

A Letter From Jeff

Dear Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Family,

To say that my family and I are excited about the journey we are on with GPMC is an understatement. For over 150 years, GPMC has been a light on the lakeshore, a beacon of hope, grace, and life in all its abundance, grounded in Jesus Christ. The thought of being a part of that legacy and shepherding you through the next season of life together as your next Senior Pastor/Head of Staff is both a gift and an honor. On behalf of my family, thank you for this opportunity to serve alongside you and your fantastic staff and Session. We can't wait to meet you in person.

A little about me--I was born and raised outside Seattle, Washington in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains. For my parents and younger brother, the church was always the center of our lives together. It was there at a very young age I first felt the call to ministry, surrounded by a church family who loved me, prayed for me, encouraged me, and believed in me. That is one of the reasons I'm passionate about the local church and its ability to raise up the next generation of Christ followers in the world.

After graduating from the University of Washington before heading to Princeton Seminary, I worked at Arthur Andersen as an accounting associate. At the time, I wasn't thrilled at God's timing. I wanted to enter full-time pastoral ministry sooner than later. But in the process, I saw and experienced the challenge of what it is like to follow Christ in the business world. To stay true to one's faith while using one's gifts for good is a privileged yet often difficult place to be. Because of that, I believe, my ministry has found itself focused on communities like Grosse Pointe, where calling professionals towards a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and using their place and influence for God's good has been at the core of my vocational life.

After Seminary my family and I served a 1200-member church outside of Milwaukee, Wisconsin in a community very similar to Grosse Pointe. It was there that my wife Kristi and I fell in love with the culture of the Midwest, and experienced a church that was both traditional in its structure and worship style, and entrepreneurial in its mission at the same time. For the past 13 years, I've served a Senior Pastor/Head of Staff for a church in the shadow of Microsoft and Amazon here in the Pacific Northwest, where I've had the chance to develop a sense of missional living for our congregation both in our community and in the world that is exciting to watch. I sense those same things in all of you, and because of that, it thrills me to be a part of your story.

As I close, I'll leave you with one of my favorite verses of Scripture from Lamentations 3, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. God's mercies never come to an end." Amen to that! We give thanks to God for GPMC, for God's faithfulness in all things, and for the future that is always enveloped in God's hands. I can't wait to meet you this weekend.

With Joy,

Rev. Dr. Jeff Lincicome

Meet the Lincicome Family



"My wife Kristi and I have been married for 26 years. She is a Registered Nurse and my rock. We have the privilege of raising four incredible daughters: Lucy, Clara, Dayle, and Violet. They are as excited as we are to start this new journey in Grosse Pointe. In my spare time, I love reading, watching sports of all kinds, travelling, playing golf, collecting vinyl records, and spending time with friends and family. All of these are pieces of joy that go along with my love for the Church and the joy of serving as a pastor. I can't wait to share all these passions (and more) with you."



Kristi and Jeff met at University Presbyterian Church while attending the University of Washington. Kristi has spent the past 9 years as a School Nurse in a local, economically diverse elementary school and recently earned her Master's in Nursing. Kristi loves to hike and be outdoors, spend time with her friends and family, read, and travel. She is a firm believer in the power of the local church.

Kristi adds, *"I literally CANNOT WAIT to meet you all, to turn strangers into friends, and fully embrace our new life together. Our great God has been so close to us in this process that I am certain of great things to come. That is the best feeling. Don't be shy, we are ready to dive in and meet you and your families and look forward to being able to call you by name! This is our first move with our partial family, but don't let that fool you, we are all in this together and we hope to win all the girls over to Michigan!"*



Lucy (22) lives in Seattle and is studying Social Advocacy and Public Policy at Arizona State University (online campus). She has worked for Starbucks for the past 6 years and enjoys camping, tending her houseplants and fish tanks. She is passionate about issues of justice and equity in the world.

"Hello everyone, I can't wait to meet you all! Although I currently live and work in Seattle, I will be visiting in October with the family and can't wait to get to know you all and explore a new city. This is going to be such an adventure, and I am so happy that I get to call you my church family. I am so excited to get involved both in person and virtually. See you all soon!"

Clara (20) is a Junior at Baylor University in Waco, Texas (Sic 'Em, Bears!), studying Journalism/Public Relations with minors in Corporate Communications and Leadership. She loves being a tour guide for the school, her sorority (Kappa Alpha Theta), her friends, all things Baylor, and putting her faith in Jesus into practice.

"I am so excited for my family to be taking on this new adventure with you all in Michigan, and I can't wait to meet everyone! While I live in Waco, Texas most of the year, I am eager to get to know this new part of the country and grow in faith alongside a new church family. Thank you for being so inviting already towards my family, I can already tell that this church is something very special."



Dayle (17) is a senior in high school. She spends her time volunteering as a middle school leader at church and participating in high school softball and gymnastics. She is the student body president this year and works at a local sushi restaurant. She is looking forward to college next year.

"Hi! I am so excited to meet all of you in Grosse Pointe! Although I won't be living there this next year, I am applying to the University of Michigan. Who knows, maybe I will be living a short distance away next fall! I would love to hear all the great things anyone has to say about the University! Go Blue! Or if you're a Michigan State fan, I would love to hear about it too. As a Spartan in High School, I already have all the spirit gear! Haha! Even through the distance, I am so pumped to be joining a new church family, especially one that is so accepting, loving, and committed to serving the Lord. I would love to get involved in any way I can. I am so anxious to meet all of you this October!"



Violet (13) is an 8th grader who loves being with her friends and family, playing Minecraft, riding her bike, going to youth group at church, being part of her National Charity League chapter, making everyone laugh, and taking care of her Corgi, Willa. She is excited about this next adventure in Grosse Pointe and can't wait to meet all of you.

"Hi! I am so incredibly excited for this new journey in Michigan! I am so thankful that I get to be there for my whole high school time and meet so many new people!"

