



GROSSE POINTE  
MEMORIAL CHURCH  
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 8, 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

CARILLON PRELUDE – Excerpts from “In a Landscape”

*John Cage, Arr. Eric Whitmer*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*One:* Give your ears, O people, to the teachings of God;

*All:* We incline our ears to the Word today.

*One:* The door is open;

*All:* We are ready for the entry of God’s glory.

*One:* The name of the Lord is written on our hearts;

*All:* May we worship with renewed strength and hope.

\*HYMN 53 – O God, Who Gives Us Life  
(see bulletin page 13)

*Tune: Noel*

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

*All:* Merciful God, your love for us is undivided, but we confess that we have been unfaithful in our devotion to you. Our affections stray to false gods

of money and power. Our commitments fracture among the demands of life. Our loyalties spread across varied earthly demands. Forgive us, God of grace. Reconcile our wandering hearts and restore us to your path. Remind us that we are loved and belong to you as we seek to follow Christ our savior.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*One:* Amen. Hear the promise of the Lord: I am the Holy One, the true One, your God. The door of salvation is open, and you have received God's grace. Friends, believe in the good news of the gospel.

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

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE – All Glory be to the Father**

*Tune: Nyland*

The image shows four staves of musical notation in a single system. The music is in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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:* We know peace because we know what it is to be forgiven. With renewed hearts, let us share the peace of Christ with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

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

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, COMMISSIONING OF NEW BOARD, COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS (9 AM)**

*Today we are installing and ordaining our newest officers and commissioning the newest members of our leadership boards, councils and committees. Our deacons and elders become officers in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). They were elected by the congregation and examined by the Session. Today they will take their vows, and we in turn, will affirm our support of their leadership. The names of our newest officers and leaders are listed on pages 8 - 9 in the bulletin, along with new council and committee members, and the officer ordination vows and congregational responses.*

*One:* There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

*All:* **There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

*One:* God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

*All:* **To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

*One:* Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11 AM)**

*Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism as we welcome Juliet Leighton Bell, daughter of Megan and Ryan Bell. Please see the Apostles' Creed on page 35 of the pew hymnal.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*All:* **Holy God, with ears leaning in to hear your Word, may your Spirit speak to the church this morning of God's wonders. In Christ's name. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Psalm 70:1 – 5**

(O.T. page 503)

*After each reading:*

*One:* The Word of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SONG 377 – I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light      *Tune: Houston*

*All:*      I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.  
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

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 – My Lord, What a Mornin'      *Arr. Harry T. Burleigh*

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Revelation 3:7 – 13      (N.T. page 232)

SERMON – Perpetual Fortitude      Rev. 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 – Who at My Door is Standing?      *Arr. K. Lee Scott*

\*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING 606      *Tune: Old 100th*

*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 341– O God, Show Mercy to Us      *Tune: Thaxted*  
(see bulletin pages 14 – 15)

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – March on *Thaxted*      *Arr. Logan Hamilton*

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**This Morning's Music:** Reflects on the beauty of space that is created when Christ enters with peace during all times and seasons. The carillon prelude is an excerpt arranged by carillonneur, Eric Whitmer, from one of John Cage's earliest works. "In a Landscape" is a reflective piece composed for piano that pays homage to Erik Satie's *Trois Gymnopédies*. The work (originally written for piano or harp) was commissioned by and dedicated to the dancer Louise Lippold. The anthem is arranged by the late African American choral conductor and arranger, Harry Burleigh (1886-1949). His arrangement of "My Lord, What a Mornin'" starts as a lullaby, but infuses colorful, jazz-like harmonies that grow into an emotionally charged statement of devotion and repentance. The piece ends by recapitulating the opening melody while reshaping the harmonies into a climatic declaration, before a final whisper of "when the stars begin to fall." The offertory is simple arrangement of an English folk song put to text by 19th century American poet, Mary Slade arranged by K. Lee Scott. The text describes Jesus standing at the door of sinners waiting to be invited in. Slade uses this in the literal sense of Christ being physically present, entering in the time and space of the poet, as well as the spiritual metaphor of offering grace to those that accept His sovereign grace.

## 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 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:** Rev. Dr. Jeff Lincicome, Rev. Heather Thum - Gerber, Carol Marks, liturgists; Michael Kopasz (9 am), Joann Muller (11 am), lay readers; Brent Kelso (11 am elder); Eric Whitmer, carillonneur; Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Logan Hamilton, Minister of Music and Organist.

**Sermon Series ( 7 Letters to 7 Churches):** The book of Revelation begins with seven unique letters written to seven unique churches in seven unique cities throughout Asia Minor. With deep insight coming from Jesus through the pen of John, these letters can teach us a lot about who the ancient church was in all of their success and failures, while also casting light on who we are, and what it means to be followers of Jesus today. Join us as we study these very unique and powerful letters to the ancient church.

**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 Frances LaPlante-Sosnowsky at 313.434.5574 or ab7014@wayne.edu.

**Giving at GPMC:** Please visit [bit.ly/GPMC-Giving](https://bit.ly/GPMC-Giving), text "GPMC" to 73256, or scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin. Offering envelopes are also 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:** 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
10:10 am	Congregational Meeting	Fellowship Hall
10:15 am	Children's Choir	Room 320
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Girl Scouts	Room 310

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 8, 2026 at 10:10 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report; acting on Session recommended changes to the terms of call of the installed pastors; 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.

## Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Officer Ordination Vows

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you? **I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? **I do and I will.**

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions? **I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? **I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? **I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **I do.**

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **I will.**

**For Deacons:** Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

**For Elders:** Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

**For the Congregation:** Do we, the members of the church, accept the ruling elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of the congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow, as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

For more about Presbyterian offices, our form of governance and similar issues, go to <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/what-we-believe/elders/>

**Thank you to the following members for saying yes to leading our congregation:**

**Elders:** Ellen Creager, Jo Le Van, Alec MacKethan, Charlie Marks, Mike Marks, April Sayar, LeLand Thomas

**Deacons:** Andy Bedsworth, Rick Cardoze, Bill Costello, Morgan Costello, Ron Dollete, Greg Dykstra, Sela Dykstra, Lisa Kelch, Patty McCracken, Rebecca Scholtes

**Trustees:** Debbie Bellovich, Deborah D'Arcy, Chuck Gabel, Martin Klein

**Councils and Committees:**

**Christian Education:** Mike Bates, Amanda Be, Patrick Linsdau, Joe Lupinacci

**Nominating:** Ben Burns, Steve Vella

**Outreach:** Lanie Fitzpatrick, Mike Huellmantel, Marc Jerabek, Colleen Huntsman, Dale Lewis

**Parish Life:** Pam Sharrow, Jodi Stevens, Bryce Thomas, Ann Trube

**Personnel:** Jay Lytle, Judy Masserang

**Stewardship:** Jim Beardslee, Jay Fradenburg, Robb Sharrow

**Worship:** Cam Davies, Chelsea Gilbert, Stephanie Nicholson, Lynn Wood

## This Week at GPMC

### Monday, February 9

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

### Tuesday, February 10

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)

### Wednesday, February 11

Men's Bible Study, 7 – 8 am (2nd Floor Lounge)  
AA, 8:30 – 9:30 am (Room 209)  
Memorial Youth, 6 – 8 pm (Room 315)  
Novel as Theology, 7:30 – 8:30 pm (Offsite)

### Thursday, February 12

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

### Friday, February 13

Free Food Fridays, 9 – 11 am (Offsite)  
AA, 7 – 8 pm (Room 209)

### Saturday, February 14

Men's Bible Study, 8 – 9 am (Offsite)  
Mourner's Path Group, 10 – 11:30 am (2nd Floor Lounge)  
Valentine's Day Tea, 2 – 3:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)

### Sunday, February 15

Worship Services, \*9 and 11 am (Sanctuary & \*Livestream)  
Children's Sunday School, 9:20 – 10:15 am (Third Floor)

Children's Choir, 10:15 – 10:35 am (Room 320)  
Israel Pilgrimage Group, 6 – 8 pm (2nd Floor Lounge)

*\*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 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, Chris and Ted Fines (the Kuraps' friends), Gerard Huvaere (John Scholtes' friend), Mary Matvias (Elizabeth Tengler's aunt), Phyllis May, Peter Nyboer.

**Continued Prayers for:** Robert Cacchione (Gina Carrier's dad), Jane Dow, Joanne Grierson, Dennis Hertel (the Musials' friend), Stephanie Kornblum (Sue Vititoe's daughter), Carol Martin (Cheryl Littleton's mother), Amy Miller, Sharon Miquel, Millie Neal (Doris Neal Van Tiem's mother), Rose Palazzolo (Frank Palazzolo's mother), Annie Prentice, Ted Schaefer (Elizabeth and Stephen Schaefer's son), Beth Schlater (Sally VanDusen's friend), Carolyn Scheuer (Marilyn Doyal's sister), Salvador Zuniga (Janice Zuniga's son).

**Protection and Strength for Our Loved Ones in the Military:** Ensign Peter A. Costello, USN (Gretchen and Bill Costello's son), Alec Doyal, Special Forces, U.S. Air Force (Marilyn and Guy Doyal's grandson), Christian Mageau, Senior Airman USAF (Cynthia and Michael Mageau's son), Steven Hess, Army Combat Medic, FL (Roma and Tom Hess' grandson), Alec Mains, U.S. Marines, Djibouti, Africa (Phyllis and John Brewster's grandson), Douglas Clark Ross, Senior Airman Avionics Technician, U.S. Airforce, Capt. Florencio J. Yuzon, V, U.S. Navy (Val and Pat Moran's son-in-law), 1LT Florencio C. Yuzon, VI, U.S. Army (Val and Pat Moran's grandson).

# 53 O God, Who Gives Us Life

1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,  
 2 O God, who calls your peo-ple out to ven-ture and to dare,  
 3 O God of cov-e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,

who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:  
 to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:  
 your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.

de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.  
 when we de-spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,  
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,

Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.  
 re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.  
 as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

# 341 O God, Show Mercy to Us

(Psalm 67)

1 O God, show mer - cy to us, and bless us with your  
2 For you will judge the peo - ples in truth and righ - teous -

grace; and cause to shine up - on us the bright-ness of your  
ness, and on the earth all na - tions will your just rule con -

face, so that your way most ho - ly on earth may soon be  
fess. Let all the peo - ples praise you; let all the na - tions

known, and un - to ev - ery peo - ple your sav - ing grace be  
sing. Then earth in rich a - bun - dance to us its fruit will

shown. Let all the peo - ples praise you; let all the na - tions  
bring. The Lord our God will bless us; our God will bless - ing

sing; in ev - ery land let prais - es and songs of glad - ness ring.  
send, and all the earth will wor - ship to its re - mot - est end.



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8:30 am – 3:00 pm, Friday

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