



GROSSE POINTE
MEMORIAL CHURCH
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship
Third Sunday in Lent
March 3, 2024 | 10:30 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 – Lament on “Amazing Grace”

James Biery

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Isaiah 43: 19 -21)

One: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

All: **We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.**

One: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

All: **We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!**

One: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

All: **We praise God for the grace that has saved us. We rejoice!**

*OPENING HYMN 504 – We Come as Guests Invited
(see bulletin page 12)

Tune: Wie lieblich ist der Maien

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

All: **God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

***SONG OF MEDITATION 414 – Be Still and Know That I am God**

Tune: Psalm 46

The song is sung three times. All join in singing.



***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear these words of our assurance from Isaiah 55. “Listen, so that you may live: the steadfast love of the Lord never fails.” In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **Holy God, reveal your presence to us this day as we journey this path with your Son. Through all of life’s trials and tribulations your Word sustains us for the journey ahead. Send your Spirit upon us that we might listen, discern, and take heart. Be near us this day and may your Word with us stay and dwell with us forevermore. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Proverbs 6: 6 – 11

(O.T. pages 555 – 556)

After each reading:

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!** 2

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 – Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré

Word of God, one with the Most High,
in whom alone we have our hope,
Everlasting light of heaven and earth,
We break the silence of the peaceful night;
Savior divine, cast your eyes upon us.
Pour on us the fire of your mighty grace,
That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice:
Banish the slumber of a weary soul,
that brings forgetfulness of your laws.
O Christ, look with favor upon your faithful people
now gathered here to praise you;
Receive their hymns offered to your endless glory;
May they go forth filled with your gifts. (sung in French)

GOSPEL READING – Luke 19: 1 – 10

(N.T. page 77)

SERMON – The Wonder of Work

Jeff Lincicome

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING AND ANTHEM – God of Love and Understanding

Edward Elgar

God of love and understanding, God who hears our whispered prayer,
Every moment hearts are yearning as we seek you everywhere.
Guide us into each tomorrow, teach us to be kind and fair.
Keep us strong through pain and sorrow with your loving, gentle care.
Be with us and guide us. O God of compassion, listen to our prayer. (Marilyn Biery)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.
 All: And also with you.
 One: Lift up your hearts.
 All: We lift them to the Lord.
 One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
 One: ... who forever sing the glory of your name.

SANCTUS 562 – Holy, Holy, Holy

Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, heav-en and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION

Please hold the bread and cup until invited to eat and drink by the worship leader so that we can all partake in communion together.

COMMUNION SONG – Come To the Table

James Biery

All join in singing the Refrain:

Come to the ta-ble, we come to the ta-ble, we
 gath - er to - geth-er, to - geth-er as one.
 Come to the ta-ble, we come to the ta-ble, we
 gath - er to - geth-er, to - geth-er as one.

Choir:

Lord, we have come at your own invitation,
 chosen by you, to be counted your friends;
 yours is the strength that sustains dedication;
 ours, a commitment we know never ends. *Refrain: Come to the table...*
 Here, at your table, confirm our intention;
 give it your seal of forgiveness and grace;
 teach us to serve without pride or pretension,
 Lord, in your kingdom, whatever our place. *Refrain: Come to the table...*

When, at your table, each time of returning,
vows are renewed and our courage restored,
may we increasingly glory in learning
all that it means to accept you as Lord. *Refrain: Come to the table...*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN 436** – God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us *Tune: O Quanta Qualia*
(see bulletin page 13)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness *G. A. Homilius*
(a setting of Hymn 514)

THIS MORNING’S MUSIC

The organ prelude is an interpretation of the familiar hymn “Amazing Grace.” This piece is scheduled to be published in Oxford University Press “Hymn Settings for Organists” series later this year.

The “Song of Jean Racine,” was written by Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924) when he was nineteen years old. The piece won the first prize when Fauré graduated from the École Niedermeyer (a school for the study of church music in Paris) and was first performed the following year with strings and organ. The text, “Verbe égal au Très-Haut,” was written by the 17th century French dramatist Jean Racine. It is a paraphrase of an ancient Latin morning hymn.

The English composer Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934) wrote the music for the offering anthem in January 1887 following the death of his father’s friend (and Elgar’s first employer) W. A. Allen. Originally composed as part of a Requiem, he revised the piece in 1902, adapting it to the Latin words “Ave verum corpus.” In 2011, Marilyn Biery created the text that the choir sings today.

Gottfried August Homilius (1714-1785) was a German composer and organist active in the period following the death of J. S. Bach. His postlude is a setting of the 17th century hymn “Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele,” traditionally sung during the sacrament of Communion. This piece was long attributed to J. S. Bach.

Copyright Acknowledgments: The following are used with permission, OneLicense.net License No. 718520. All rights reserved. “We Come as Guests Invited” words by Timothy Dudley-Smith, © 1984 Hope Publishing Co. “Be Still and Know That I Am God” words and music by John Bell, © 1989 WGRG, Iona Community, admin. GIA Publications, Inc. The words for both anthems are by Marilyn Biery, © by the author Verses for “Come to the Table” were written by Fred Pratt Green, © 1979 Hope Publishing Co.

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: Jeff Lincicome, Jasmine Smart, Carol Marks, liturgists; Jeff Ver Beek, lay reader; The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Choir; James Biery, organist and director.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are in loving memory of our daughter, **Elizabeth Grace Watson** (1994-2016), as we observe National Eating Disorders Awareness Week. May your voice sing on in Heaven. We love you and miss you, Mom and Dad (Martha and Glenn Watson).

