

GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH



“A light by the lakeshore”

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

FEBRUARY 17, 2019 | WORSHIP 9 AND 11 A.M.

6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Order of Service for the Worship of God

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Please remember to silence electronic devices.

We do, however, welcome the sound of children in worship.

They are full participants in our worship life.

A great place for children to see, hear and participate is close to the front.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE- If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee, BWV 647 J.S.Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When we turn our hearts away from God and toward ourselves, putting trust in our own strength,

All: **we become like a shrub in the desert, living in a parched, salty place.**

One: When we trust in God, when our trust is God, we are like a tree planted by water.

All: **Our roots go deep, we are ever-green; even in a drought we are not anxious, but bear fruit, full and beautiful, gifts of the God who made us.**

*OPENING HYMN 619- Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

Tune: Lauda Anima

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION**

Our prayer of confession today is followed by a time for silent prayer. Silent prayer concludes when the liturgist says, "Amen."

All: God of judgment and renewal, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always loved you and our neighbors as fully as you call us to love. We have failed to be good stewards of the air, the water, the animals, and the plants. We have turned away from you and toward our own self-interest. We have been shortsighted, and we are humbly sorry. Help us turn back to you, O Lord, to reach toward you as a tree sends its roots out toward water.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Amen. Because Christ has been raised from the dead, sin and death do not have the last word!

All: Our faith is not in vain! Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, we are forgiven and set free to live for God and neighbor. Thanks be to God.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE – Gloria Patri**

Tune: J.S. Bach

Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther,
 and the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, and shall be
 ev - er - more through-out e - ter - ni - ty. A - men.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Jesus said, "Don't be afraid. From now on you will be fishing for people." God calls us to gather people into community and to be at peace with one another. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

While the Passing of the Peace often involves a handshake, this is not a requirement. However you or your nearby worshipers exchange the peace, please do not be offended if someone prefers something other than a handshake.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: O God, whose Word is like water to the root of the tree, let your Word now flow into us that we might flourish – bearing gospel fruit for a hungry world. In the name of Jesus, the Living Word, we pray. Amen.

LET THE CHILDREN COME (9 a.m. children ages 3 – 2nd grade)

Children will depart for the "Young Children and Worship" rooms 200/215 after the children's sermon. At 10 a.m. our Sunday school teachers come to the Worship Centers and take the children up to the 3rd floor to their Sunday school classes. If your child is not attending Sunday school, you can pick your child up in either room 200 (ages 3,4, Kindergarten) or room 215 (1st and 2nd grade).

Where Children Belong

James Ritchie

This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-comed as part of the
 wor-ship-ing throng. Wa - ter, God's Word, bread and
 cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be - long.

GOSPEL READING– Luke 6:17-26

(N.T. pg. 60)

After each reading:

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM ANTHEM- Teach Me, O Lord Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end. (Psalm 119:33)

The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING- 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20 (N.T. pgs. 165-166)

SERMON- The Years In Between Susan Mozena

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 816-If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Tune: *Wer nur den lieben Gott*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

OFFERING AND ANTHEM -River in Judea Jack Feldman, arr. John Leavitt

Oftentimes I dream of music, of the river that freely flows.
And it sings a song sweeter than honey, one everybody knows.
Late at night I hear it singing; then again when I wake at dawn.
And it fills me up with hope and goodwill, the will to go on, go on.
There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago.
And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know.

I believe it keeps on travelin' but it rests on the Sabbath day.
And the time when it pauses in stillness, I almost hear it pray.
When I'm weary and downhearted, how I long for the song it sings,
For the calm within its gentle blue, the peace that it brings,
it brings. There is a river...

May the time not be too distant when we meet by the river shore.
Till then, dream of that wonderful day as we sing once more, once more: There is a river...

