



GROSSE POINTE
MEMORIAL CHURCH
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship
Epiphany
December 29, 2024 | 10:30 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 *Divinium Mysterium*

Arr. Logan Hamilton

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

All: We come to this space, following the star, seeking a miracle.

One: You will see and be radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice;

All: For here we find a prophecy fulfilled, and a mystery revealed! Let us rejoice and worship the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN 377- I Want to Walk as a Child of Light
(see bulletin pages 8 – 9)

Tune: Houston

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

All: Holy refugee of Israel, we would like to believe that we would be like the magi, that we would protect the innocent child, that we would stand up to power. But too often we have turned away from those who need us. Too often we have bent to the powers that be, resigning ourselves to the way it has always been. Forgive our lack of action, guide us back to your purposes, and help us take the path that leads us to our Savior.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Amen. Lift up your eyes and see the grace of God poured out into your lives. The light of God shines through the darkness and our hearts rejoice for Christ is in our midst. All we have done and left undone is forgiven. 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: In the gift of the Christ child, we encounter a still moment of peace. Peace that we do not fully understand, but that we are called to embrace and share. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: God of light, whose wisdom shines like stars in the midnight sky, make these holy words clear to us so that our eyes will see your salvation and our lives will be radiant before you. We pray expectantly. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 60: 1- 6

(O.T. page 649)

After each reading:

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY SONG 188 – Jesus Loves Me

Tune: Jesus Loves Me

CHILDREN’S TIME

Children ages 4-grade 2 may depart for “Children’s Church” held in room 301 after the children’s sermon. Parents/caregivers can pick up children from room 301 immediately following the service.

ANTHEM – Oh Little Road to Bethlehem

Michael Head

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Ephesians 3: 1 – 12

(N.T. pages 181- 182)

SERMON – The Awe of Mystery

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 Rex Genitum

Nico Muhly

O Rex géntium, et desiderátus earum
 Lapisque angularis, qui facis utraque unum
 Veni, et salve hominem
 Quem de limo formasti

O King of the Nations, and their desire
 The cornerstone of making both one
 Come and save the human race,
 Which you fashioned from clay.

*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 134 – Joy to the World
(see bulletin page 10)

Tune: Joy to the World

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Toccata on In Dulci Jubilo

Arr. Logan Hamilton

This Morning's Music: We are joined today by visiting soprano, Samantha Sayar, in sharing her gift of song during this Christmastide! The anthem this morning is a solo arrangement of the English carol, "The Little Road to Bethlehem," which was penned by Margaret Rose (1888-1958) in 1946 and set to music by pianist and composer, Michael Head (1900-1976). The poem tells of first-person perspective of the intimate journey to place where Christ was born. Rose in an interview, spoke how the sheep grazing on the hillsides of Essex.

The offertory is from Nico Muhly's (b. 1981) collection of the "O Antiphons" with this petition pleading for the "King of the Nations" to come and unite the body of humanity as one. This petition parallel's today's New Testament scripture with Paul's letter, "This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus." (Ephesians 3:6) The organ's response to the chant is a gentle lilt sounded on the cornet that sounds like gentle proclamation of a king's entrance into a land of peace of unity, which is echoed later by the buzz of the hautbois or oboe.

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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; Deborah D'Arcy, lay reader; Logan Hamilton, Minister of Music and Organist; Samantha Sayar, soprano soloist.


The Sanctuary Poinsettias are in loving memory of Bette Lynn Toole from her daughter, Jennifer Toole, granddaughters, Kaileigh and Emily Wu, son, Simon Toole and daughter-in-law, Heather Mills.

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.

	<p>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.</p>
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WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AT GPMC?

10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestreamed
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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: Susan Feldman (Carol Kristan's cousin), Julie Harrison (Jennifer Cauvel's cousin), Julie Meek (Marilyn Doyal's sister), Dr. Alan Roger Shepherd (Ken Shepherd's brother), Martha Speer, George Stultz, Allison and Zach Thorton.

Continued Prayers for: Lori Conway (Jim Conway's sister-in-law), Ron Dollette, Jane Dow, Gwen Dunlap (Karen and Wayne Pratt's sister), Lisa Gandelot, Rachel Howard (Cheryl Littleton's friend's daughter), Stephanie Kornblum (Sue Vititoe's daughter), Stacie Longo (Janie Burkey's daughter), Steve Lundberg (Jim Conway's brother), Betsy Maitland, Michael Meda.

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

Peggy Sargent, Phyllis Brewster's sister, died December 13, 2024. Please pray for Peggy's husband, John, their daughters and families and Phyllis and John Brewster.

377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
 3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and
 sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing, 10

Monday, December 30 Church Offices Closed

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Wednesday, January 1 Church Offices Closed

Thursday, January 2

Women's Connection, 9 - 10 am (2nd Floor Lounge)

Yoga, 10 - 11 am (Room 322) & 6 - 7 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Maker's at Memorial, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm & 6:30 - 8:30 pm (Room 220)

Friday, January 3

Free Food Fridays, 9 - 11 am (Offsite)

Al-Anon, 6:30 - 8 pm (Library)

AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)

Saturday, January 4

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

Sunday, January 5

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

Epiphany Church Event, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Worship Service 5:00 pm (Barbour Chapel)

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



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8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Thursday
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