



GROSSE POINTE  
MEMORIAL CHURCH  
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship  
First Sunday in Lent  
February 22, 2026 | 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

HANDBELL PRELUDE – As the Deer

*Martin Nystrom, Arr. Karen Thompson*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome this day to the house of our God.  
All: **We are greeted in peace and in love.**  
One: Welcome this day to the worship of our Creator.  
All: **We worship in hope and with grace.**  
One: Welcome this day to our community of faith,  
All: **Where we are sisters and brothers in Christ.**  
One: Welcome this day to a life filled with joy.  
All: **Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 165 – The Glory of These Forty Days  
(see bulletin page 10)

*Tune: Erhalt uns, herr*

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

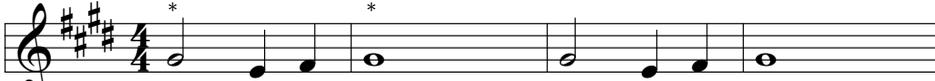
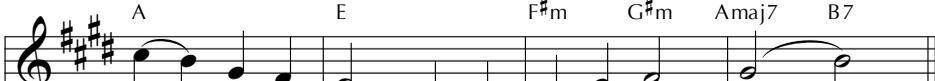
*All:* Merciful and gracious God, we confess that too often we cling to rules more tightly than to your love, measuring faith by our own standards instead of trusting your grace; in our desire to be right, we have been quick to judge, slow to listen, and hesitant to rejoice in the freedom you give, forgetting that your law is meant to lead us to love, not fear. By your Spirit, loosen our grip on self-righteousness, teach us humility, and draw us again to Jesus Christ, in whom we are justified not by our works but by your boundless grace, so that we may walk in gratitude, compassion, and joy.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (from Ephesians 1: 7 - 8)

*One:* Amen. Hear this good news, "If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9). Friends, believe in the good news of the Gospel.

*All:* **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*SONG OF MEDITATION 414 - Be Still and Know That I Am God** (sung 3x) *Tune: Psalm 46*

Capo 4: (C) (Am) (C7) (Am)  
 E C#m E7 C#m  
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 Be still and know that I am God.  
 (F) (C) (Dm) (Em) (Fmaj7) (G7)  
 A E F#m G#m Amaj7 B7  
  
 Be still and know that I am God.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE** (from Colossians 3:15)

*One:* Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you are called to peace. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*All:* Gracious God, as we turn to your Word, send your Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds, that we may hear what you are saying to the church today. By your light, shape us in truth and love, that our lives may reflect the grace we receive through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING - 1 Samuel 21:1 - 6**

(O.T. page 254)

*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*

*All:* **Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
 Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.  
 Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
 Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**CHILDREN'S TIME (9 AM)**

*Children ages 4-grade 2 may depart for Sunday School held in room 301 after the children's sermon.  
 Parents/caregivers can pick up their children from room 301 at 10:15 am.*

**ANTHEM - Lord, to Thee We Turn**

*Orlando di Lasso*

Lord to Thee we turn in all our sorrow. And in Thy goodness do we confide.  
 Yea, Thou art our support. Strengthen all who kneel before Thee.

**GOSPEL READING - Mark 2:23 - 28**

(N.T. page 34)

**SERMON - The One Who (Re)Writes the Rules**

Rev. Dr. 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.**

### ANTHEM AND OFFERING – Kyrie From *Communion Service in F* *Florence Price*

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.  
We beseech Thee.

### \*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING 227 – Jesus, Remember Me (*sung 3x*) *Tune: Remember Me*

*All:* **Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

## TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \*CLOSING HYMN 393 – O Day of Rest and Gladness *Tune: Es flog ein kleins waldvögelein* (see bulletin page 11)

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE – Recessional on *Erhalt uns, herr* *Arr. Dr. Logan Hamilton*

**This Morning's Music:** Asks for grace through actions of repentance on this first Sunday of Lent. The anthem is by late Renaissance composer Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594) who is an exemplary composer from the Franco-Flemish school of vocal polyphony. The voices enter in staggered imitation as is customary for this period of composition, each stating, "Lord to Thee we turn in all our sorrow." However, to show the strength and conviction of the text, di Lasso unites the voices together on the text, "Yea, Thou art our support... Strengthen all who kneel before Thee." The offertory is a movement from the late African American composer, Florence Price's (1887-1953) liturgical composition *Presbyterian Communion Service in F*. The opening movement of this work is the *Kyrie* in which different sections of the choir are highlighted through the text "Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law." as showing the individual as well as the cooperate need of repentance, and understanding of God's law. Though it isn't clearly noted or dedicated, it is believed that Price wrote this work among her other sacred choral repertoire for the choir of Grace Presbyterian Church in Chicago where she resided from 1927 till her death in 1953.

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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 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 worshipping 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:** Rev. Dr. Jeff Lincicome, Rev. Heather Thum - Gerber, Carol Marks, liturgists; Penny Pitts (9 am), Joann Muller (11 am), lay readers; Handbell Choir; Rory Powell, Handbell Choir Director; Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Logan Hamilton, Minister of Music and Organist.