Hallelujah! (words by Linda Marcus)

The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Choir

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING 606 Tune: *Old Hundredth*

All: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN 815- Give to the Winds Thy Fears Tune: *Festal Song*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE- If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee, BWV 642 J. S. Bach

This morning's music:

The sung psalm was composed by Thomas Attwood (1765-1838), who was a prominent figure in English church music, holding posts at St. Paul's Cathedral in London, the Chapel Royal, and the Royal Academy of Music. His music (which is similar to Mozart) is largely forgotten today, except for a few anthems. The offering anthem is a gospel-style song arranged for choir and piano by John Leavitt (b. 1956). Leavitt is professor of music and director of choirs at MidAmerica Nazarene University in Olathe, Kansas. Of his many compositions, this one is perhaps the most widely sung, by church, high school, and college choirs. Before and after the service we hear two of J. S. Bach's interpretations of the beautiful middle hymn, "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee." Please be respectful of those whose worship experience includes listening to the prelude and postlude.

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WELCOME TO GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH

We are a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and one of its growing congregations. As a multi-generational community of faith, we are pleased to offer a host of ministries that respond to the varied interests of our members and friends. **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. If you would like to learn more about our congregation or if you would like to join, please indicate this interest on the fellowship pad (the little black binder on the inside aisle of each pew). You can also contact the leaders of our New Member Class, Tamara Gilbert at 313.378.0990 or gilby21471@aol.com or Judy Masserang at 313.886.6945 or judymasserang@gmail.com

ABOUT WORSHIP AT GPMC

Leading and Assisting in Worship: Susan Mozena, Carol Marks, Lisa Turner, liturgists; Howard Hill (9 am), Tim Butler (11 am), lay readers; The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Choir; Jim Biery, director and organist.

Flowers for the sanctuary are provided by our members in memory or in honor of a loved one. If interested in providing flowers, please contact Sandy Brucker: 313.886.5317 or e-mail: sandybrucker@yahoo.com.

The chancel flowers are in loving memory of **Daniel Arthur Pogue** by Dan and Jacqueline Beck; Kristin, Jenny, Bobby and Jessie Pogue.

Please list your email address on the fellowship pad at the end of the pew if you would like to receive our weekly email time-sensitive updates, subscribe to our Twitter feed: GPMCNews.

CDs of our worship services are available the week following the service. Please request copies at the reception desk.

Looking to go green? The wireless network in the Sanctuary is "gpmchurch" and the password is bibles@gpmchurch. The address for the bulletin <http://www.gpmchurch.org/pdf-files/bulletin.pdf>

Worship kits for children to use during worship are in blue bags located at each of the entrances and Listening Assisted Devices are available in the sanctuary.

If you are in need of hearing assistance, we have a hearing assistance system in the sanctuary. It includes a basic ear piece for people who just want a little boost to the sound. We also have a special neck lanyard for people with inductive hearing aids (also called telefoil aids), as well as a special pack and cord for Bluetooth hearing aids. **Not sure what kind of hearing aid you have? Try to find out, it will help us help you.** These devices, pieces and lanyards are on the piano toward the front of the sanctuary. You can ask an usher for assistance.

Children are always welcome in worship at GPMC. An infant and toddler room (rooms 108/110) is available during the service should you prefer to leave your child with our wonderful caregivers. Feel free to use the glider rocker located underneath the side balcony at any time during the worship service with your child.

If you would like to have a prayer or joy shared during Prayers of the People, please write your request on one of the cards found in the Narthex and put it into the black prayer box by the end of the sermon. Or you can tweet your prayer/joy - Tweet @GPMCPayers.

What's Happening Today February 17, 2019

Worship 9 and 11 am and 5 pm
Sunday School for all ages 10:10 am
Seeker Classes 10:10 am
Bible 101 6 pm

Sunday School Classroom Assignments:

3/4 year old.....Room 302	Kindg./1st grade....Room 310
Sensory.....Room 309	2nd/3rd grades....Room 322
4th/5th grades.....Room 307	Middle School.....Rooms 313/314
Seekers.....Room 301	High School.....Room 315

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Souper Bowl of Caring 2019. The children and youth of GPMC are asking for your support as they collect non-perishable food items for this annual food drive. **Today is the last day donations will be accepted and can be dropped off in the church library.** All donations will be given to the Hunger Ministries programs through the Presbytery of Detroit.

