



GROSSE POINTE  
MEMORIAL CHURCH  
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship  
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 16, 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

CARILLON PRELUDE – Navajo Vocable No. 8 from the Navajo Piano

Connor Lee

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Here in this place, there are no foreigners,  
All: **for all are welcome in God's house.**  
One: Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,  
All: **for love is the language of faith.**  
One: Here in our lives, there are no divisions,  
All: **for God dwells in each of us.**  
One: Come, let us worship in unity and love.

\*OPENING HYMN 805 – Come Sing to God  
(see bulletin page 10)

Tune: Ellacombe

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

All: **Merciful God, you know how we love miracles. We love your healing, life-giving presence. We confess that poverty and oppression are less appealing topics. Yet, we find you among the poor, the downtrodden, the wi-**

dow, the orphan. In their midst we find you, your prophets, and your miracles. Dwell with us, as we make the struggles of the oppressed our own struggles. Join us at your table, as we join the effort to feed and clothe those who live in want. Grant us your compassion, we pray, that we may truly be your people.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**One:** Amen. Hear now this good news from the prophet Isaiah, “I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you” (Isaiah 44:22). 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:** The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**All:** O God, Lover of humanity, Joy of creation: Pour out your Spirit on us that we may hear your ancient words in a new key. Inspire us to sing your praise in every land and with every generation, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Psalm 146**

(O.T. page 549)

*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. Children’s Church will be extended into Middle Hour today for parents attending programming. Parents/caregivers can pick up children from room 301 either immediately following the service or after Adult Middle Hour.

**ANTHEM – He Never Failed Me Yet**

*Robert Ray*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Ruth 1:16 – 17**

(O.T. page 230)

**SERMON – God From the Margins**

*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.

\*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 738 – O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Tune: Maryton

(see bulletin page 11)

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – March on Ellacombe

Arr. Logan Hamilton

**This Morning’s Music:** Are declarations of one’s personal, steadfast faith and calls for the love of God to continually guide the heart and mind. The prelude provided by the carillon is an excerpt from a larger work originally written for the piano. The melody is based on songs from the Diné (Navajo) Enemy Way Ceremony. This ceremony holds a curative purpose, with the traditional songs serving as a significant part of the healing process. The anthem is an upbeat, gospel classic that is mostly known for its catchy refrain of “trust and never doubt...” The piece features two soloists referencing times of deliverance in times of trial. The offertory is a gentle setting to the George Herbert’s poem, “The Call.” It invites the steadfast love of God to embrace and inspire, that parallels today’s preaching text, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go, I will go, and where you stay, I will stay.”

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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:** Niamh Gillespie (Sue Stanley’s niece), Brooks David Hawke (grandson of Susan Bolton and great grandson of Elizabeth Peters), Rob Musial.

**Continued Prayers for:** Rowland Austin, Myrna Bowler (April Sayar’s mother), Ron Dollette, Jane Dow, Gwen Dunlap (Karen and Wayne Pratt’s sister), Paul Fink (John Mozena’s cousin), Janet Fruehauf, Lisa Gandelot, Lou Giovanni and Mikey (Ann Willett’s friends), Julie Harrison (Jennifer Cauvel’s cousin), Yvonne Held (Becky Scholtes’ mother), Rachel Howard (Cheryl Littleton’s friend’s daughter), Stephanie Kornblum (Sue Vititoe’s daughter), Audrey Leverenz, Betsy Maitland, Michael Meda, Dr. Alan Shepherd (Ken Shepherd’s brother), George Stultz, Teddy (Judith Sudomier’s grandson), Allison and Zach Thorton.

**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, Djibouti, Africa (Phyllis and John Brewster’s grandson), Douglas Clark Ross, Senior Airman Avionics Technician, U.S. Airforce.

## 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; Kathy Kurap (9 am), Janie Burkey (11 am), lay readers; Eric Whitmer, Carillonneur; the Sanctuary Choir; Logan Hamilton, Minister of Music and Organist.

### The Birth Roses are for:

John (Jack) Everett Schrage, born on January 6, 2025 to Martha and William Schrage. Jack's grandparents are Lori and Jim Everett;

Jules Jackson Pfent, born on Saturday, January 18, 2025 to Megan and Josh Pfent. Jules's grandparents are Didi and John DeBoer;

Clare Phuong Huggins Tran, born on February 3, 2025 to Laura and Tai T. Tran. Claire's grandparents are Lynn Huggins and Dave Pickering.

**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 donate, please visit [bit.ly/GPMC-Giving](https://bit.ly/GPMC-Giving) or text "GPMC" to 73256. 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.

### WINTER 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 & Livestreamed |
| 10:10 am | Adult Middle Hour            | Barbour Chapel           |
| 10:10 am | Middle Hour Prayer Gathering | Prayer Chapel            |
| 11:00 am | Worship Service              | Sanctuary                |
| 5:00 pm  | Peace and Justice Forum      | Fellowship Hall          |

## This Week at GPMC

### Monday, February 17

Church Offices Closed in Observance of President's Day

### Tuesday, February 18

Women's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (Room 215)

Habitat Painting Event, 9 am - 12 pm (Offsite)

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, February 19

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

AA, 8:15 - 9:30 am (Room 209)

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

Novel as Theology, 7:30 - 9 pm (Offsite)

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

### Thursday, February 20

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

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

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

Makers@Memorial, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm & 6:30 - 8:30 pm (Room 220)

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

### Friday, February 21

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

Free Food Fridays, 9 - 11 am (Offsite)

Instrumental Music Rehearsal, 6 - 7 pm (Sanctuary)

Al-Anon, 6 - 8 pm (Library)

AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)

### Saturday, February 22

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

Choir Rehearsal, 10 am - 12 pm (Sanctuary)

### Sunday, February 23

Worship Services, \*9 & 11 am (Sanctuary & \*Livestreamed)

Children's Sunday School & Youth Middle Hour, 10:10 - 10:50 am (Third Floor)

Adult Middle Hour, 10:10 - 10:50 am (Barbour Chapel)

Sacred Songs in Blue Concert, 3 - 4:30 pm (Sanctuary)

Sacred Songs in Blue Reception, 4:30 - 5:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)

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

# Come Sing to God 805

(Psalm 30)

1 Come sing to God, O liv - ing saints; sing prais - es to God's name.  
 2 In my suc - cess I felt se - cure; how good you've been to me.  
 3 What good is gained by my dis - grace, what prof - it in de - feat?  
 4 You change my grief to joy-filled dance; my sor - rows you de - stroy.

God's an - ger is not per - ma - nent; God's love will nev - er wane.  
 I said that this is my own work, as - crib - ing all to me.  
 My grave can - not con - fess your name, nor praise for you re - peat.  
 In faith - ful - ness you hear my cry and fill my life with joy.

Though tears may tar - ry for the night with sighs of deep - est pain,  
 But when you turned a - side your face, my life was filled with fears.  
 Now hear, O Lord, my plain - tive cry; be mer - ci - ful to me.  
 And so to you my heart shall sing; my voice your good - ness raise.

yet joy comes with the morn - ing sun, a peace that is not vain.  
 I begged for help; to you I cried with loud and bit - ter tears.  
 Ac - cept my long - ing heart's re - quest and from death set me free.  
 You are my God, for - ev - er - more. My life shall sing your praise.

# 738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move  
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee  
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;  
 by some clear, win - ning word of love;  
 in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,  
 far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the  
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and  
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in  
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 guide them in the home - ward way.  
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.  
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.



## GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH

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### Office Hours

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

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