**Sermon Series:** One of the powerful things about the story of Jesus is how counter-cultural he was. At every turn he subverts our expectations, making us rethink our relationship with God, each other, the world around us, and even ourselves. Join us this Lent as we ask the question, "Who is this Jesus?" through the lens of the Gospel of Mark.

**The Sanctuary flowers** are in memory of my loving husband, William by his wife, Francesca.

**Flowers in the Sanctuary** are funded by our members in memory or in honor of a loved one. If interested in dedicating flowers, please call or email Frances LaPlante-Sosnowsky at 313.434.5574 or ab7014@wayne.edu

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**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:** Are in blue bags located at each of the sanctuary entrances for children to use during worship.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AT GPMC?

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
9:20 am	Children's Sunday School	Third Floor
10:15 am	Children's Choir	Room 320
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary

## This Week at GPMC

### Monday, February 23

Preacher's Workshop, 10 - 11 am (2nd Floor Lounge)  
Session Meeting, 7 - 9 pm (Room 209)  
Boy Scouts, 7 - 8 pm (Fellowship Hall)

### Tuesday, February 24

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)  
Book Group for Lent, 7 - 8 pm (2nd Floor Lounge)

### Wednesday, February 25

Men's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (2nd Floor Lounge)  
AA, 8:30 - 9:30 am (Room 209)  
Bible Basics, 10 - 11 am & 7 - 8 pm (2nd Floor Lounge)  
Memorial Youth, 6 - 8 pm (Room 315)  
Lenten Service & Supper, 6- 7 pm (Barbour Chapel & Fellowship Hall)

### Thursday, February 26

Yoga, 10 - 11 am (Room 322) & 6 - 7 pm (Fellowship Hall)  
Makers@Memorial, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm & 6:30 - 8:30 pm (Room 220)  
Mitten Knitting, 6- 7 pm (2nd Floor Lounge)  
Handbell Rehearsal, 6:15 - 7 pm (Room 326)  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 - 9:15 pm (Choir Room)

### Friday, February 27

Free Food Fridays, 9 - 11 am (Offsite)  
Parent Connection, 6 - 8 pm (Third Floor)  
AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)

### Saturday, February 28

Men's Bible Study, 8 - 9 am (Offsite)  
Choir Dress Rehearsal, 10 am - 12 pm (Sanctuary)

### Sunday, March 1

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

Children's Church, 9:15 - 10:15 am (Third Floor)  
Middle Hour, 10:10 - 10:50 am (Barbour Chapel)  
Children's Choir, 10:15 - 10:35 am (Room 320)  
Girl Scouts, 1 - 2 pm (Room 310)  
"In Living Color" Choral Concert, 3 - 4 pm (Sanctuary)  
Concert Reception, 4 - 5 pm (Fellowship Hall)

*\*Women's Retreat Friday, February 27 - Sunday, March 1 (Offsite)*

## 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:** John Boris, Gwen Dunlap (Wayne Pratt's sister), Gerard Huvaere (John Scholtes' friend), Gayla Leslie (Bryan Mahlmeister's aunt), Kay (Jodi Steven's mother), Mary Matvias (Elizabeth Tengler's aunt), Peter Nyboer.

**Continued Prayers for:** Robert Cacchione (Gina Carrier's dad), Jane Dow, Chris and Ted Fines (the Kuraps' friends), Dennis Hertel (the Musials' friend), Stephanie Kornblum (Sue Vititoe's daughter), Carol Martin (Cheryl Littleton's mother), Phyllis May, Amy Miller, Millie Neal (Doris Neal Van Tiem's mother), Rose Palazzolo (Frank Palazzolo's mother), Ted Schaefer (Elizabeth and Stephen Schaefer's son), Beth Schlater (Sally VanDusen's friend), Salvador Zuniga (Janice Zuniga's son).

## In Memoriam

**Audrey M. Leverenz**

*July 21, 1931 - February 11, 2026*

The Service of the Resurrection will be in our Sanctuary on March 13, 2026 at 3:00 pm.

Please pray for Audrey's daughters, Amy Kish, Sally Wittwer, Sue Swegles, son, John, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and all who love Audrey during these sad days of loss.

# 165 The Glory of These Forty Days

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the  
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -  
 4 Then grant that we like them be true, con -

cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all  
 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride-groom's  
 sumed in fast and prayer with you; our spir - its strength-en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

# 393 O Day of Rest and Gladness

1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,  
 2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion the light first had its birth;  
 3 On you, God's peo - ple, meet - ing, the Ho - ly Scrip-ture hear,

O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright;  
 on you, for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;  
 Christ's liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through bread and wine made near.

on you, the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,  
 on you, our Lord vic - to - rious sent Spir - it forth from heaven.  
 New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,

sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly" to the great God tri - une.  
 And thus on you, most glo - rious, a tri - ple light was given.  
 we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.



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8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Thursday  
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