



# GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH

*“A light by the lakeshore”*

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

DECEMBER 24, 2020 | CANDLELIGHT SERVICE  
CHRISTMAS EVE



Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever,  
Grosse Pointe Memorial Church is created by God to  
worship the Lord and serve God's people.

Sharing God's love and caring for God's people,  
we call disciples of all ages to put faith into action by  
worshiping God joyfully,  
welcoming others graciously,  
supporting one another lovingly, and  
serving all faithfully.

## Christmas Eve 2020

Welcome to our Christmas Eve candlelight service! Whether you are a member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, or “visiting,” we pray that this service helps you to draw closer to God’s gracious gift of Jesus Christ.

### Order of Worship GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### CHORAL AND INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

INSTRUMENTS – Pastorale from the Christmas Concerto Arcangelo Corelli

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

*One:* Because Christ has been born in the world,  
*Many:* **The people who walked in darkness now live in great light.**  
*One:* Because Christ has been born in the world,  
*Many:* **The powers that oppress and wage war have been disarmed.**  
*One:* Because Christ has been born into the world, we respond in wonder:  
*Many:* **With the angels, we sing glory to God;**  
*One:* With the shepherds, we share the good news;  
*Many:* **With Mary and Joseph, we ponder the meaning of this moment.**  
*All:* **Let us worship God!**

OPENING HYMN 133 – O Come, All Ye Faithful  
(see bulletin pg. 12) Tune: *Adeste Fideles*

#### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CHORAL RESPONSE–My Soul in Stillness Waits Marty Haugen

#### PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

*One:* The angels drew near to the shepherds, proclaiming peace and good will. May the peace of Christ be with you!  
*All:* **And also with you.**

#### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*All:* **We would make room for you this night of all nights, dear Lord: room in our minds and hearts; room also in our life together. Let your word be born in us anew so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, your splendor shines in us and through us. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 9: 2 - 7

ANTHEM – Listen to the Voice of Gladness James Biery

#### NEW TESTAMENT READING – Titus 2: 11 - 14

CAROL 123 – It Came Upon a Midnight Clear  
(Stanza 3 will be sung by the Choir) Tune: *Carol*

It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth,  
to touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, good will to all,  
from heaven’s all-gracious King”:  
the world in solemn stillness lay,  
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats  
o’er all the weary world:  
above its sad and lowly plains  
they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o’er its Babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.

And you, beneath life's crushing load,  
whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way  
with painful steps and slow,  
look now, for glad and golden hours  
come swiftly on the wing:  
O, rest beside the weary road,  
and hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendors fling,  
and the whole world give back the song  
which now the angels sing.

MEDITATION TEXT - Luke 2: 1 - 14

ANTHEM - Candlelight Carol

John Rutter

MEDITATION - Angels

Mark Diehl

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

ANTHEM - Still, Still, Still

Austrian carol, arr. Norman Luboff

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER

## TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

NEW TESTAMENT READING - John 1

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST SPREADS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

HYMN 122 - Silent Night

Tune: *Stille Nacht*

Silent night, holy night, All is calm all is bright.  
Round yon virgin mother and Child.  
Holy Infant so tender and mild.  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night. Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar.  
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia.  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace.  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, Wondrous star lend thy light,  
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King,  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 119 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Tune: *Mendelssohn*

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,  
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

#### BENEDICTION

CARILLON POSTLUDE – Angels We Have Heard on High      French Carol

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### WELCOME TO GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH

We are a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and one of its growing congregations. As a multi-generational community of faith, we are pleased to offer a host of ministries that respond to the varied interests of our members and friends. **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.

### ABOUT WORSHIP AT GPMC

There will be a livestreamed worship service on December 27 at 9am.

**Leading and Assisting in Worship:** Mark Diehl, Sarah Godbehere, Carol Marks, Susan Mozena; The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Virtual Choir, James Biery, minister of music and organist; Sheena Law-Killinger, soloist; Kypros Markou, Phoebe Gelzer-Govatos, Rose Urbiel, Dan Winnick, Leah Lucas Celebi, violins; Jasper Zientek, viola; Sarah Cleveland, cello; Rick Robinson, bass; Laura Larson, flute; Stephanie Shapiro, oboe; Maurice Draughn, harp; Marilyn Biery, chamber organ; The Edwards and The Marks Families, Advent candle lighters; Joe Masinick, worship production.

