



GROSSE POINTE
MEMORIAL CHURCH
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship
Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026 | 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HANDBELL PRELUDE – Acclimations in G Minor

Karen Thompson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us enter the city with God today,

All: **And sing hosannas to our king.**

One: Let us turn our backs on the powers that grasp and control,

All: **And open our hearts to the son of God riding on a donkey.**

One: Let us join his parade,

All: **And worship the living God!**

*HYMN 197 – Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
(see bulletin page 9)

Tune: Ellacomb

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

All: **Patient God, we confess that we love a parade. We are very happy to see banners waving and hear people shouting their praises. Our hearts thrill to the spectacle. But we fail to see the sadness on the face of the Savior; our**

shouts block out his sorrow. He comes to us as King, and we expect that royal treatment will follow. We do not and cannot believe that in a few days we will be among those who will turn our backs and run from his presence. How fickle we are, O Lord. Yet you continually forgive us and call us to turn our lives around—to see the needs of others, to reach out in trust and faith, to be willing to witness to your good news of saving love. Heal our hearts and give us courage for the days ahead; for we ask this in Jesus' Name.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Amen. Friends hear the Good News: The one who was praised with palm branches and shouts of joy is the same one who walks steadfastly toward the cross. He bears not only the hopes of the crowd, but also the weight of our sin. He comes in mercy. He comes in peace. He comes in love that will not turn back. Believe in the Good News of the Gospel.

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

***SONG OF MEDITATION 414 – Be Still and Know That I Am God (sung 3x) Tune: Psalm 46**

Capo 4: (C) (Am) (C7) (Am)
 E C#m E7 C#m

Be still and know that I am God.

(F) (C) (Dm) (Em) (Fmaj7) (G7)
 A E F#m G#m Amaj7 B7

Be still and know that I am God.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: As forgiven and beloved people, we extend the peace that Christ gives: a peace the world cannot give, a peace rooted in grace, mercy, and new life. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9 AM)

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism as we welcome Bridget Solenne Reece, daughter of Bryn and Blake Reece. Please see the Apostles' Creed on page 35 of the pew hymnal.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **Speak, Lord, for Your servants are listening. By the power of Your Spirit, shape us more fully into the likeness of Christ, that we may not only hear Your Word, but live it. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Psalm 118:1 – 2, 19 – 29 (O.T. pages 534 – 535)

After each reading:

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SONG 188 – Jesus Loves Me (9 AM) Tune: Jesus Loves Me

All: **Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
 Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
 Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
 Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

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 – Ride On, King Jesus Arr. Moses Hogan

(Kayla Williams and Tia Wilson, Soloists)

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquerin' King. Oh Ride on, King Jesus ride on, No man, hinder thee (Chorus)

I was but young when I begun (No man can a hinder thee) But now my race is almost done (No man can a hinder thee)

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquerin' King. Oh Ride on, King Jesus ride on, No man, hinder thee (Chorus)

Jesus rides a milk white horse (No man can a hinder thee) The river of Jordan he did cross (No man can a hinder thee)

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquerin' King. Oh Ride on, King Jesus ride on, No man, hinder thee (Chorus)

He's the King and the Lord of all. No man hinder thee. He's the first and the last. He's the Lord of Lords. Jesus is the Prince of peace. No man hinder thee.

Oh Ride, on, King Jesus, ride on, just ride on, Jesus!

GOSPEL READING – Mark 11:1 – 11

(N.T. pages 44 – 45)

SERMON – The Donkey Rider

Rev. Dr. 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 – Ride on! Ride On!

Graham George

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Hark all the tribes hosana cry; Thine humble beast pursues his road, with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin, O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! The squadrons of the sky look down with sad and wondering eye, to see the approaching Sacrifice.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh. The Father on his sapphire throne expects his own anointed Son.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain; Then take, O God, Thy power, and reign.

