



GROSSE POINTE  
MEMORIAL CHURCH  
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 21, 2025 | 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

CARILLON PRELUDE – Which Side Are You On?      *Florence Reece, Arr. Joey Brink, Tiffany Ng*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*One:*      We come to worship Christ,

*All:*      who proclaims good news to the poor, binds up the broken-hearted, frees the prisoner and comforts those who mourn.

*One:*      We come to worship Christ,

*All:*      who bestows a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

*One:*      We come to worship Christ,

*All:*      who rebuilds ancient ruins and restores broken places. Let us worship God!

\*HYMN 766 – The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound  
(see bulletin page 14)

*Tune: Mc Kee*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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

**All:** God, we often do not understand Jesus, the prophet. We do not want to get our hands dirty with the poor, the oppressed, the prisoners. Forgive us for being insulated and isolated. Open our hearts to the poor and help us to love them as you love them, working to bring in the good news of the reign of God. In Christ's name we pray.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**One:** Amen. As you have confessed, do you so believe? The good news is that there is nothing we do that can conquer us, for we are sheltered in God's gracious mercy and hope.

**All:** This is the truth we believe. The Word is in our hearts, and on our lips, as we give thanks to God who is our shelter and our life. Amen.

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE – All Glory be 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 (from Ephesians 2:15,16)**

**One:** Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All:** And also with you. 2

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**All:** O God, Lover of humanity, Joy of creation: Pour out your Spirit on us that we may hear your ancient words in a new key. Inspire us to sing your praise in every land and with every generation, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 61:1 – 3**

(O.T. page 650)

*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*

**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 – The Last Words of David**

*Randall Thompson*

**GOSPEL READING – Luke 4:14 –30**

(N.T. pages 57 – 58)

**SERMON – Special Favors**

*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 – Turn Back O Man

Gustav Holst

\*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING 609

Tune: *Lasst Uns Erfruen*

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 772 – Live into Hope  
(see bulletin page 15)

Tune: *Truro*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – March on *Thaxted*

Arr. Logan Hamilton

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**This Morning's Music:** Is a testament to God's merciful justice, and a charge that is given to those that govern the wellbeing of others. The carillon prelude is an arrangement of Florence Reece's (1900-1986) labor rights song, "Which Side are You On?". The song addresses the spirit of those working under the suppression of unfair authority during a time of unjust working laws. The anthem, "The Last Words of David," is a powerful setting of II Samuel 23:3-4 which states, "The God of Israel spoke, the Rock of Israel said to me: 'When one rules over people in righteousness, when he rules in the fear of God. He is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning, like the brightness after rain that brings grass from the earth.'" After a triumphant declaration, the piece closes with a serene "alleluia, amen." American composer, Randall Thompson (1899-1984) wrote this epic interpretation of scripture as a commission in 1949 by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, by vote of its Trustees, for Dr. Serge Koussevitsky, in honor of the 25th Anniversary of Koussevitsky's directorship. The offertory, "Turn Back O Man," is a setting of the tune, "Old 124th" arranged by Gustav Holst (1874-1934). At the request of Holst, English writer, Clifford Bax (1886-1962) wrote the text to the composer's work. The collaboration between Holst and Bax is in response to the events of WWI and the unjust greed of war. The piece begins with a quite march-like baseline that solely accompanies the choir in the opening verse, "Turn back, O man, forswear thy foolish ways. Old now is Earth, and none may count her days. Yet thou, her child, whose head is crowned with flame. Still wilt not hear thine inner God proclaim. 'Turn back, O man, forswear thy foolish ways.'" After the choir sings in weaving polyphony, the ensemble unites in homophonic rhythm that characterizes the unity that bonds all of humanity regardless of status or creed.

## 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.

## ABOUT WORSHIP

**Leading and Assisting in Worship:** Jeff Lincicome, Heather Thum - Gerber, Carol Marks, liturgists; Celia Sayar (9 am), Marge Cambalik (11 am), lay readers; Eric Whitmer, carillonneur; 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:** Visit [bit.ly/GPMC-Giving](https://bit.ly/GPMC-Giving), text "GPMC" to 73256. Offering 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.

## 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!*

## WORSHIP NOTES/REFLECTIONS



## 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, Jane Dow, Bill Fox, Joanie Grierson, John Harris (Jodi Stevens' father), Carol Martin, Amy Miller, Beth Moran (Jane Fox's friend), Ted Schaefer (Elizabeth and Stephen Schaefer's son), Steve Stewart (Dan Aggas' friend), Deb Voorhees.

