



GROSSE POINTE  
MEMORIAL CHURCH  
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship  
Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 17, 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

HANDBELL PRELUDE – The Rhythm of Life

*Lloyd Larson*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 95:1-2)

*One:* O come, let us sing to the Lord,

*All:* and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

*One:* Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,

*All:* singing joyful songs of praise.

*One:* Praise the Lord.

*All:* The Lord's name be praised.

\*HYMN 320 – The Church of Christ in Every Age  
(see bulletin page 9)

*Tune: Wareham*

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

*All:* Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear

the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**One:** Amen. Hear the good news! Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**All:** Amen.

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

*Tune: Hymn to Joy*

**All:** Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia to the triune Majesty!

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE (From Colossians 3:13)**

**One:** Bear with one another, and if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you. 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 Gwyneth Louise and Marin Elizabeth Fons, daughters of Elizabeth and Daniel Fons. Please see the Apostle's Creed on page 35 in the front section of the hymnal.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**All:** O God, you know us better than we know ourselves. As the scriptures are read, we will listen for your voice. By your Spirit lead us out of our fears and into the knowledge of your love, through Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of our souls. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Psalm 1**

(O.T. page 463)

*After each reading:*

**One:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SONG 591 – Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (9 AM)**

*Tune: Halle, Halle*

**All:** Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**CHILDREN'S TIME (9 AM)**

*After the children's sermon, children ages 4 – Grade 4 who are participating in Sunday School, will be taken to the 3rd floor: PreK– Grade 2 to room 301; Grades 3 – 4 to room 307. Children can be picked up at 10:15 from their respective rooms.*

**ANTHEM – On Eagle's Wings**

*Arr. Lloyd Larson, Michael Joncas*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING – 2 Timothy 3:16 – 17**

(N.T. page 201)

**SERMON – Scripture Alone**

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 – Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks**

*Herbert Howells*

*Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.  
My soul is a thirst for God yea, even for the living God.  
When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?  
My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me:  
Where, where is now thy God?*

**\*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING 609**

*Tune: Lasst Uns Erfren*

*All:* Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**\*CLOSING HYMN 459** – O Word of God Incarnate  
(see bulletin page 10)

*Tune: Munich*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** – Toccata on *Wareham*

*Arr. Dr. Logan Hamilton*

**This Morning's Music:** Responds to scripture with joy and reverence through its doctrine and instruction in righteousness. The anthem is an arrangement of the hymn *On Eagle's Wings* for handbell choir and piano by American composer/arranger, Lloyd Larson (b. 1954). The piece is well balanced between the piano and choir that both flow in taking part as the melody, as well as the accompaniment. Larson shows the versatility of the colors that the handbells can make by cycling through various key changes and textures that build into a declaration of beautiful sound. The offertory by late Anglican composer and organist, Herbert Howells (1892-1983) is a prime example of the composer's mystical writing style. Howells sets the first three verses of Psalm 42 as an art song that starts with the tenors and bases that appear to have jazz influence, using flattened intervals and slight syncopation that paints a pensive mood. When the full choir enters on the text, "When shall I come to appear before God" the voices move glacially in full expression that emphasizes the severity the psalmist's plight. However, when the piece ends with a reprise of "When shall I come...", the music gives emotional clarity to the text, changing from skepticism to hope with the choir ending on a major chord after a cloud of darkened harmony.

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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, Carol Marks, liturgists; Jennifer Stacey (9 am), Cynthia Ford (11 am), lay readers; Rachel Bellovich, elder (9 am); Handbell Choir; Rory Powell, Handbell Director; Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Logan Hamilton, Minister of Music and Organist.

**Eastertide Sermon Series:** "Alone: The Five Solas of the Reformation." This six-week sermon series explores the heart of the Protestant Reformation through the Five Solas—Grace alone, Faith alone, Christ alone, Scripture alone, and to the glory of God alone. Together, these foundational truths re-center our faith on God's Word and God's work, reminding us that salvation is not something we earn but something we receive. Each week will trace how these convictions reformed the church through the ages and continue to speak powerfully to our lives today, calling us back to a gospel that is simple, sufficient, and life-giving. Join us!"