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING 227 – Jesus, Remember Me (*sung 3x*) *Tune: Remember Me*

All: **Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN 196 – All Glory, Laud, and Honor
(see bulletin page 10)

Tune: Valet will ich dir geben

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Fanfare on *Ellacombe*

Arr. Dr. Logan Hamilton

This Morning's Music: Acknowledges the arrival of Jesus Christ to the city of Jerusalem with both celebratory praise and solemn recognition of Christ's earthly fate. The anthem is an African American spiritual arranged by champion arranger, Moses Hogan (1957-2003). The text for this spiritual is referenced from both Old Testament and New Testament sources. William B. McLain (b. 1928), *emeritus* professor of preaching and worship at Wesley Theological Seminary suggests that the "highway imagery" comes from Isaiah 35:8, 40:3, while the triumphant entry into Jerusalem is prominent in all four gospels included in the New Testament. The offertory is a hymn-anthem composed with music by Canadian composer Graham George (1912-1993). The text by 19th century poetry Oxford professor, Henry H. Milman describes the grandness of Christ's entrance into Jerusalem and the pending sacrifice to come. George uses the text to guide how the texture of the choir is treated; stanzas that allude to grandeur unite the voices with a strong unison between the alto, tenor and bass voices with soprano descants. In contrast, verses with text that weigh on the emotional grief of Christ's death break into lamenting harmony without the power of the organ accompanying.

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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 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 worshipping 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; Andrew Vieweg (elder, 9 am); Kathy Kurap (9 am), Laura Ver Beek (11 am), lay readers; Handbell Choir; Rory Powell, Handbell Director; Sanctuary Choir; Dr. 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 call or email Frances LaPlante-Sosnowsky at 313.434.5574 or ab7014@wayne.edu

Giving at GPMC: Please visit 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
9:15 am	Children's Sunday School	Third Floor
10:10 am	Middle Hour - All Ages	Fellowship Hall
10:10 am	Middle Hour - Safety Training	Barbour Chapel
10:15 am	Children's Choir	Room 320
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary

Through the season of Lent we have been looking at the question, "Who is this Jesus?" in worship. Now is your chance to answer it! During Middle Hour today you are invited to paint your answer on a rock that will be part of our Easter flower cross display. All ages are welcome, and no art skills required.

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. 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, Aaron Hall (friend of Christina Robinson), Bruce Hubbell (Susan Griffin's friend), Perry Kent (Phyllis May's son), Mary Matvias (Elizabeth Tengler's aunt), Phyllis May, Melanie Mosher (Elizabeth Tengler's friend), Sue Stanley.

Continued Prayers for: Robert Cacchione (Gina Carrier's dad), Jane Dow, Chris and Ted Fines (the Kuraps' friends), Kay Harris (Jodi Steven's mother), Stephanie Kornblum (Sue Vititoe's daughter), Gayla Leslie (Bryan Mahlmeister's aunt), Carol Martin (Cheryl Littleton's mother), Amy Miller, Millie Neal (Doris Neal Van Tiem's mother), Peter Nyboer, Rose Palazzolo (Frank Palazzolo's mother), Sharon Rees, Ted Schaefer (Elizabeth and Stephen Schaefer's son), Beth Schlater (Sally Van Dusen's friend), Charlie Stephens Bruce Vollmer, 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), 1st Lieutenant Isabel Carlyon (Linda Lloyd's niece), 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).

In Memoriam

Charles Stilwell Tompkins III

September 8, 1946 - March 22, 2026

The Service of the Resurrection will be at 2 pm on Friday, April 24, 2026 in our sanctuary. Please pray for Charles's wife, Brooke, their children, Charlie, Katie, and Tracy and grandchildren during these sad days.

197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

This Week at GPMC

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

Monday, March 30

Preacher's Workshop, 10 - 11 am (2nd Floor Lounge)

Tuesday, March 31

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, April 1

Men's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (2nd Floor Lounge)

AA, 8:30 - 9:30 am (Room 209)

Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 - 9:15 pm (Sanctuary)

Thursday, April 2

Yoga, 10 - 11 am (Room 322)

Maundy Thursday Service & Supper, 7 - 8 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, April 3

Free Food Fridays, 9 - 11 am (Offsite)

Church Offices Closed at Noon

Good Friday Worship Service, 7 - 8 pm (Sanctuary)

AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)

Saturday, April 4

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

Mourner's Path Group, 10 - 11:30 am (2nd Floor Lounge)

Brass Rehearsal, 3 - 4 pm (Sanctuary)

Easter Sunday, April 5

Sunrise Worship Service, 6:45 (Trinity Terrace)

Worship Services, *9 and 11 am (Sanctuary & *Livestream)

Children's Church, 9:15 - 10:15 am (Third Floor)

(Labyrinth open 8:30 am - 7 pm Mon. - Wed. & Fri., 8:30 am - 3 pm Thurs. in Fellowship Hall)

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



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