**Continued Prayers for:** Blakely DiTomasco (Pamela Sharrow's great niece), Gwen Dunlap (Karen and Wayne Pratt's sister), Sophia Forchas (Minneapolis church shooting victim), Brooks David Hawke (Susan Bolton's grandson and Elizabeth Peters' great-grandson), Dennis Hertel (the Musials' friend), Stephanie Kornblum (Sue Vititoe's daughter), Lori (Dan Aggas' ward), Mary Matvias (Elizabeth Tengler's aunt), Michael Meda, Millie Neal (Doris Neal Van Tiem's mother), Carolyn Scheuer (Marilyn Doyal's sister).

**Protection and Strength for Our Loved Ones in the Military:** Alec Doyal, Special Forces, U.S. Air Force (Marilyn and Guy Doyal's grandson), 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).

**Ann Brink**, Hadley Thiel, Emery Buccellato, Bo Brink, and Kirby Thaynham's mother, died August 27, 2025. There will be a celebration of life at the Country Club of Detroit on Saturday, October 18, 2025 at 11:00 am. The family will have a private family service at church. Please pray for Ann's children and grandchildren during this sad time of loss.

## In Memoriam

**Elsie Stecko Onychuk**

*February 21, 1933 - September 13, 2025*

The Service of the Resurrection will be at a later date. Please pray for Elsie's son, Greg, their family, and all who love Elsie in the days ahead.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AT GPMC?

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
9:20 am	Sunday School	Third Floor
10:10 am	Adult Middle Hour	Barbour Chapel
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Fall Harvest Potluck	Fellowship Hall

## This Week at GPMC

### Monday, September 22

Preacher's Workshop, 10 - 11 am (2nd Floor Lounge)  
Session Meeting, 7 - 8:30 pm (Room 209)

### Tuesday, September 23

Women's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (Room 215)  
Yoga, 10 - 11 am & 6 - 7 pm (Trinity Terrace)  
Al-Anon, 6:30 - 8 pm (Library)  
AA, 7 - 8 pm (Trinity Terrace)

### Wednesday, September 24

Men's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (Trinity Terrace)  
AA, 8:30 - 9:30 am (Trinity Terrace)  
Bible Basics, 10 - 11 am (2nd Floor Lounge)  
Memorial Youth, 6 - 8 pm (Room 315)  
Bible Basics, 7 - 8 pm (2nd Floor Lounge)

### Thursday, September 25

Yoga, 10 - 11 am & 6 - 7 pm (Trinity Terrace)  
Makers@Memorial, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm & 6:30 - 8:30 pm (Room 220)  
Handbell Rehearsal, 6:15 - 7 pm (Room 326)  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 - 9:15 pm (Choir Room)

### Friday, September 26

Free Food Fridays, 9 - 11 am (Offsite)  
Parent Connection, 6 - 8 pm (Room 320)

Al-Anon, 6:30 - 8 pm (Library)  
AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)

### Saturday, September 27

Men's Bible Study, 8 - 9 am (Offsite)  
New Member Class, 9 am - 12 pm (Room 200)

### Sunday, September 28

Worship Services, \*9 & 11 am (Sanctuary & \*Livestream)  
Children's Sunday School, 9:20 - 10:15 am (Third Floor)  
Adult Middle Hour, 10:10 - 10:55 am (Barbour Chapel)

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

## VOLUNTEER AT GPMC!



*Learn more about where you can share your time, skills and gifts and get involved at GPMC. Volunteering is a wonderful way to give back and to get to know your fellow church members better. Scan the QR Code, or go to our GPMC Website: [gpmchurch.org](http://gpmchurch.org) and click on the drop-down "Serve" or on "Volunteer Ministry Connect Tool" under Services & Quick Links, or contact Donna Hartzell at [dhartzell@gpmchurch.org](mailto:dhartzell@gpmchurch.org) or call 313.882.5330. There is a place for everyone!*

# 766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by  
 2 True faith will o - pen up the door and  
 3 True love will not sit i - dly by when  
 4 If what we have we free - ly share to  
 5 The church of Christ can - not be bound by

walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and  
 step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek  
 jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the  
 meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the  
 walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and

love are found, there can the church be known.  
 out the poor and ask to wash their feet.  
 home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.  
 Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.  
 love are found, there can the church be known.

# 772 Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -  
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight  
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to  
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op - pressed shall be the  
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of  
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's  
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!  
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.  
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.  
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.



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**Office Hours**

8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Thursday  
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Password: GPMC123#

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