



GROSSE POINTE  
MEMORIAL CHURCH  
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship  
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany  
February 23, 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

PRELUDE – Meditation on *Resignation*

*Arr. Logan Hamilton*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*One:* We gather today to worship the One who created us,

*All:* **the One who calls us,**

*One:* the One who equips us,

*All:* **the One who loves us without end.**

*One:* With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

\*OPENING HYMN 803 – My Shepherd Will Supply My Need  
(see bulletin page 10)

*Tune: Resignation*

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

*All:* O Lord, you are our shepherd, and yet we want. We lie down when we could act. We stir the pot when we could offer peace. We wander tempting paths instead of following you. We see courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in you. We hate our enemies and refuse to break bread with them. We see scarcity even when you offer us abundance. We pray for forgiveness, for your goodness and mercy, so that we might dwell in You, in your grace, forever.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Amen. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone: a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**\*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, you know us better than we know ourselves. As the scriptures are read, we will listen for your voice. By your Spirit lead us out of our fears and into the knowledge of your love, through Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of our souls. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Psalm 23**

(O.T. pages 474 – 475)

*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. At 10:05 am, volunteers will take children participating in Middle Hour to the 3rd floor: Pre-K-Kindergarten to room 302; Grades 1-2 to room 310; and Grades 3-4 to room 307. Parents/caregivers can pick up children not participating in Middle Hour from room 301 immediately following the service.

**ANTHEM – Kyrie from “Jazz Missa Brevis”**

*Will Todd*

*Kyrie Eleison  
Christe Eleison  
Kyrie Eleison*

Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – 1 Samuel 16: 1 – 13**

(O.T. page 248)

**SERMON – No Matter Your Stature**

*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 – My Lord, What a Mornin’

Arr. H. T. Burleigh

\*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 149 – All Hail to God’s Anointed

Tune: Rockport

(see bulletin page 11)

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Recessional on Rockport

Arr. Logan Hamilton

**This Morning’s Music:** Features selections from this afternoon’s Sacred Songs in Blue concert! Will Todd’s (b. 1970) “Kyrie” from his *Jazz Missa Brevis* is crafted as a jazz waltz that features clashing harmonies in the three lower voices while the soprano’s keep up the opening melodic line that flows through the movement. Harry Burleigh (1886-1949) was a prominent American choral conductor and arranger, who took the Black spirituals he was surrounded by in his youth and arranged them into beautiful choral settings. His arrangement of “My Lord, What a Mornin’” starts as a gentle lullaby, but infuses colorful, jazz-like harmonies that build to an emotionally charged statement of devotion. The piece recapitulates the opening melody while reshaping the harmonies before a gentle close to the piece.

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### 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!*



## WELCOME TO GPMC

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church is a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and one of its vibrant congregations. For 160 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:** Heather Thum - Gerber, Carol Marks, liturgists; Bob Mobley (9 am), Jeff Ver Beek (11 am), lay readers; the Sanctuary Choir; Logan Hamilton, Minister of Music and Organist.

**The Birth Rose** is for Cameron Joseph Thornton, born on December 17, 2024 to Allison and Zach Thornton.

**The Sanctuary flowers are in loving memory of:**

Jim Grogan by his wife, Barbara and family of Patty, Steve, Curtis, Annie and Charlie Gough;

Arlene Cobau from the Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study.

**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.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AT GPMC?

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestreamed
10:10 am	Sunday School	Third Floor
10:10 am	Youth Middle Hour	Third Floor
10:10 am	Adult Middle Hour	Barbour Chapel
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
3:00 pm	Sacred Songs in Blue Concert	Sanctuary
4:30 pm	After-Concert Reception	Fellowship Hall

## This Week at GPMC

### Monday, February 24

Preacher's Workshop, 10 –11 am (2nd Floor Lounge)  
Session Meeting, 7 –9 pm (Sanctuary & Room 209)  
Boy Scouts, 7 –8:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)

### Tuesday, February 25

Women's Bible Study, 7 – 8 am (Via Zoom)  
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 26

Men's Bible Study, 7 – 8 am (2nd Floor Lounge)  
AA, 8:15 – 9:30 am (Room 209)  
Bible Basics Bible Study, 10 am –11 am (2nd Floor Lounge)  
Memorial Youth, 6 – 8 pm (Third Floor)  
Bible Basics Bible Study, 7 – 8 pm (2nd Floor Lounge)

### Thursday, February 27

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

### Friday, February 28

Ecumenical Men's Breakfast, 7:45 – 9 am (Fellowship Hall)  
Free Food Fridays, 9 – 11 am (Offsite)  
GPMC's Parent's Group, 6 – 8 pm (Third Floor)  
Al-Anon, 6 – 8 pm (Library)  
AA, 7 – 8 pm (Room 209)

### Saturday, March 1

Men's Bible Study, 8 – 9 am (Offsite)

### Sunday, March 2

Worship Services, 10:30 am (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)  
Outreach Hygiene Kits Event, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)  
Healing Worship Service, 5 – 6 pm (Barbour Chapel)

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

## 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](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:** Brooks David Hawke (grandson of Susan Bolton and great grandson of Elizabeth Peters), Thomas Schaden.

**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 Giovani 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, Rob Musial, Dr. Alan Shepherd (Ken Shepherd's brother), Teddy (Judith Sodomier's grandson).

**George Stultz**, long time church administrator died on February 18, 2025. Please hold his daughters, Beth and Kathy and his grandson, George in your prayers.

## In Memoriam

**Arlene Louise Cobau**

*August 21, 1937 - February 15, 2025*

The Service of the Resurrection will be in our sanctuary on March 8, 2025 at 2:00 pm. Please pray for Arlene's sons, Jay, John, Bill and Tom, their families and all who love Arlene.

# My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 803

(Psalm 23)

1 My shep-herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name.  
2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;  
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;

In pas - tures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.  
one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.  
O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.

He brings my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake his ways,  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;  
There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;

and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows; your oil a - noints my head.  
no more a strang - er, or a guest, but like a child at home.

# 149 All Hail to God's Anointed

(Psalm 72)

1 All hail to God's a - noint-ed, great Da - vid's great-er Son!  
2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
4 All rul - ers bow be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring.

All hail, in time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!  
to help the poor and need - y and bid the weak be strong;  
love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.  
All na - tions shall a - dore you; your praise all peo - ple sing.

You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,  
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark-ness turn to light,  
Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go,  
To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend.

to take a - way trans - gres - sion and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are pre - cious in your sight.  
and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
Your rule is still in - creas - ing; your rule is with - out end.



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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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or text "GPMC" to 73256.

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