



GROSSE POINTE  
MEMORIAL CHURCH  
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship  
Second Sunday of Advent  
December 7, 2025 | 9 & 11 am

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## 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

#### \*LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE (LOVE)

*One:* That the love of Christ may be the foundation of our life together;

*All:* **Lord, we love you!**

*One:* That the spirit of God's love may dwell in all families, communities and nations;

*All:* **Lord, we love you!**

*One:* That we may seek the justice and mercy of God in every relationship, decision and choice we make;

*All:* **Lord, we love you and we worship you!**

#### \*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:* God's messenger prepares the way, on sin he shines a piercing ray; he bids us greet the dawning day renewed and purified.

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.

\*HYMN 348 – Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending *Tune: Helmsley*  
(see bulletin pages 10 – 11)

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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

All: O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Amen. Friends hear this good news: “The wilderness will rejoice; the dry land will blossom. The people of God will return with joy and singing (Isaiah 35:1,10). In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance (Jude 2). The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**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 96:10 – 13 (O.T. page 521)

*After each reading:*

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY SONG (Sung 3x) – 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.

**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. Parents/caregivers can pick up their children from room 301 at 10:15 am.*

ANTHEM – Et Misericordia from Magnificat, BWV 243 *Johann Sebastian Bach*

*Et misericordia ejus a progenie in progenies* His mercy is for generations of generations  
*timentibus eum.* on those who fear him.

GOSPEL READING – Luke 2:8– 20 (N.T. pages 54 – 55)

SERMON – The Fear of Being Found *Jeff Lincicome*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

ANTHEM AND OFFERING – E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come *Paul Menz*

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
 All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
 One: ... who forever sing the glory of your name.

SANCTUS 559 – Holy, Holy, Holy

Tune: Sanctus (Harling)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION

*Please hold the (gluten-free) bread and cup until invited to eat and drink by the worship leader so that we can all partake in communion together.*

COMMUNION HYMN 87 – Comfort, Comfort Now My People  
 (see bulletin page 12)

Tune: Genevan 42

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*CLOSING HYMN 118 – While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks  
 (see bulletin page 13)

Tune: Christmas

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Pastorale on *Christmas*

Arr. Logan Hamilton

## 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, liturgists; Tucker Lytle (9 am), Deborah D'Arcy (11 am), lay readers; Lytle family (9 am), Nancy and Stephen Vella (11 am), Advent candle lighters; Eric Whitmer, carillonneur; Sanctuary Choir; Logan Hamilton, Minister of Music and Organist.

**The Sanctuary Poinsettias** are given in loving memory of Margaret and Robert Mozena by Susan and John Mozena.

**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:** To give, visit [bit.ly/GPMC-Giving](http://bit.ly/GPMC-Giving), text "GPMC" to 73256; scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin, or offering envelopes can 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.

**This Morning's Music:** Resounds through scripture pointing towards Christ's reign and to those who find comfort in His promises. The anthem is a movement taken from Johann Sebastian Bach's (1685-1750) *Magnificat* that is a cantata based on Mary's declaration found in Luke 1:46-55. The movement sung today is a duet between contralto, Peyton Fleming, and countertenor, Tia Wilson, singing the text from Luke 1:50, "His mercy is for generations of generations on those who fear him." The offering is motet by the late American composer, Paul Manz (1919-2009) with lyrics adapted by his wife, Ruth Manz. The motet is one full of emotional strife as it was conceived when Ruth and Paul's son was fatally ill at an early age. In finding solace during the trying time, the couple looked to the Book of Revelation and the promises that Christ makes when He returns, specifically from chapter 22, "And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever."

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## 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](mailto: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).

# 348 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

1 Lo, he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
2 Now re - demp - tion, long ex - pect - ed,  
3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,

once for our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand,  
comes in sol - emn splen - dor near; all the  
high on thine e - ter - nal throne; Sav - ior,

thou - sand saints at - tend - ing join to  
saints this world re - ject - ed thrill the  
take the power and glo - ry; claim the

sing the glad re - frain: Al - le -  
trum - pet sound to hear: Al - le -  
king - dom as thine own. Come, Lord

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
Je - sus; come, Lord Je - sus; come, Lord

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!  
Je - sus. Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

# Comfort, Comfort Now My People 87

1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.  
 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook-ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.

"Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness mourn-ing un-der sor-row's load.  
 call - ing us to true re-pen-tance, since the reign of God is here.  
 Let your hearts be true and hum-ble, as be-fits God's ho - ly reign.

To my peo - ple now pro-claim that my par - don waits for them!  
 O, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre-pare for God a way.  
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,

Tell them that their sins I cov - er, and their war-fare now is o - ver."  
 Let the val - leys rise in meet-ing and the hills bow down in greet-ing.  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

# While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks 118

1 While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed  
 2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their  
 3 "To you, in Da - vid's town this day, is born of  
 4 "The heaven - ly babe you there shall find to hu - man

on the ground, the an - gel of the Lord came down, and  
 trou - bled mind: "Glad ti - dings of great joy I bring to  
 Da - vid's line the Sav - ior, who is Christ the Lord, and  
 view dis - played, all hum-bly wrapped in swath-ing bands, and

glo - ry shone a - round, and glo - ry shone a - round.  
 you and hu - man - kind, to you and hu - man - kind.  
 this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign:  
 in a man - ger laid, and in a man - ger laid."

5 Thus spoke the seraph, and forthwith  
 appeared a shining throng  
 of angels praising God, who thus  
 addressed their joyful song,  
 addressed their joyful song:

6 "All glory be to God on high,  
 and to the earth be peace;  
 good will to all from highest heaven  
 begin and never cease,  
 begin and never cease!"

## WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AT GPMC?

8:00 am	Crossroads Lunch	Offsite
9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
9:15 am	Children's Church	Room 301
10:10 am	Alternative Gifts Outreach	Fellowship Hall
10:15 am	Children's Choir	Room 320
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Girl Scouts	Room 310
3:00 pm	A Night in Bethlehem	Barbour Chapel
5:00 pm	Worship Service	Sanctuary

## This Week at GPMC

### Monday, December 8

Preacher's Workshop, 10 - 11 am (2nd Floor Lounge)  
 Council Meetings, 6:30 & 7 pm (Various Locations)  
 Trustee's Meeting, 7 - 8 pm (Room 215)  
 Boy Scouts Court of Honor, 7 - 8:30 pm (Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall)

### Tuesday, December 9

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)  
 AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)

### Wednesday, December 10

Men's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (2nd Floor Lounge)  
 AA, 8:30 - 9:30 am (Room 209)  
 Memorial Youth, 6 - 8 pm (Room 315)  
 Novel as Theology, 7:30 - 8:30 pm (Offsite)

### Thursday, December 11

Yoga, 10 - 11 am (Room 322)  
 Makers, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm (Room 220) & 5 - 8:30 pm (Potluck - 2nd Fl. Lounge)

Handbell Rehearsal, 6:15 - 7 pm (Room 326)  
 Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 - 9:15 pm (Choir Room)

### Friday, December 12

Men's Breakfast, 8 - 9 am (Room 209)  
 Free Food Fridays, 9 - 11 am (Offsite)  
 AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)

### Saturday, December 13

Men's Bible Study, 8 - 9 am (Offsite)  
 Dress Rehearsal for Christmas in Blue 10 am - 12 pm (Sanctuary)

### Sunday, December 14

Worship Services, \*9 and 11 am (Sanctuary & \*Livestream)  
 Children's Sunday School, 9:20 - 10:15 am (Third Floor)  
 Second Sunday with Makers, 10 - 11 am (Library)  
 Adult Middle Hour, 10:10 - 10:50 am (Barbour Chapel)  
 Alternative Gifts Outreach, 10:10 - 10:50 am (Fellowship Hall)  
 Children's Choir, 10:15 - 10:35 am (Room 320)  
 Christmas in Blue Concert 3 - 4:45 pm (Sanctuary)  
 Concert Reception, 4:45 - 6 pm (Fellowship Hall)

*\*Please note this list is subject to change. For the most up-to-date calendar, visit [gpmchurch.org](http://gpmchurch.org).*

## VOLUNTEER AT GPMC!



*Learn more about where you can share your time, skills and gifts and get involved at GPMC. Volunteering is a wonderful way to give back and to get to know your fellow church members better. Scan the QR Code, or go to our GPMC Website: [gpmchurch.org](http://gpmchurch.org) and click on the drop-down "Serve" or on "Volunteer Ministry Connect Tool" under Services & Quick Links, or contact Donna Hartzell at [dhartzell@gpmchurch.org](mailto:dhartzell@gpmchurch.org) or call 313.882.5330. There is a place for everyone!*



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