Logos will meet not meet this Tuesday due to schools' midwinter breaks, but will meet again on Feb. 27.

On February 21 we will be having an Elementary Mission/ Fun day!! We will be going to Gleaners Community Food Bank in Detroit to pack food. Then we will be heading to Pop + Off World Arcade which is located near Cadillac Square in downtown Detroit for a pizza lunch and to play some fun arcade games! The price is \$8.00 a person and parents are welcome to attend. We will meet in the church lobby at 9:00 am and carpool to Gleaners. We will be back to church at 2:00 pm. RSVP to the Christian Education office by February 15! We hope to see you there!

LIFE and TUXIS will not meet this Tuesday. We will gather again on February 27 from 6-8 p.m.

Preacher's Workshop Bible study is always open to newcomers. Join us as we talk through the preaching passage for the upcoming worship services. 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. every Monday.

Men's Bible Studies have started a new series on the Gospel of John. One chapter a week: 10 minutes of reading max. You can join us on Saturdays from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. or on Wednesdays from 7-7:45 a.m. You might find different people on different days, but same readings, same coffee and good conversation no matter what day you come.

Reel Theology is taking off the month of February. We return on Monday, March 4th with two movies that explore issues of gun violence in the United States. That night we will be showing "Armor of Light" and "Dekalb Elementary." The former movie explores the efforts of a pastor to talk about gun violence in a polarized America while the latter movie is an Oscar-nominated short film inspired by a true 911 call from a Georgia elementary school. Movies start at 7 and we wrap up by 9:15.

One of our foci in Lent is loving our neighbors as ourselves. On Sunday evenings in Lent, starting March 10, we will be doing a 6 week study of Austin Channing Brown's *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*. Join us from 6:30 - 7:30 each evening for a

short video and conversation. This series is hosted by Chelsea Gilbert, Deb Voorhees, Nate Castle and Peter Henry.

The February 27 book for Novel as Theology is *Nineteen Minutes*, by Jodi Picoult. Join us at Peter and Shawn Henry's house from 7:30 - 9:00 pm for dessert and conversation.

The March 13 short story for Short Story Theology, "Where to Hide in the Synagogue" by Karen Bender, is now in the Reception Area. Join us from 7:30 - 8:30 at the home of Peter and Shawn Henry for dessert and conversation. This story is part of our congregational focus on gun violence in the United States.

Downtown Disciples and the Zoom Online studies are starting a new series in March. Join us in person or online as we take a look at "What Does the Bible Say About...?" Our topics will include some of the hot button issues (e.g. the death penalty) as well as more spiritual topics like "where do we go when we die." Downtown Disciples meets the second Thursday of each month at Fort Street Presbyterian Church from 12:15 - 1:00 p.m. Zoom is an online study, the second Wednesday of each month, from 12:15 - 1:00 p.m. Contact Donna Hartzell for login information for the Zoom study.

OUTREACH

Last call for the Leadership Summit 2019 presented by the Presbytery of Detroit on Saturday, February 23, 9:00 - 12:30. This is a conference for pastors and all lay leaders including Elders, Deacons, Trustees and committee members. Registration in advance is required by Monday, February 18. Brochures are available in the lobby with more information and details about the keynote and the eighteen workshops available. You'll need to choose just two. Go online at DetroitPresbytery.org/reservations.html to make your reservation. Carpooling from GPMC is possible, contact Sue Acton (sacton@gpmchurch.org) if you are interested in this.

