



GROSSE POINTE
MEMORIAL CHURCH
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HANDBELL PRELUDE – Contemplations

Ron Mallory

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 68)

One: Sing praises to God, and to his name!

All: Shout joyfully to him who rides the clouds.

One: Father to the fatherless, defender of widows –

All: this is God, whose dwelling is holy. Let us worship God!

*HYMN 301– All Are Welcome (see bulletin pages 10 – 11)

Tune: Two Oaks

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

All: Steadfast God, we confess that we are so busy putting up walls between ourselves and others, we cannot see the home you are building for all of us. We spend so much time noting the differences between us and others, while you are embracing everyone as your child. We run to welcome those who look, talk, and act like us, and you throw open your doors to the

stranger, the alien, in our midst. Forgive us, Faithful Heart. By your grace, help us to see the household you are building for all people. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our peace, our hope, our Lord, our Savior.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Amen. Listen now to the good news from Isaiah, “Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool” (Isaiah 1:18). This truth is brought to fruition in Jesus Christ. Friends believe in the good news of the Gospel.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

***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**

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.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find wisdom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Psalm 68:4 – 6

(O.T. page 501)

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 Road Home

Stephen Paulus

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Ephesians 2:19 – 22

(N.T. page 181)

SERMON – Coming Home

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 – I Was Glad

Donald Busarow

*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 318 – In Christ There Is No East or West
(see bulletin page 12)

Tune: St. Peter

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Recessional on *St. Peter*

Arr. Logan Hamilton

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This Morning's Music: Juxtaposes intimate visions and heavenly grandeur of what the earthly home of God entails. The anthem, "The Road Home," is a simple motet based on the American hymn tune, "Prospect." The text by Michael Dennis Browne (b. 1940) tells the journey of returning to a place that is filled with love and beauty. The last verse is a call to follow into a place that is accepting of all with words, "Raise up, follow me. Come away is the call. With the love in your heart as the only song; There is no such beauty as where you belong. Raise up, follow me, I will lead you home." The offertory uses text from the old English paraphrase of Psalm 122 formalized in the 1662 Common Book of Prayer which states, "I was glad when they said unto me 'Let us go to the house of the Lord' Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem." The choir and organ weave through various textures from jaunty exuberance to reverend choral homophony. As the piece progresses, the choir divides into a two part antiphonal section that features the hymn tune, *Kirken den er et gammalt haus* which is often paired with the hymn text, "Built on the Rock" which perfectly fits with the text sung, "Through all the passing years, O Lord, Grant that when your church bells are ringing. Many may come to hear God's Word, where He this promise is bringing." The organ accompanies this section with a gentle rocking, signifying the bells ringing in the distance. The piece closes with the choir singing in rolling polyphony that sounds of waves crashing before a triumphant end.

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, liturgists; Michael Kopasz (9 am), Deborah D'Arcy (11am), lay readers; Rory Powell, Handbell Choir Director; Handbell Choir; Logan Hamilton, Minister of Music and Organist; Sanctuary Choir.

The Birth Rose is for Nathan Hayes Thomas born to Meg and Lee Thomas, Jr. on September 16, 2025. Barb and Lee Thomas are Nathan's grandparents.

The Sanctuary flowers are in loving memory of Helen and Charles d'Olive by Susan and John Mozena.

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, 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



301

Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B^b C Dm

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
F C F Dm7 Gm C

safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm

how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
Gm C F B^b

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

THE CHURCH

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) Refrain (Em) (Bm)
F B^b A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

In Christ There Is No East or West 318

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in

him no south or north, but one great fel - low -
 high com - mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the
 him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

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: Jane Dow, Bill Fox, Joanie Grierson, Carol Martin (Cheryl Littleton's mother), Michael Meda, Amy Miller, Beth Moran (Jane Fox's friend), Ted Schaefer (Elizabeth and Stephen Schaefer's son), Deb Voorhees.

Continued Prayers for: John Boris, Blakely DiTomasco (Pamela Sharrow's great niece), Gwen Dunlap (Karen and Wayne Pratt's sister), Brooks David Hawke (Susan Bolton's grandson and Elizabeth Peters' great-grandson), Dennis Hertel (the Musials' friend), Stephanie Kornblum (Sue Vititoe's daughter), 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).

Cveta Dimovski, Jane Harness Dimovski's mother-in-law, died September 21, 2025. Cveta's service was held at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Macedonian Orthodox Cathedral on Friday. Please pray for Radomir, Jane, and Cveta's family and friends in these sad days.

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

This Week at GPMC

Monday, September 29

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

Tuesday, September 30

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, October 1

Men's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (2nd Floor Lounge)
AA, 8:30 - 9:30 am (Trinity Terrace)
GPMC Golf Outing, 10 am - 4 pm (Offsite)
Outreach Life Remodeled, 11 am - 4:30 pm (Offsite)
Memorial Youth, 6 - 8 pm (Room 315)

Thursday, October 2

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 Rehearsal, 6:15 - 7 pm (Room 326)
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 - 9:15 pm (Choir Room)

Friday, October 3

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

Saturday, October 4

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

Sunday, October 5

Worship Services, *9 & 11 am (Sanctuary & *Livestream)
Children's Church, 9:15 - 10:15 am (Third Floor)
Children's Choir, 10:15 - 10:35 am (Third Floor)
Worship Service, 5 pm (Trinity Terrace)

**Please note this list is subject to change. For the most up-to-date calendar, visit 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 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 or call 313.882.5330. There is a place for everyone!



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8:30 am – 3:00 pm, Friday

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