

# GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH



*“A light by the lakeshore”*

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

OCTOBER 22, 2017 | WORSHIP 9 AND 11 A.M.  
20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

*Go placidly amidst the noise and haste and remember what peace there is in silence.*

PRELUDE – Behold a New Joy  
Bell Prayer

Scottish, arr. Wilson  
A. Steven Taranto

The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Ringers

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Enter into God’s presence, ready to be changed.

All: **We are the church reformed, always reforming.**

One: God meets us where we are but does not leave us the same  
as we were.

All: **We are the church reformed, always reforming.**

One: The future is unknown, but it is God who will take us there.

All: **We are the church reformed, always reforming.**

### \*OPENING HYMN 12 – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Tune: *St. Denio*

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Our unison prayer includes a time of silence for personal confession.*

All: God of our years, the world changes and so do its needs.

Jesus Christ brought change with him and your Spirit ushers in more. Yet we confess that we do not always like change. We can be slow to adapt. We drag our heels. We say, “They need to change, not us.” Forgive us for holding back when you are moving forward. Do not judge us as we judge others. Be more patient than we are, and greet us when we finally come to you.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**One:** It is true. We don't like to change, which is part of the reason we fall short of God's mark sometimes. But by grace alone, we are saved from our shortcomings. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All:** **God's name be praised.**

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 619 – Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven**

*All join in singing stanza 1 of this metrical version of Psalm 103*

*Tune: Lauda Anima*

**Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;  
glad of heart your carols raise;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who, like me, should sing God's praise?  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the Maker all your days!**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**One:** The good news of grace is that once we are forgiven, we can finally change, including welcoming others into our lives. 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. Please do not be offended if someone prefers something other than a handshake.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ANTHEM– Children of God**

Ned Wetherald

**LOGOS FISH Choir**

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**All:** **It is Scripture alone, O God, that guides our feet in right paths. Send us your Spirit, that we might read Scripture faithfully and follow fearlessly. 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).*

**CHILDREN’S SONG – This Is the Day**

Tune: This Is the Day

*All join in singing this song based on Psalm 118*

**This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made,  
that the Lord has made;  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made,  
We will rejoice and be glad in it;  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Exodus 33:12- 23**

(O.T. pg. 77)

*After each reading:*

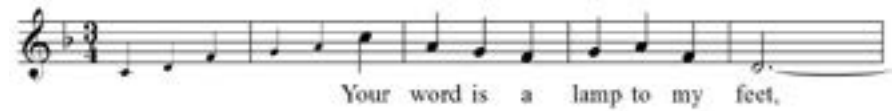
**One:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM 119– Your Word Is a Lamp to My Feet**

James Biery

*All join in singing Refrain after each pair of sung verses. The words are found in the pew Bible at O.T. pg. 537, Psalm 119:103-108.*



**NEW TESTAMENT READING – 2 Timothy 3:10 - 4:8**

(N.T. pg. 201)

**SERMON – Whispers and Echoes**

Peter Henry

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN 395 – Blessed Jesus, at Your Word**

Tune: *Liebster Jesu*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Please stand for today’s affirmation of faith, which is section 4 of A Brief Statement of Faith, on page 38 in the hymnal.*

RECOGNITION OF 50+ YEAR MEMBERS (See list of members on pages 5 - 6)

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 - O Lord, Your Word Be Always My Guide  
Richard Proulx

O Lord, your Word be always my guide,  
And in it may I rejoice;  
Your glory be my only aim this day,  
Your holy will my loving choice.  
You promise is my only hope,  
Your providence my shining path,  
Your arm my strong support through all my days,  
Yourself my great reward.  
O Lord, my path, my aim, my choice;  
O Lord, my hope, my guard, my support;  
O Lord, you are my great reward.

The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Choir

\*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING 679 - Let the Whole Creation Cry

All join in singing stanza 1 of this metrical version of Psalm 148

Tune: Salzburg

Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high."  
Heaven and earth, awake and sing, "Praise to our almighty King."  
Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love;  
Sun and moon, uplift your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice!

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*CLOSING HYMN 694 - Great God of Every Blessing

Tune: Aurelia

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

John Philip Newell

One: May God of the high mountains, Christ of the fertile valleys  
and the Spirit of the earth, from whose dark soils burst forth  
fresh life and from which your own body and soul are born,  
be to you this day and this night the bestower of grace. Be to  
your body and soul this day and this night the generous giver  
of love.

\*CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE - Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott  
(a setting of Hymn 275)

Max Reger

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Maranatha! Music

**We welcome and thank the following people for being members of  
GPMC for 50 years:** Peggy Davis, Nina DeLand, Alice Gordon, Linda  
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Mertz, Cherylann Meyer, Carl Meyering, Betty Miller, Stevie Miller, Jean  
Mitchell, John Mozena, Mildred Murray, Margot Ness, Rick Neumann,

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**We welcome and thank the following people for being members of GPMC for 70 years:** Eleanor O'Brien, Jim Stewart, Joyce Swart and Vonnie Willis.

**We welcome and thank the following people for being members of GPMC for over 70 years:** Anne Bleich, Ben Chapman III, Nena Dahling, Mary Lou Duncan, Myrt Everett, Janet Fruehauf, Janet Harness, Arthur Hudson, Marjorie McClure, Marianne Pear, Mary Roby, Georgiana Solomon, Martha Speer, Sallie Spitzley, Ann Williams and James Williams.

