



GROSSE POINTE  
MEMORIAL CHURCH  
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship  
*Transfiguration of the Lord*  
February 11, 2024 | 9 and 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.*

PRELUDE –In Quiet Mood

*Florence Price*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Matthew 10: 1,7)

One: Jesus Christ summons us to answer God's call of mercy.

All: Christ gathers us and gives us power to be healed and to heal,  
to be forgiven and to forgive,

One: to be freed from sin and to set others free, to tell one another  
and the world: God's presence is at hand.

All: Let us worship God.

\*OPENING HYMN 620 – Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven  
(see bulletin page 10)

*Tune: Lauda Anima*

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

All: God of calling, you called Abraham and the Disciples and gave them the strength they needed to follow you. You also called a people and cared for and nurtured that people so that they could live life in your abundance. You also call us, but sometimes we prefer to close our eyes and cover our ears, turning our backs to your will. Forgive us, O God, and grant us the confidence and the hope that we need to follow when you call.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Amen. Jesus was delivered to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. God has poured out love upon us, and we have received forgiveness for our sins. We can now live in peace!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE – God Fills Our Hearts With Joy Tune: Marion

All: **God fills our hearts with joy; God’s grace and love abound.  
God heals all earthly brokenness; Let praise to God resound!  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you!**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW ORLEANS MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING (9 AM)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11 AM)

*Please see the Apostle’s Creed on page 35 in the front section of your hymnal.*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **By your Word, O God, everything was made. Your Word is powerful and can transform the hearts of men and women. Speak to us today, O God. Open our hearts and minds to your renovating Word, and give us guidance and strength. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Genesis 12: 1 – 9 (O.T. page 9)

*After each reading:*

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!** 2

CHILDREN’S TIME (9 AM)

*Children ages 4-grade 2 may depart for “Children’s Church” held in room 108 (1st floor, adjacent to the nursery) after the children’s sermon. At 10:05 am, volunteers will take children participating in Middle Hour to the 3rd floor: Pre-K (age 4)-Kindergarten to room 302; Grades 1-2 to room 310; and Grades 3-4 to room 307. Parents/caregivers should pick up children not participating in Middle Hour from room 108 immediately following the service.*

ANTHEM – Jubilate Deo Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands  
Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.  
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;  
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.  
Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.  
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 10: 1 – 15 (N.T. pages 9 – 10)

SERMON – On the Road 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.**

OFFERING AND ANTHEM – Ride the Chariot Spiritual, arr. William Henry Smith

I’m gonna ride in the chariot in the morning, Lord,  
I’m getting ready for the judgment day, my Lord.  
Are you ready, my brother? Oh, yes! Are you ready for the journey? Oh, yes!

Do you want to see your Jesus? Oh, yes, I'm waitin' for the chariot  
'cause I'm ready to go.  
Are you ready, my sister...  
I never can forget that day, (Ride in the chariot to see my Lord)  
When all my sins were taken away.  
My feet were snatched from the miry clay,  
I'll serve my Lord till judgment day!

**\*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 744** – Arise, Your Light Is Come!  
(see bulletin page 11)      *Tune: Festal Song*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** – Jubilate      *Fela Sowande*

**THIS MORNING'S MUSIC**

The organ music and offering anthem today celebrate the musical gifts of black musicians Florence B. Price (1887-1953) and Fela Sowande (1905-1987). Price was born in Little Rock, Arkansas and was the first black woman to have a symphony performed by a professional orchestra (the Chicago Symphony Orchestra). In 2009, a substantial collection of her works and papers was found in her abandoned summer home. This has led to a renewal of interest in her music. Fela Sowande was born in Nigeria, studied and lived in London, then settled in the United States. His music has a strong Nigerian flavor which he combines with Western musical ideas.

In 1961 Benjamin Britten (1913-1976) was commissioned to write the setting of Psalm 100 that the choir sings this morning. The “Jubilate Deo” (the first words of the psalm in Latin) is a short, but challenging work, built upon two contrasting musical ideas. Following the contours of the text, the piece opens with a joyful, angular melody and a lively bell-like organ accompaniment, then moves into a quieter passage at “be thankful unto Him,” and concludes with a return to the original idea.

The offering anthem is an African American spiritual arranged by William Henry Smith (1908-1944), who was professor of music at the historically black Wiley College in Marshall, Texas. This less well-known spiritual follows the typical “call and response” format with a soloist asking the question “are you ready?” and the chorus responding “yes, I’m ready to go.”

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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 157 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, Jasmine Smart, Carol Marks, liturgists; Rylee Mahlmeister (9 am), Michael Hartnett (11 am), lay readers; Sheena Law-Killinger, soloist; The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Choir; James Biery, organist and director.

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism as we welcome **Jameson MacKay Graves**, son of Ragan and James R. Graves, II.

The Birth Rose is for **Reese Avery Ray**, born January 2, 2024 to Emma and Spencer Ray.

The chancel flowers are in loving memory of **Jim Grogan** by his wife Barbara and family of Patty, Steve, Curtis, Annie and Charlie Gough.