The February mission group is back from Cuba and eager to share their experiences and photos. Join us at Middle Hour on March 3 to hear about the work done, relationships deepened, and impressions retained. Everyone is welcome. Those from past trips who want to reminisce and those who are considering a future trip are especially encouraged to come.

Are you a little cold this winter? Come warm up with stories of God's work in 80 degree weather in Cuba. Join members of our Cuba mission trip on Sunday, March 3 in Barbour Chapel as they reflect on their trip to Cardena, Cuba and share their stories of God's work among our brothers and sisters at the Juan G. Hall Presbyterian Church in Cardenas, Cuba.

We're having a Shoe Drive through Sunday, March 17. Find those gently worn (or never worn) shoes and boots that pinch or rub or you just need to part with. Bring them to the church coat room by March 17 and we'll donate them all to Creekside Community Development Corp. Creekside is an umbrella organization for 35 block clubs and four community gardens working to improve the neighborhoods bounded by Jefferson Ave, the Detroit River, Alter Road, and Clairpointe. Help our neighbors, please.

Kids Coalition Against Hunger is coming March 23. Calling all members, friends, seniors, parents, students, scouts, honor societies, service clubs – anyone who wants to help pack some nutritious meals for the hungry. Some will go overseas, some will be served locally and some meals will be saved for disaster relief. There is so much need – won't you help? We will need 450 packers to pack 75,000 meals. Sign up for a shift from 10-12 or 12-2 or 2-4 on Saturday, March 23 by going to this link: bit.ly/KCAHatGPMC-2019. ALL ages from 5-95 are welcome so bring the whole family. Note: kids aged 5-7 have to be supervised 1:1.

The Hunger Offering for February is for Open Door. The Fort Street Presbyterian Church Open Door Ministry has had the privilege of serving God's people for 50 years! Every Thursday they open their doors to serve a hearty meal to over 400 people who are homeless or cannot afford food. Also, each person leaves with sandwiches for later in the day. Last year, 21,000 meals were served to people in need. Open Door also provides a clothing closet, hygiene kits, transportation assistance, counseling, and support groups. Contributions may be made using the blue pew envelopes. The Outreach Council will match Hunger Offering donations made this month up to \$2,000.

FELLOWSHIP

The next OWLS meeting will be Tuesday, February 19. In February we will hear about and taste, Cheeses from Around the World . If your last name begins with A-F, please bring a casserole, sandwiches or soup; G-P, please bring a dessert, fruit or cheese-n-crackers; Q-Z, please bring a salad or vegetable (hot or cold). All are welcome to attend! Please call the church 882.5330 to RSVP.

All are welcome to attend the Ecumenical Men's Breakfast Group on Friday mornings for fellowship and program from 7:45 - 9:00 a.m. September through May at GPMC. A continental style breakfast is served along with a presentation/program followed by a short Q & A period. The cost is \$7.00 and registration is not required. There is no charge for first-time guests. **The guest speaker on Feb. 22 is Rev. Doug Kempton, Lead Pastor of Grace Community Church, Detroit.**

WORSHIP

The season of Lent, the period before Easter, will soon be here. It starts with Ash Wednesday on March 6. Join us for one of three services that day: 7:30 a.m. (spoken word only), 12:15 p.m. (congregational hymns) and 7:30 p.m. (with our choir). Each of the services is in Barbour Chapel and they all include the imposition of ashes.

STEWARDSHIP

It is with Great Thanksgiving that the Stewardship Council and your Trustees report to you that through the end of January we have received \$238,000 in undesignated giving. That is \$11,000 over budget, which is important. Our Session passed a "faith-based budget" that members and friends who did not pledge would still give to support our ministries. Thank you to everyone who supports our important work with gifts of time, talent and treasure.

AND MORE.....