## What's Happening Today, December 24, 2020

### Worship Services Pre-Recorded (Livestreamed)

*Weekly Livestreamed Services will be available on GPMC's Website.*

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Have you tried out the Sunday School offerings yet? It's not too late and will be a great way to begin the new year! Our online Sunday school offering for children, youth and parents are waiting for you and your family to do! Simply go to our church website and click on the "Families" link which will direct you to the "Family Faith Playlist" site.

There are many different playlists to choose from and each playlist has multiple resources to use for all ages that can be done around your family's schedule. **Please complete the registration forms and return them to church.** They can be scanned and returned via email, regular mail or drop them off at the church by placing them in the mail slot which is located on the wood door on the ramp behind the church. If you have questions about how to start using the playlists, contact Lisa Turner or Sarah Godbehere 313.882.5330 or by email at lturner@gpmchurch.org; sgodbehere@gpmchurch.org



**Youth Groups for middle school and high school students** meet each Tuesday, from 6-8pm on Trinity Terrace. We will meet again on Jan. 5. We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and we'll see you next year! If we are not able to meet in person, we will text a link to the Zoom meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Godbehere at sgodbehere@gpmchurch.org for more information.

**Preacher's Workshop** will not meet again until January 4 at 10am via Zoom with Susan Mozena.

**Women's Bible Study**, Tuesdays, 7-8am. Meeting remotely via Zoom. If you are not now a participant, but wish to join, contact Susan Mozena.

**Men's Bible Study**, Wednesdays, 7-8am. Will meet again via Zoom on Jan. 13. Please contact Steve Voorhees at [captain gadget@comcast.net](mailto:captain gadget@comcast.net) with any questions. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85692864462?pwd=YWNvMmh2c0tRN3RkMXBLTFZlTld0dz09> or by phone: Zoom meeting ID: 856 9286 4462 Passcode: 406243

**Adult Bible Study: A New Study, “Uppity Women of the Bible.”** It’s not too late to join GPMC men and women as they study about several strong women in the Bible, through an engaging Living the Questions video study curriculum offered by Dr. Lisa Wolfe, Hebrew Bible scholar. Very brief and engaging video presentations by Dr. Wolfe, about Ruth, The Song of Songs, Esther and Judith will be followed by discussion led by Susan Mozena: January 6 and 20. We will meet on Wednesday evening, Jan. 6 from 7:30 -9pm. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81233702834>

**Reel Theology Jan. 4 at 7:30pm.** Join those who enjoy a “night at the movies” and tune in via Zoom to view a wonderful film, a story of faith, courage and human achievement, *Chariots of Fire*. Released in 1981, the movie is a true story of two magnificent British runners, Harold Abrahams and Eric Liddell, who competed in the 1924 Olympics, held in Paris. It is exciting, moving and illuminating, exploring issues of faith, class and privilege, and prejudice. We hope to see you at the movies! Here’s the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88484248465>

## OUTREACH



**Blessings at Christmas from the Outreach Council.** We thank the church members who did so much to help each other and offered care to the community around us through 2020. A “good trip down memory lane” has been posted on the [gpmchurch.org](http://gpmchurch.org) website. You are invited to see how the Spirit has moved us to

serve this year, even as we followed the guidelines to keep each other safe.

**The December Hunger Offering will go to Crossroads of Michigan.** Founded in 1971, Crossroads exists to support the community at large by providing emergency assistance such as transportation, food, and clothing. They have an employment office, parenting and cooking support classes, and provide counseling to anyone in need. They also have been serving a hot, nutritious meal to hungry families every Sunday since 1977 and have a children’s lunch program weekdays in the summer. GPMC will match congregation donations made in December up to \$2,000. Use the offering link on [gpmchurch.org](http://gpmchurch.org). Or, send a check to the church noting Crossroads or Hunger Offering on the memo line.



## STEWARDSHIP

GPMC FINANCIAL UPDATE 11/30/2020		
	Budget	Actual
Pledge & Plate Receipts	\$ 1,048,950	\$ 975,949
Endowments & Other Income & Gifts	\$ 645,258	\$ 657,463
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 1,694,208</b>	<b>\$ 1,633,412</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,729,301</b>	<b>\$ 1,682,274</b>

**Thank you to the 247 families, members and friends of GPMC who have made a 2021 financial commitment!** We continue to be blessed by these gifts!! Last year’s campaign received 330 commitments, so with the stewardship campaign nearing its close, we are just at 75% of where we need to be to just hold even year-over-year, let alone if we are to GROW our reach in the coming year. So if you haven’t yet sent in your 2021 commitment, we would love to hear from you soon! Stewardship packets including informational material and your family-specific pledge envelope were mailed in October, but if you have misplaced it, contact the church office for another envelope or make your 2021 commitment at: <https://gpmcblogs.org/pledgeform/>. Also, your continued support is still needed toward 2020 Giving. We are still running 7% behind budget with one month to go in the year, so please keep current on your giving commitment through the year-end. **Thank You!**

## AND MORE

**There will be CD** copies of all our worship services in the small church book exchange building on the front lawn. Please feel free to take a copy. There is no need to return it. Thanks so much to Joe Masinick for making this possible.

