 6, 2025. Please pray for Steve, Elizabeth, Doug, and Michael, and all who love Rich during these sad days of loss.

This Week at GPMC

Monday, December 15

Preacher's Workshop, 10 - 11 am (2nd Floor Lounge)

Tuesday, December 16

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)

Longest Night Service, 7 - 8 pm (Barbour Chapel)

AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)

Wednesday, December 17

Men's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (2nd Floor Lounge)

AA, 8:30 - 9:30 am (Room 209)

Stephen Minister's Meeting, 9:15 - 10:30 am (2nd Floor Lounge)

Adult Bible Study, 7:30 - 9 pm (Library)

Thursday, December 18

Yoga, 10 - 11 am (Room 322)

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, December 19

Unpack the Truck, 8:30 - 10:30 am (Offsite)

Free Food Fridays, 9 - 11 am (Offsite)

AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)

Saturday, December 20

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

Sunday, December 21

Worship Services, *9 and 11 am (Sanctuary & *Livestream)

Children's Sunday School, 9:20 - 10:15 am (Third Floor)

Alternative Gifts Outreach, 10:10 - 10:50 am (Fellowship Hall)

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.*

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.

Is-rael's strength and con-so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf-fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling

joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.



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8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Thursday
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