

GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH 'A light by the lakeshore' Service of Worship Second Sunday in Lent February 25, 2024 | 9 and 11 am

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 – O God, Thou Faithful God

Johannes Brahms

*CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 63)

One:	The Lord is my light and my salvation;
All:	Whom shall I fear?
One:	One thing I ask of the Lord and this I seek;
All:	To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
One:	I will behold the beauty of the Lord and see his goodness.
All:	Let us be strong and take courage and wait for the Lord!

*Opening Hymn 301 – Let Us Build a House (see bulletin pages 12 – 13) Tune: Two Oaks

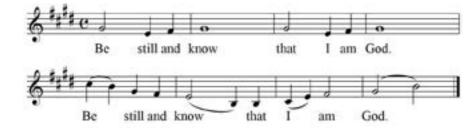
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

All: Holy God, we confess that we have not lived as you have taught us. We have put our longing for money, success, or happiness above our desire for you and your kingdom. We long for the day when our homes will be a dwelling place of your love. Remind us to take risks and make the sacrifices that love requires. Rule in our homes and in all the world as we walk in your path, through the mercy of our Savior. Amen. *Song of Meditation 414 – Be Still and Know That I am God

Tune: Psalm 46

The song is sung three times: first by the choir alone, then by the entire congregation.



*Assurance of Pardon

- One: The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us. The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us. Be assured that God is with us now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving.
- All: Thanks be to God.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (from Colossians 3:13)

- One: God makes peace within us; let us claim it. God makes peace between us. Let us share it. The peace of Christ be with you.
- All: And also with you!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All:Loving God, you provide for our every need. You shelter us and surround
us with your presence. Let us find a home in your Word this day, through
Jesus Christ and in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING - Isaiah 25: 1 - 5

(O.T. page 613)

After each reading:

- One: The Word of the Lord.
- All: Thanks be to God!

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CHILDREN'S TIME (9 AM)

Following the children's sermon, children (ages four through second grade) will follow volunteers to Room 108 (directly across from the nursery) for a story, music, and play/craft stations. Parents and caregivers should meet their children in Room 108 following the service for pickup.

Anthem – Ubi Caritas	Ola Gjeilo		
Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen. (sung in Latin)			
Gospel Reading – Matthew 7: 24 – 27	(N.T. page 7)		
Sermon – Shelter (Safety)	Jasmine Smart		
Responding To The Word			

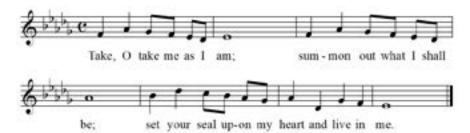
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 – See What Love (from "St. Paul") Felix Mendelssohn

See what love hath the Father bestowed on us in his goodness, that we should be called God's own children.

Tune: Fill My Cup



TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Closing Нумл 687 – Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (see bulletin page 14)

Tune: St. Anne

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Chorale Prelude on "St. Anne"

Heinrich Fleischer

This Morning's Music

Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978) is a Norwegian composer and pianist who lives in the Laguna Beach, California. Gjeilo composed today's anthem in 1999, after singing and being influenced by Maurice Duruflé's motet for choir on the same Latin text. Gjeilo takes inspiration from the traditional chant that Duruflé also used, but added his own twist to the text to make it come alive in a different way.

The anthem by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) during the offering is from the oratorio "St. Paul," first performed in 1836 in Düsseldorf. It was sung shortly thereafter in England (Liverpool) and then the United States (Boston). The oratorio tells the story of the apostle Paul from the book of Acts. "See what love" is sung near the end of the work, after Paul bids farewell to the elders of Ephesus.

The songs we sing after the Prayer of Confession and as we present the offerings were written by John L. Bell (b. 1949). Bell is a minister in the Church of Scotland and is associated with the Iona Community. The Iona Community is an ecumenical Christian community that was founded in Glasgow in 1938 by the Rev. George MacLeod and named for the influential monastery founded in 563 by St. Columba on the Scottish Isle of Iona. The Community has rebuilt Columba's ruined abbey and uses it as a retreat center.

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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: Jasmine Smart, Carol Marks, liturgists; Bob Mobley (9 am), Elizabeth Schaefer (11 am), lay readers; The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Choir; James Biery, organist and director.

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.

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.

Giving at GPMC: To donate, visit bit.ly/GPMC-Giving or text "GPMC" to 73256.

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.

SERMON SERIES

The Basics

In Maslow's hierarchy of needs, there are basic requirements we need to live whole and fulfilling lives. Things like food, water, shelter, work, healthcare, friendship-these are the basic elements that make life work. Unfortunately, while we often take these basics for granted, others in our world do not. Join us this Lent on a journey of self-examination and service as we go on a passionate journey of reflection, understanding, personal action, grace, and solidarity with those who do not have enough.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AT GPMC?

