



GROSSE POINTE
MEMORIAL CHURCH
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship
Third Sunday in Lent
March 23, 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 *Trentham*

Arr. Logan Hamilton

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, you who thirst for grace.
All: **Come, you who hunger for justice.**
One: Come, you who are a stranger in a strange land.
All: **Come, you who are like a child at home.**
One: Come, for Christ welcomes you to this time and place.
All: **We have come to worship God.**

*OPENING HYMN 610 – O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
(see bulletin page 14)

Tune: Azmon

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

One: You call us to be your voices in this world,
All: **and we stay silent.**
One: You call us to be your hands in this world,
All: **and we keep them hidden.**

One: You call us to be your feet in this world,
All: **and we go our own way.**
One: When we meet those who are doubting,
All: **and say nothing, forgive us.**
One: When we meet those who need your touch,
All: **and do nothing, forgive us.**
One: When we are called to take up your cross,
All: **and carry nothing, forgive us.**
One: Breathe life into these bones, bring freedom to these lives,
All: **that we might declare with heart and soul and voice that you are our Lord and our God.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (from I Timothy 1:15 and I Peter 2:24)

One: Amen. Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

***SONG OF MEDITATION 204 – Stay with Me** Tune: Stay with Me

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts. The lyrics are: 'Stay with me; re - main here with me; watch and pray. Watch and pray.' The score includes a double bar line after the first line of music, and a final double bar line at the end of the piece.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: “Be kind to one another and tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you (Ephesians 4:32).” The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING (9 AM)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **O God, by your Holy Spirit tell us what we need to hear and show us what we ought to do to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Romans 8: 6 – 11 (N.T. page 147)

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.**
(Refrain)
**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 “Children’s Church” held in room 301 after the children’s sermon. Parents are asked to pick children up from room 301 immediately following the service.

ANTHEM – O Saviour Sweet

Johann Sebastian Bach, Arr. Clarence Dickinson

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Ezekiel 37: 1 –14

(O.T. page 759)

SERMON – Good Bones

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 – O Breath of Life

David Ashley White

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING 205 – Live in Charity

Tune: Ubi Caritas (Taizé)

Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love.
U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,

Live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.
u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN 286 – Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Tune: Trentham

(see bulletin page 15)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Toccata on Azmon

Arr. Logan Hamilton

This Morning’s Music: Juxtaposes the concepts of death and life in the lives of the faithful. The anthem by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) is one of the many devotional songs that Bach contributed to the *Musicalisches Gesang-Buch* (musical songbook) published in Leipzig in 1736 by Georg Christian Schemelli. The text to this anthem describes the nature of Christ’s obedience and journey to the cross through verses sung solely. The anthem concludes as a small motet where the choir sings of their own peace and salvation through Christ’s sacrifice. The offertory on the other hand, turns its attention to the gift from the Holy Spirit that breathes life into all anew. The offertory uses the composer’s hymn tune, “Bishop Powell” as the foundation for the piece, that weaves itself between bold unison and reverend polyphony. The text by Bessie Porter Head (1850-1936) describes the nature of the Holy Spirit that challenges faith and revives those who are weary in heart with the love of Christ.

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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 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: Jeff Lincicome, Heather Thum - Gerber, Carol Marks, liturgists; Tim Butler (9 am), Deborah D'Arcy (11 am), lay readers; Sanctuary Choir; Logan Hamilton, Minister of Music and Organist.

Today we are commissioning the following people as they embark on their outreach mission trip to the Dominican Republic to help families replace their dirt floors with cement floors: Mary Mobley, Holly and Mark Cory, Sue Acton, Peter Marks, Julie and Mike Huellmantel, Vicki and Kent Marshall, Dave Tirsell, Judy Murray, Penny Pitts, Bruce Greening, Lee Sanborn, and Stephen Vella.

The Birth Rose is for Elliott Hamilton Ford, born February 14, 2025 to Annie and Albert Ford. His grandparents are Cynthia and Edsel Ford.

Today's Sanctuary flowers are in honor of Ethel Burwell by her friend, Frances LaPlante - Sosnowsky.

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: 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	Adult Middle Hour	Barbour Chapel
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary

This Week at GPMC

Monday, March 24

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

Tuesday, March 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, March 26

Men’s Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (2nd Floor Lounge)
AA, 8:15 - 9:30 am (Room 209)
Bible Basics Bible Study, 10 - 11 am & 7 - 8 pm (2nd Floor Lounge)

Thursday, March 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, March 28

Free Food Fridays, 9 - 11 am (Offsite)
March Madness Bash, 6:30 - 10 pm (Offsite)
Al-Anon, 6:30 - 8 pm (Library)
AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)

Saturday, March 29

Men’s Bible Study, 8 - 9 am (Offsite)

Sunday, March 30

Worship Services, *9 &11 am (Sanctuary & *Livestreamed)
Sunday School & Youth Middle Hour, 10:10 - 10:50 am (Third Floor)
Adult Middle Hour, 10:10 - 10:50 am (Barbour Chapel)
**Please note this list is subject to change. For the most up-to-date calendar, visit gpmchurch.org.*
*** Adult Mission Trip, March 29 - April 5*



VOLUNTEER AT GPMC

Would you like to find out where you can share your special skills and gifts and get involved at GPMC? Scan the QR Code to the left, or go to our GPMC Website: gpmchurch.org and click on the drop-down “Serve” menu or on the Volunteer Ministry Connect Tool under Services & Quick Links. Let us help you get connected. There is a place for everyone!

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: Sue Villa Arce (Linda Lloyd's friend), Alex Dow (Jane and Pete Dow's grandson), Brooks David Hawke (grandson of Susan Bolton and great grandson of Elizabeth Peters), Lori (Dan Aggas' ward), Rob Musial, Don Stevens.

Continued Prayers for: Rowland Austin, Myrna Bowler (April Sayar's mother), Jane Dow, Gwen Dunlap (Karen and Wayne Pratt's sister), Paul Fink (John Mozena's cousin), Lisa Gandelot, Lou Giovani and Mikey (Ann Willett's friends), Yvonne Held (Becky Scholtes' mother), Dennis Hertel (the Musials' friend), Rachel Howard (Cheryl Littleton's friend's daughter), Stephanie Kornblum (Sue Vititoe's daughter), Betsy Maitland, Michael Meda, Thomas Schaden, Dr. Alan Shepherd (Ken Shepherd's brother), Barbara Stephens, Charlie Stephens.

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), Douglas Clark Ross, Senior Airman Avionics Technician, U.S. Airforce.

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 Wednesday, March 26,** so that names may be properly acknowledged in the Easter bulletin. A suggested amount for lilies and music is \$25-50. 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: Mary and John Smith by their grandchildren, Betty and Mike Smith.

Please check one:

"In Memory of" _____

"In Honor of" _____

"By" _____

"Anonymously" _____

My Easter Gift

\$ _____ for Lilies

\$ _____ for Music Ministry



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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
 un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.



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

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