



GROSSE POINTE
MEMORIAL CHURCH
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 9, 2025 | 9 & 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.*

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE – Meditation on *Beautiful Savior*

Arr. Cathy Moglebust

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come as seekers;
All: **Unsure what we seek.**
One: We come as followers;
All: **Still learning the Way.**
One: We come to worship;
All: **As broken and beautiful people.**
One: Holy One, by your grace;
All: **Meet us where we are. Meet us in this place.**

*OPENING HYMN 4 – Holy God, We Praise Your Name *Tune: Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich*
(see bulletin page 13)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

All: God who meets us with grace, forgive us when we do not recognize you or when we cower from your Spirit calling with a challenge for us. Extend

your mercy when we respond with quick judgement instead of compassion. Help us when we doubt that we are beloved and fail to love others. Lord of all, reconcile us to yourself so we may live as changed people following Christ Jesus.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Amen. We are assured of our forgiveness, not because of anything we have done, but because of who we are...God's beloved. In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God says, you are mine and there is nothing that could ever change that truth. 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: Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Since Christ has opened his heart to us, let us open our hearts to one another and in so doing, bring glory to God. The peace of Christ be with each of you.

All: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, COMMISSIONING OF NEW BOARD, COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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 at the back of 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: O God, give light to our minds so we may know you, breathe life into our souls so we may love you, and guide us as we seek you through the Word this day. In Christ's holy name. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Psalm 34: 1 – 8

(O.T. pages 480 – 481)

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 – Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me Arr. Anonymous

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Genesis 32: 22 – 32 (O.T. page 29)

SERMON – The Great Match 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 – Lord, From The Depths I Call to You George Frideric Handel
Arr. Hal H. Hopson

*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 – Oh, Come You Traveler Unknown Tune: Petersburg
(see bulletin pages 14 – 15)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Fantasia on Peterburg Arr. Logan Hamilton

This Morning’s Music: Places the emotional weight of searching and believing in the promises of God’s omnipotence and intimate presence in our lives. The text from the anthem, “Lord, From the Depths I Call to You” is from Martin Luther’s chorale written in 1523, that the author pleads to God to listen to his prayers of lamentation and spiritual conflict. The offertory is a paraphrased setting of Psalm 139 taken from the 1927 Psalter Hymnal and put to the haunting tune, “Tender Thought” anonymously composed in 1816. The tune is molded from the shape note singing traditions of early American hymnody, though the internal part writing shows a level of sophistication that is uncommon to the way these early American tunes were treated.

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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 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; Julia Keim (9 am), Joann Muller (11 am), lay readers; the Sanctuary Choir; Logan Hamilton, Minister of Music and Organist.

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 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	Congregational Meeting	Fellowship Hall
10:10 am	Sunday School	Third Floor
10:10 am	Youth Middle Hour	Third Floor
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Girl Scouts	Room 310

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/>

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 9, 2025 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.

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

Elders: Didi DeBoer, Brent Kelso, Kathy Rogers, Andrew Vieweg, Marshall Vyletel

Deacons: Ron Berli, Bill Costello, Sela Dykstra, Lucy Edwards, Lisa Gabel, Joanie Grierson, David Holme, John Keogh, Stephen Lambers, Frances LaPlante-Sosnowsky, Debby Owen, Leslie Martin, Tom Stanley, Leslie Vyletel

Trustees: Sue Acton, Paul Beal, Jim Burton, Barbara Thomas, Steve Voorhees

Councils and Committees:

Christian Education: Beth Baergen, Heidi Gunderson-Moore, Sheena Law - Killinger, Mary Mobley, Nathan Powell, Libby Willson

Nominating: Jack McCracken, John Mozena, Laura Ver Beek

Outreach: Nancy Anderson, Drew Brown, Becky Burton, Tom Coyle, Mike Hartman, Sandy MacMechan, Charlie Marks, Amy Miller

Parish Life: Charlie Bedsworth, Gayle Conway, Morgan Costello, Michelle DeLand, Robert Mobley, Penny Pitts

Personnel: Nancy Eckert, Joann Muller, Bruce Vick

Stewardship: Dave Hofmann, Joe Kaiser V

Worship: Bobby Cooper, Lawrie Horst, Henrik Moore, Doris Neal-Van Tiem

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

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church is a Stephen Ministry congregation.

Recent Prayer Requests for: Paul Fink (John Mozena's cousin), Janet Fruehauf, Niamh Gillespie (Sue Stanley's niece), Brooks David Hawke (grandson of Susan Bolton and great grandson of Elizabeth Peters), Audrey Leverenz, 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), Lisa Gandelot, Lou Giovani and Mickey (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), 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).

This Week at GPMC

Monday, February 10

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

Tuesday, February 11

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 12

Men's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (2nd Floor Lounge)
AA, 8:15 - 9:30 am (Room 209)
Memorial Youth, 6 - 8 pm (Room 315)
Novel as Theology, 7:30 - 9 pm (Offsite)

Thursday, February 13

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 14

Free Food Fridays, 9 - 11 am (Offsite)
Valentine's Tea, 2 - 3:30 pm (Offsite)
Al-Anon, 6:30 - 8 pm (Fellowship Hall)
AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)

Saturday, February 15

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

Sunday, February 16

Worship Services, *9 & 11 am (Sanctuary & *Livestreamed)
Adult Middle Hour, 10:10 - 10:50 am (Barbour Chapel)
Prayer Gathering, 10:10 - 10:50 am (Prayer Chapel)
Peace and Justice Forum, 5 - 6 pm (Fellowship Hall)

4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
three we name you, while in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with
and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Oh, Come You Traveler Unknown

Charles Wesley

Arranged by Logan Hamilton

1. Oh, come you tra - ve - ler un - known, whom still I hold
2. I need not tell you who I am, My mi - ser - y
3. Yield to me now for I am weak. But con - fi - dent
4. It's love! It's love! You wre - stled with me! I hear God
5. My pray'r has pow - er with God! The grace now

7
but can not see! My com - pa - ny be - fore is gone, And
or my sin de - clare. You have called me by my name; Look
in self: de - spair! Speak to my heart, in bless - ings speak. At -
whis - per in my heart. The morn - ing breaks, the sha - dows flee: Om -
free - ly given to me. Through faith I see God's face to face! I

14
I am left a - lone with thee; With thee all night to
on Your hands and read it there! But who, yes who, tell
tend to my in - stant prayer; Speak or I'll ne - ver
ni - pe - tent love sur - rounds me. To me all Your pas -
see Your face to face and live! In vain I have not

20
stay and con - tend till the break of day.
me who you are! Tell me your name stran - ger from a - far
will let you go, so tell me if Your name is love?
sions move, Your na - ture and Your name is love.
wept and strove; Your na - ture and Your name is love.



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

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