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestreamed
10:10 am	Adult Middle Hour	Barbour Chapel
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Worship Service	Barbour Chapel
6:00 pm	Lenten Supper	Fellowship Hall

Adult Middle Hour is the study of a seminal work on the power and joy of Christian community, "Life Together" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. These lectures, written for a group of German underground seminary students during World War II, create a vision of what the church in all its wonder and challenge should be.

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. May God continue to surround you with love and care.

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church is a Stephen Ministry congregation.

Recent Prayer Requests for: John Ceccato (Karen Pratt's cousin), Ken Harwick (Tena Harwick's husband), Mary Kay L'Esperance (Sue Buckler's sister), Sherry Jurva (friend of Jan Arndt), Jessica Longo (granddaughter of Janie Burkey), Carol Malthaner (Lois Palazzolo's sister), Phyllis May, Sally Owen, Don Roback (friend of Ann Davies Trube), LaVerna Robinson (Christina Robinson's daughter), Ernestine Soloman (David Buckler's friend), Suzie Vercruysse (friend of the Singelyns).

Continued Prayers for: Doug Bechler, Tom Bejin (Matt Bejin's father), Cindy Beltowski, 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, Sherodaka Gipson (Brad Koepplin's fiance), Audrey Hallmann (Beverly Burn's niece), Jim and Laura Hebert (brother and sister-in-law of Denise Champion), Roma Hess, Barb Kerwin, Pauline Lackey, Bill Leonard, 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, 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), Captain Matthew Yelverton (Elizabeth Peter's grandson), 2nd Lieutenant Florencio Connor Yuzon VI, U.S. Army (Pat and Val Moran's grandson).

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This Week at GPMC

Monday, February 26

Preacher's Workshop, 10 – 11 am (2nd Floor Lounge) Boy Scouts, 6:30 – 8 pm (Fellowship Hall) Session Meeting, 7 – 9 pm (Room 200)

Tuesday, February 27

Women's Bible Study, 7 – 8 am (via Zoom) 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 200) Renovation Team, 7 – 8 pm (Room 315)

Wednesday, February 28

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

Thursday, February 29

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

Friday, March 1

Free Food Fridays, 9 – 11 am (Offsite) Al-Anon, 6:30 – 8 pm (Library) AA, 7 – 8 pm (Room 200)

Saturday, March 2

Men's Bible Study, 8 – 9 am (Offsite) New Member's Class, 9 am – 12 pm (Room 200) Bereavement Group, 10 – 11:15 am (2nd Floor Lounge)

Sunday, March 3

Worship Service, *10:30 am (Sanctuary, *Livestream available) Bear-A-Thon Stuffing, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm (Fellowship Hall) Girl Scouts, 1 – 2 pm (Room 310) Worship Service, 5 pm (Barbour Chapel) Lenten Supper, 6 pm (Fellowship Hall)

*Labyrinth, everyday during office hours (Room 209)

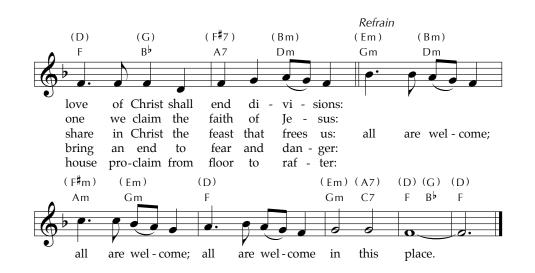
Please note this list is subject to change. For the most up-to-date calendar, visit gpmchurch.org.

VOLUNTEER AT GPMC

Learn more about our Ministry Connect Tool and find out where you can share your unique skills and gifts to serve at GPMC. Go to our GPMC Website: gpmchurch.org and click on the drop-down "Serve" menu or the Volunteer Volunteer Ministry Connect Tool under Services & Quick Links to the right, or scan this URL Code. There is a place for everyone! Let us help you discover yours.









5 Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Easter Gifts for Lilies & Music

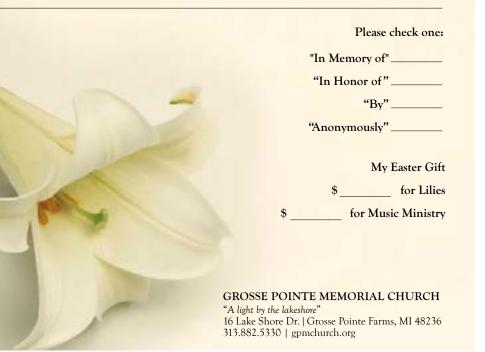
Grosse Pointe Memorial Church is accepting contributions for this year's beautiful Easter lilies and/or music in memory or honor of loved ones and special people in your life. If you would like to make a contribution, please fill in the form below and return it to Donna Hartzell by Tuesday, March 5, so that names may be properly acknowledged in the Easter bulletin. A suggested amount for a lily is \$50, and for music, \$25-100. All checks need to be filled out to "GPMC" (please be sure to include lily/music contribution on the memo line). Our Deacons will deliver the lilies to our shut-ins.

Name

Address

Phone Number

Please print your dedication as it is to appear in the bulletin. Example: John and Mary Smith by their grandchildren, Mike and Betty Smith.





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