**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](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
9:15 am	Children's Sunday School	Third Floor
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary

## 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:** Ben Chapman, Bob McDowell, Samantha Fleming, Bob Mobley, Melissa Hess (Anne Ford's friend), Rose Palazzolo (Frank Palazzolo's mother), Martha Stuckey (Christina Robinson's daughter's mother-in-law), David Treder (Sue Acton's cousin), Lynn Wood.

**Continued Prayers for:** Ted Schaefer, Gail Warden.

**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), 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).

Amanda Be's father, **Stephen Duda**, has died. Please pray for Amanda and the whole Be family during these sad days.

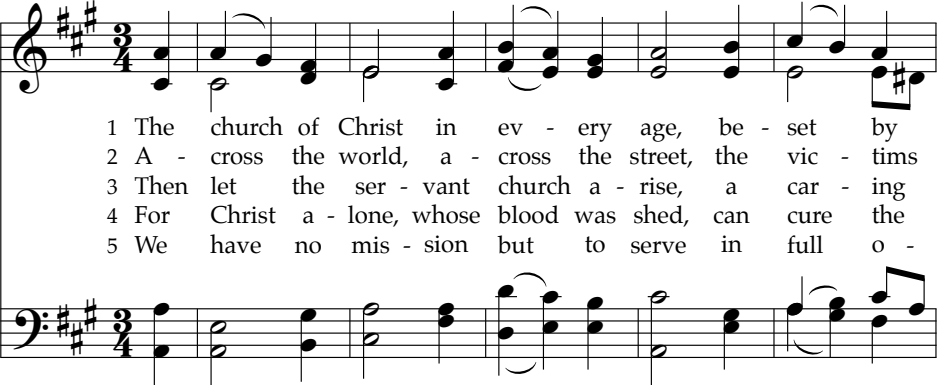
### In Memoriam

**Anne Sherer Paddock**

May 15, 1936 – May 7, 2026

The Service of the Resurrection will be in our sanctuary on Saturday, June 27, 2026 at 11:00 am. Please pray for Anne's children, grandchildren, and all who love her during these days ahead.


## 320 The Church of Christ in Every Age



1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

# 459 O Word of God Incarnate

1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
 2 The church from you, dear Sav - ior, re - ceived this gift di - vine;  
 3 O make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:  
 and still that light is lift - ed on all the earth to shine.  
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;

we praise you for the ra - diancance that from the hal - lowed page,  
 It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,  
 O teach your wan - dering pil - grims by this our path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.  
 a - mid the rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.  
 till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, we see you face to face.

## This Week at GPMC

### Monday, May 18

Preacher's Workshop, 10 - 11 am (2nd Floor Lounge)  
 Session Meeting, 7 - 9 pm (Room 209)

### Tuesday, May 19

Women's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (Room 215 & 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, May 20

Men's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (2nd Floor Lounge)  
 AA, 8:30 - 9:30 am (Room 209)  
 Stephen Minister's Meeting, 9:15 - 10:30 am (2nd Floor Lounge)  
 Memorial Youth, 6 - 8 pm (Third Floor)  
 Adult Bible Study, 7:30 - 9 pm (Library)

### Thursday, May 21

Yoga, 10 - 11 am (Room 322)  
 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, May 22

Free Food Fridays, 9 - 11 am (Offsite)  
 Parent Connection, 6 - 8 pm (Third Floor)  
 AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)

### Saturday, May 23

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

### Sunday, May 24

Worship Service, 10:30 am (Sancturay & Livestream)  
 Children's Church, 10:45 - 11:30 am (Room 301)

*\*Please note this list is subject to change. For the most up-to-date calendar, visit [gpmchurch.org](http://gpmchurch.org).*



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