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.



WHAT’S HAPPENING TODAY AT GPMC?

10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestreamed
11:30 am	Bear-A-Thon Stuffing	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Girl Scouts	Room 310
4:00 pm	Camino Meeting	Room 315
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), Emily (Meredith Gilbert’s friend), Ken Harwick (Tena Harwick’s husband), Mary Kay L’Esperance (Sue Buckler’s sister), Sherry and Robert Jurva (friends of Jan and Tom 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), Sarah Smalley (Mary Lou Duncan’s granddaughter), 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 Koeplin), Laura Burns, Preston Burke (Victoria Hill’s brother-in-law), Ben Chapman, Bill Fox, Margery Fuller, Sherodaka Gipson (Brad Koeplin’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).

This Week at GPMC

Monday, March 4

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

Tuesday, March 5

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)

Wednesday, March 6

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, March 7

Women's Connection, 9 - 10 am (2nd Floor Lounge)
Yoga, 10 - 11 am & 6 - 7 pm (Room 301)
Makers at 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 8

Free Food Fridays, 9 - 11 am (Offsite)
Coffee House, 6 - 8 pm (Fellowship Hall)
Al-Anon, 6:30 - 8 pm (2nd Floor Lounge)
AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 200)

Saturday, March 9

Men's Bible Study, 8 - 9 am (Offsite)
Drive-By Food Collection, 10 - 11 am (GPMC Parking Lot)

Sunday, March 10

Worship Service, 9* & 11 am (Sanctuary, *Livestream available)
Youth Middle Hour, 10 - 11 am (Room 315)
Pre-K - 4th Grade Middle Hour, 10 - 11 am (Theatre Room)
Adult Middle Hour, 10 - 11 am (Barbour Chapel)
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 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 Ministry Connect Tool under Services & Quick Links to the right, or scan this URL Code. There is a place for everyone to get connected! Let us help you discover yours.



504 We Come as Guests Invited

1 We come as guests in - vit - ed when Je - sus bids us dine,
 2 We eat and drink, re - ceiv - ing from Christ the grace we need,
 3 One bread is ours for shar - ing, one sin - gle fruit - ful vine,

his friends on earth u - nit - ed to share the bread and wine;
 and in our hearts be - liev - ing on him by faith we feed;
 our fel - low - ship de - clar - ing re - newed in bread and wine:

the bread of life is bro - ken; the wine is free - ly poured
 with won - der and thanks - giv - ing for love that knows no end,
 re - newed, sus - tained, and giv - en by to - ken, sign, and word,

for us, in sol - emn to - ken of Christ our dy - ing Lord.
 we find in Je - sus liv - ing our ev - er - pres - ent friend.
 the pledge and seal of heav - en, the love of Christ our Lord.

God of Compassion, in Mercy 436 Befriend Us

1 God of com - pas - sion, in mer - cy be - friend us,
 2 Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,
 3 How shall we stray, with your hand to di - rect us,

giv - er of grace for our needs all - a - vail - ing.
 stilled our rude hearts with your word of con - sol - ing.
 you who the stars in their cours - es are guid - ing?

Wis - dom and strength for each day ev - er send us,
 Wrap now your peace, like a man - tle, a - round us,
 What shall we fear, with your power to pro - tect us,

pa - tience un - tir - ing and cour - age un - fail - ing.
 guard - ing our thoughts and our pas - sions con - trol - ling.
 we who walk forth in your great - ness con - fid - ing?

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.

Please check one:

"In Memory of" _____

"In Honor of" _____

"By" _____

"Anonymously" _____

My Easter Gift

\$ _____ for Lilies

\$ _____ for Music Ministry



GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH

"A light by the lakeshore"

16 Lake Shore Dr. | Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

313.882.5330 | gpmchurch.org



GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH

'A light by the lakeshore'

16 Lake Shore Drive
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236
gpmchurch.org · 313.882.5330

Office Hours

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

Connect with us



Grosse Pointe Memorial Church
@GPMCNews
#gpmchurch

Wi-Fi Access

Network in Sanctuary: gpmchurch
Password: bibles@gpmchurch

Network on Trinity Terrace: GPMC-Guest
Password: GPMC123#

Please email lcameron@gpmchurch.org to
receive weekly eNews.



Giving at GPMC

Scan the QR code, visit
bit.ly/GPMC-Giving,
or text "GPMC" to 73256.

STAFF AT GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH

The Reverend Dr. Jeff Lincicome
Pastor and Head of Staff

The Reverend Jasmine Smart
Transitional Associate Pastor

Dan Aggas
Head Sexton

James Biery
Minister of Music and Organist

Dave Buckler
GPMC Treasurer

Marie Calcaterra
Director of Mornings at Memorial

Lindsay Cameron
Director of Communications

Susan Griffin
Director of Accounting

Donna Hartzell
Executive Assistant and Volunteer Coordinator

Tena Harwick
Assistant Accounting Manager

Julie Huellmantel
Director of Outreach Ministries

Carson Landry
Resident Carillonist

Carol Beltz Marks
Director of Pastoral Ministries

Margaret Mollison
Director of Youth Ministries

The Reverend Susan Mozena
Parish Associate

Rory Powell
Handbell Choir Director

Dan Ryan
Building Engineer

Joe Warnez
Sexton

Carol Ambrogio Wood
Admin. Assistant for Membership & Christian Education