**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.

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### SERMON SERIES

#### It's Called MinisTRY!

*The word "ministry" is a bit of an enigma. Typically, we relegate it to the professionals; pastors, church workers, religious do-gooders. But that is not its essence. Ministry literally means service, and because of that, as Christians ALL of us are ministers of the gospel. The saying, "God doesn't call the equipped-He equips the called" is absolutely true. Even if we feel like we don't have what it takes, we are simply called to try, to put ourselves out there, to risk, trust, love and serve-It's called minisTRY after all! Join us as we learn about and reflect on the adventure of faith and our call to ministry together.*



### WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AT GPMC?

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestreamed
10:00 am	Children's & Youth Middle Hour	Third Floor
10:10 am	Congregational Meeting	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Girl Scouts	Room 310
5:00 pm	Worship Service	Barbour Chapel

In accordance with the By-Laws, the Session of The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church has called The Yearly Report Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church for today, February 11, 2024 at 10:10 am for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report; acting on Session recommended changes to the terms of call of the installed pastor; filling any vacancies on the Session, Board of Deacons, councils and committees and Board of Trustees; and addressing such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The meeting is to be convened at the Church in Fellowship Hall.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

*Praying for one another is an important and loving gift. The staff of GPMC meet every Tuesday morning and offer prayers for members of the congregation. Using our directory, the staff pray for the parishioners on one page each Tuesday morning and offer prayers for members of the congregation.*

*If you would like to add a person to our prayers, please call Carol Marks 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.**

**Please pray for the following people who will be going on the mission trip to New Orleans with Habitat for Humanity, February 18 - 24:** Mary Mobley, Julie and Mike Huellmantel, Chelsea Gilbert, Tamara Gilbert, Rachel Bellovich, Phyllis and John Brewster, Frank Palazzolo, Lee Sanborn, Kathy and Mickey Kurap, Holly and Mark Cory, Nate Mitchell, Penny Pitts, Sue Acton, Debbie Liang.

**Recent Prayer Requests for:** Cindy Beltowski, John Ceccato (Karen Pratt's cousin), Sherodaka Gipson (Brad Koepplin's fiancée), Ken Harwick (Tena Harwick's husband), Mary Kay L'Esperance (Sue Buckler's sister), Pauline Lackey, Ernestine Soloman (David Buckler's friend), Suzie Vercruysse (friend of the Singelyns).

**Continued Prayers for:** Doug Bechler, Tom Bejin (Matt Bejin's father), Eleanor Berendt (Gregg Berendt's mother), Jim Bierbusse, Marlene Boll, Drucilla Burns (friend of Carol Koepplin), Laura Burns, Preston Burke (Victoria Hill's brother-in-law), Ben Chapman, Bill Fox, Margery Fuller, Audrey Hallmann (Beverly Burn's niece), Jim and Laura Hebert (brother and sister-in-law of Denise Champion), Roma Hess, Barb Kerwin, Bill Leonard, Phyllis May, Lee Miller, Elsie Onychuck, Kay Peters (Ann Willett's friend), Rob Sawka (Jan Arndt's nephew), Georgie Solomon, Lt. Colonel John Steele (friend of the Litchfield family), Kiernan Tague (friend of the Clark family), Bill Turner, Annette White (Frank Palazzolo's cousin), Susan Villa-Acre (Linda Lloyd's friend).

**Protection and Strength for Our Loved Ones in the Military:** Joey and Mike Bejin (nephews of Matt Bejin), General Mike Coyne (friend of the Tenglers), Alec Doyal, Special Forces, U.S. Air Force (grandson of Guy and Marilyn Doyal), Alec Mains, U.S. Marines (the Brewster's grandson), Phoebe Piku, U.S. Army Medic, Fort Liberty, Douglas Ross (Airforce, Fighter aircraft integrated avionics), Captain Florencio Yuzon V, U.S. Navy JAG (Val and Pat Moran's son-in-law), 2nd Lieutenant Florencio Connor Yuzon VI, U.S. Army (Pat and Val Moran's grandson).

## This Week at GPMC

### Monday, February 12

Preacher's Workshop, 10 – 11 am (2nd Floor Lounge)  
Boy Scouts, 6:30 – 8 pm (Fellowship Hall)  
Council Meetings, 6:30, 7, and 7:30 pm (Various Locations)

### Tuesday, February 13

Women's Bible Study, 7 – 8 am (Room 215)  
Yoga, 10 – 11 am (Room 301) & 6 – 7 pm (Fellowship Hall)  
Full Circle Yoga & Wellness, 12:15 – 2:15 pm (Fellowship Hall)  
Al-Anon, 6:30 – 8 pm (Library)  
AA, 7 – 8 pm (Room 209)

### Wednesday, February 14

Men's Bible Study, 7 – 8 am (Room 209)  
AA, 8:15 – 9:30 am (Room 200)  
Drop-In Ashes, 12 – 1 pm (Barbour Chapel)  
Memorial Youth Group, 6 – 8 pm (Room 315)  
Ash Wednesday Service, 7:30 – 8:30 pm (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, February 15

Women's Connection, 9 – 10 am (2nd Floor Lounge)  
Yoga, 10 – 11 am & 6 – 7 pm (Room 301)  
Makers at Memorial, 10:30 am & 6:30 pm & Quilting Class 5:30 – 7 pm (Room 220)  
Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 6:15 – 7 pm (Room 322)  
Kevin's Song, 7 – 8:30 pm (Library)  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 – 9:15 pm (Choir Room)

### Friday, February 16

Unpack the Truck, 8:30 – 10:30 am (Offsite)  
Free Food Fridays, 9 – 11 am (Offsite)  
Al-Anon, 6:30 – 8 pm (Library)  
AA, 7 – 8 pm (Room 209)

### Saturday, February 17

Men's Bible Study, 8 – 9 am (Offsite)  
Bereavement Group, 10 – 11:15 am (2nd Floor Lounge)

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

620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven  
(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his  
3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -

feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -  
peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as  
fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly  
hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -

giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing; Al - le - lu - ia!  
ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!  
bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!  
fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.



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8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Thursday  
8:30 am – 3:00 pm, Friday

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