### A message from the PNC:

Thank you again for allowing us to represent you on this faith journey. We have made excellent progress on completing our Ministry Information Form, which we hope to submit for Session approval soon after the holidays. We are grateful to those of you who participated in the work of the Mission Study Team, and to the MST for compiling such a complete document. Your contributions will continue to help us as we move forward. We wish you all the blessings of Love, Hope, Peace and even Joy in the midst of these difficult times. For these are God’s gifts to us on this and every Christmas. Your PNC: Debbie Belovich and Dan Grano, Co-Chairs, Don Ditmars, Chelsea Gilbert, Cynthia Ford, Mike Kopasz, Kathy Kurap, Peter Marks and Martha Speer.

**New member class** has been scheduled for Jan. 10, 17 and 24th. It will be a series of Zoom calls. For questions, please contact Tamara Gilbert at [tswales.gilbert@gmail.com](mailto:tswales.gilbert@gmail.com).

**The History to Our Story Team (HOST) video project is complete!** The full video can be seen on the GPMC website or at <https://youtu.be/iB-nodfCbdmM>. Sincere thanks to everyone who provided photos and submitted videos. All submitted materials will appear in the on-line digital archive.

**50,000 Acts of Kindness:** Our 313 Calling is excited to share the good news that with your help, the community has served 50,000 neighbors in need. Here are ways to get involved:



1. Our December food drive collected more than 900 items for Manistique Community Treehouse and Second Mile Center. We will continue with this outreach after the new year from 10-11am on Saturday, Jan. 9. Mark your calendars and look for our new banner to help spread the word.

2. We are tracking well with our mission to feed the homeless with more than 1000 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches per week. If you want to get involved, dates for late December and January are now open. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044aa8ae2aa3f85-pbj>.

## PRAYING FOR OTHERS

*The congregation and staff of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church believe that prayer is very important. If you know of anyone who would like pastoral care, is in the hospital or would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact Carol Marks: 313.882.5330, ext. 127 or [cmarks@gpmchurch.org](mailto:cmarks@gpmchurch.org).*

**RECENT PRAYER REQUESTS:** Michael Becker (John Boris' grandson), Judy Caldwell (Leslie Martin's friend), Dick Heglin (friend of the Van Dusens), Kurt Larson (son of Pete Larson), Jack Liang, Darrell Offutt (father of John Boris' daughter-in-law), Rose Palazzolo (Frank Palazzolo's mother), Sharon Rees.

**ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS:** Michael Anderson (Stevie Miller's son), Sandy Beckett's mother and sister, Joan and Tom Coyle, Bronn Dismukes (newborn baby of Paige and Roy Dismukes, and grandbaby of Ruth Azar and Scott Matthews), Kim Geist (Stevie Miller's daughter), Perry Kent (Phyllis May's son), Caroline Marks, Alex Scapini (Fran McCabe's nephew), Lisa Sturm (Christina Turner's friend).

**FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Maria Marable (friend of Elizabeth Tengler), Phoebe Piku (advanced training in U.S. army), Salvador Zúñiga (Janice Zúñiga's son), Bart and Amanda Ward.

**FOR OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS:** All who are on the frontlines of the war against Covid-19, Keith Bellovich, Anna Brucker, Heather Frahm, Matt Koral, Lauren McCabe, Rebecca McCoy, Chris and Rosa Moore, Blake Sanford, Karlyn McCoy Schoen, Karol Swenson, George Williams, Erin Hepler Worrell.

# O Come, All Ye Faithful 133

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come  
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -

ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,  
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -  
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all  
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

*Refrain*

born the King of an - gels!  
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let  
 glo - ry in the high - est!  
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