Suicide has impacted many members of our community. Kevin's Song, a non-profit that seeks to support people who have survived the death of a loved one by suicide, will be holding a Survivor Support Group at GPMC on the first and third Wednesday of each month. **The next meeting will be February 20. The group will meet from 7-8:30 p.m.** No registration is required for this peer-based, on-clinical support group. It is open to anyone who has lost a loved one, friend or colleague to suicide. It is for GPMC members and non-members. For more information, contact Kevin's Song at 248.325.8337.

We are still looking for a teller for one of our three teller teams for counting Sunday offerings. This approx. one hour task is typically done on Mondays around 10:00 a.m. The months needed for this team are February, May, August and November. Should you be interested, please contact Jim Schultz in our Finance office, Ext. 126

Drivers Help Needed: We are still looking for a ride to and from the job for one of our staff, Benedicte Bouho. She lives in Grosse Pointe Park, is in the child care rooms every Sunday, and is not yet a driver. She walks a lot, but would be most appreciative of being driven now that it is so much colder. **Please go to bit.ly/GPMCDriver and choose a time to do this.** Thanks so much!

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, February 24 at 10:10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall to receive the annual report, act on proposed terms of call for the pastors and to fill any vacancies on boards, councils or committees.

PRAYING FOR OTHERS

The congregation and staff of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church believe that prayer is very important. If you would like to add a person to our prayers, please call Carol Marks 313.882.5330 x127 or e-mail her at cmarks@gpmchurch.org. May God continue to surround you with love and care.

In Memoriam

The Reverend Dr. Ray H. Kiely

(September 6, 1918 - February 9, 2019)

The Rev. Dr. Kiely served as Pastor and Head of Staff at GPMC from 1970-1983. A memorial service will be held at Plantation Estates in Matthews, NC. Please keep Rev. Kiely's children and all of their family close to your heart and in your prayers.

In Memoriam

Carolyn Ewald Kratzet

(November 23, 1926 - February 9, 2019)

The Memorial Service will be held at a later date in the spring. Please keep Carolyn's husband and her children in your thoughts and prayers.

RECENT PRAYER REQUESTS: Tom Buckler (nephew of Dave and Sue Buckler), Jan Dandrea (friend on Cheryl Littleton), Edie and Walter Jaques (friends of Lyn Gordon), Jane Johnson, Jack Liang, Doug McNair (Rosie and Mac Mc Nair's son), Libbie Mulvilhill, Carol O'Neill, Mary Shafer, Joyce Swart.

THIS WEEK AT MEMORIAL

Monday, February 18: Church Building Closed for President's Day
Outreach Council Meeting 7 - 8 pm

Tuesday, February 19: Women's Bible Study 7 - 8 am
Yoga 10 - 11 am
OWLS 12 - 2 pm pm
Al-Anon 7:30 - 9 pm
AA 8 - 9 pm

Wednesday, February 20: Men's Bible Study 7 - 8 am
AA 8 - 9 am
Eastside Take Control 8:30 - 11 am
Stephen Ministry Meeting 9 - 11 am
Kevin's Song Support Meeting 7 - 8:30 pm
Adult Bible Study 7:30 - 9 pm

Thursday, February 21: Women's Connection 8:30 - 9:30 am
Mission Fun Day 9 am - 3 pm
Yoga 10 - 11 am
SoulCrafters 10:30 am - 2 pm
Bell Choir 6 - 7 pm
Adult Choir 7:15 - 9:15 pm

Friday, February 22: Men's Breakfast 7:45 - 9 am
Al-anon 7:30 - 9 pm
AA 8 - 9 p.m.

Elementary Mission Fun Day

February 21, 2019

9:00am-2:00pm

Help pack food at Gleaners Food Bank
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Pop + Off World Restaurant and Arcade for a pizza lunch
and playing games in the arcade!
(The restaurant is located in downtown Detroit)
12:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to the Christian
Education office at
christianed@gpmchurch.org
by February 15.



Come for both events or just for
one! Please let us know when
making your reservation. Cost is
\$8.00/per person. Parents are
welcome to attend!



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Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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