## Christmas Gifts of Poinsettias, Given in Loving Memory of:

Eve Louise Cobau by her family  
 John Reed Cobau by his family  
 Our dad, Bill Dettlinger and our granddaughter, Audrey Eckert by  
 Pete and Peggy Dettlinger  
 Joe Grano by Kenneth Collinson  
 Jason and Barbara Howe by their daughter, Judy Masserang  
 Gary L. Kristan by his family  
 Robert A. Lytle, Jr. by his wife, Carol McDowell and his children, Tom,  
 Jay and Courtney Lyle  
 Our Parents, Walter Owen II, Betty Owen and our sister, Betsy  
 Owen Moore by Sally, Debby and Chip Owen  
 Betty and Walt Owen and John Boris by their children, Debby Owen  
 and John Boris  
 Dr. William J. Rice by his wife, Ginnie and sons, Grantland and Garrett  
 Marian Straith by her daughter, Mary Lou Duncan  
 Robert Vieweg by Andrew, Julia, Walter and Teddy Vieweg  
 George, Edith, Skip, Dick and our beloved mother, Jane Johnson, by  
 Andrew, Julia, Walter and Teddy Vieweg

## Christmas Gifts of Poinsettias, Given in Honor of:

Lyle and Flora Collinson by Kenneth Collinson  
 My family and friends by Stevie Miller

## Christmas Gifts of Music, Given in Loving Memory of:

Eve Louise Cobau by her family  
 John Reed Cobau by his family  
 Anne Ditmars by her family  
 Jack Duncan by his wife and family  
 Anne R. Hudson by her family  
 Donald W. Keim by his wife, Julia  
 Gordon R. Maitland, Jr. by Betsy Maitland and their children  
 Esther and Robert McKean by their daughter, Mary M. Roby and  
 family  
 Our parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor Sr. and Dr. and Mrs. James  
 Coyle by Joan and Tom Coyle

Betty and Walt Owen and Helen and John Boris by their children,  
Debby Owen and John Boris  
**James and Graechen Becker Stewart** by their children, James Jr., Bruce  
and Audrey Stewart  
**Bernice and Theron Tayler** by their daughter, Georgiana Richner  
Solomon

### **Christmas Gifts of Music, Given in Honor of:**

**Jim Biery** by Judy Masserang for keeping music alive  
**My Family and Friends** by Stevie Miller  
**Our children and grandchildren** by Joan and Tom Coyle

### **Christmas Gifts of Music, Given to the Glory of God:**

By Cynthia and Edsel Ford

### **Christmas Gifts of Poinsettias, Given to the Glory of God:**

By Cynthia and Edsel Ford

## **THIS WEEK AT MEMORIAL**

Thursday, December 24: **Christmas Eve Livestreamed Services**  
**available online at any time**

*Church Offices will be closed from December 24, 2020 - January 3, 2021*

Sunday, December 27: Livestreamed Worship Service 9am

Sunday, January 3: Livestreamed Worship Service 9am

Monday, January 4: Preacher's Workshop 10 - 11am via Zoom  
Session Meeting 7pm via Zoom  
Reel Theology 7:30 -9pm via Zoom

Tuesday, January 5: Women's Bible Study 7 -8am via Zoom  
FLAME/LIFE/TUXIS 6 - 8pm Trinity Terrace

Wednesday, January 6: Script. & Conv. for Women 11:15am via phone  
Adult Bible Study 7:30 -9pm via Zoom

Thursday, January 7: No scheduled activities

Friday, January 8: No Scheduled Activities

Saturday, January 9: Men's Bible Study 8 - 9am via Zoom  
Drive-thru Food Drive 10 -11am Parking lot

Sunday, January 10: Livestreamed Worship Service 9am  
New Member Class 10 -11am via Zoom



### **Pastoral and Program Staff**

The Reverend Mark E. Diehl, Interim Pastor and Head of Staff  
The Reverend Sarah Godbehere, Associate Pastor  
Susan Acton, Coordinator of Outreach Ministries  
James Biery, Minister of Music and Organist  
Marie Calcaterra, Director of Mornings at Memorial  
Carol Beltz Marks, Director of Pastoral Ministries  
The Reverend Susan Mozena, Minister of Adult Education  
Jim Schultz, CPA, Director of Finance and Operations  
Lisa Turner, Director of Children's Ministries

### **Administrative Staff**

Dan Aggas, Head Sexton  
Susan Griffin, Accounting Manager  
Donna Hartzell, Administrative Assistant for Worship,  
Communications and Music  
Fran McCabe, Administrative Assistant for Membership  
Dan Ryan, Engineer  
Joe Warnez, Sexton

## **CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS ONLINE WITH GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH**

### **December 24 - Christmas Eve**

Two online services listed will be available to view  
anytime of day and thereafter:

- Family-oriented service with the Christmas story presented by GPMC children and youth, music, prayer and candle lighting
- Traditional service with orchestra, choir, music, readings, liturgy and candle lighting

To view all online services, visit [gpmchurch.org](http://gpmchurch.org)  
or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCseUvbTfIZpBVHu1rnHl1ag>



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