## ABOUT WORSHIP AT GPMC

For the next few months, we will be using various prayers and other pieces of liturgy written by Scottish theologian John Philip Newell. This internationally acclaimed writer and speaker will be at GPMC the weekend of Nov. 3-5 to lead a spirituality workshop, lecture on Celtic Christianity, and preach.

**Leading and Assisting in Worship:** Peter Henry and Carol Marks; 4th grade Sunday school class; Hannah Kadrach, FISH choir director; The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Ringers and Choir; James 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 given in loving memory of her husband **Richard** and her parents by Lee Miller.

**The Birth Rose** in the Sanctuary is for **William Oliver Fox**, born on September 5, 2017 to Denise and James Fox, grandson of Jane and Bill Fox.

**The Birth Rose** in the Sanctuary is for **John Theodore Carlisle Whittingham**, born on October 7, 2017 to Margi (Scholtes) and Dave Whittingham, grandson of Becky and John Scholtes.

**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: GPMCNNews.

**Cassette tapes and 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>

**Children are always welcome in worship at GPMC.** An infant and toddler room (room 101) 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.

**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.

**This morning's music:** In observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, our sung responses for the next few weeks are taken from metrical versions of the Psalms. Our spiritual ancestor John Calvin stated, "When we have looked thoroughly everywhere and searched high and low, we shall find no better songs nor more appropriate to the purpose than the Psalms of David which the Holy Spirit made and spoke through him." Calvin's preference for sung versions of Psalms encouraged poets and musicians to create versified Psalms for congregational singing.

The offering anthem is a composition by American church musician and composer Richard Proulx (1937-2010). Proulx was a native of St. Paul, Minnesota, and most notably served as Director of Music at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago from 1980 until 1994. He composed over 300 published pieces of church music, and was a good friend and colleague of Jim and Marilyn Biery. "O Lord, Your Word be Always my Guide" uses words written by the English Anglican bishop Christopher Wordsworth in 1862.

## What's Happening Today, October 22, 2017

Worship 9 & 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

High School Mission Trip Information Session 10 a.m.

New member class 10:10 a.m.

Middle Hour - Reformation 10:10 a.m.

Sunday school for all ages

Bible 101 6 p.m.

### Sunday School classroom assignments:

3/4 year old.....room 108	Kindergarten..... room 302
1st grade.....room 310	2nd grade..... room 310
3rd grade.....room 322	4th grade..... room 321
5th grade.....room 307	Mid. school.....room 314
High school.....room 315	Seekers.....room 301

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**REFORMATION** **Reformation 500:** Join Peter Henry today and on October 29 as he focuses on the whos, whats, wheres, whys and so-whats of the Reformation. Sunday mornings, 10:10 a.m., in Barbour Chapel.

**As part of our Reformation 500 emphasis, “The Year of the Bible” returns.** One of the main effects of the Protestant Reformation was the way in which the Bible was put into the hands of the people, translated into their own language, no longer the possession of the clergy. In honor of that incredibly important change in the relationship between lay people and the Bible, we are once again offering **“The Year of the Bible” (YOTB), a year long reading of the entire Bible, day by day, beginning on November 1.** A schedule of the readings will be provided in late October.

**“Reformation 500” in the Church Library:** As promised in the fall issue of the Carillon, there are two copies each of several books regarding the Protestant Reformation, which marks its 500th anniversary this year. We will be studying the Reformation during Middle Hour in October. Get a head start by reading ahead. The books can be found in the church history section of the library, under the “Reformation 500” graphic. You may also buy your own copy of any of the books via Amazon, or at Barnes and Noble.

**LOGOS** our after school program for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade meets each Tuesday from 4 - 6:30 p.m. **This week, October 24, The Great Pumpkin Patch** is our theme. For more information, contact Lisa Turner: lturner@gpmchurch.org.

**LIFE/TUXIS are back!** Youth groups groups for middle school and high school students meet each Tuesday from 6 - 8 p.m. in the youth lounge for dinner, conversation, Bible study, prayer, and fun! This week on October 24, we will be participating in “Trick or Treat, So All Can Eat.” We will dress up in costumes and go door to door collecting canned goods and non-perishable items for hungry neighbors. Carry a backpack and bring a canned good or nonperishable item to donate! Register for LIFE and TUXIS using the electronic forms at [bit.ly/2bRjeqy](http://bit.ly/2bRjeqy) or get paper forms outside the Christian Education office.

**The Seekers confirmation program has begun!** Students 9th grade and older are eligible for this confirmation program. We meet Sunday mornings from 10 -11a.m. in room 301. Join us to explore deep questions about faith! Registration forms are available electronically at [bit.ly/2bRjeqy](http://bit.ly/2bRjeqy) and in paper copy outside of the Christian Education office.

**High School Mission Trip Information Session will be today from 10-11a.m. in Barbour Chapel.** This year we will be going to an international destination! During the information session, our destination will be revealed, and we'll also talk about the work that we will be doing, application procedures, fundraising plans, and more. Families, please come learn more about our plans for this summer and get your registration packet today!”

**Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) has started and we are looking for other young adults.** Join other people in their 20s and 30s as we talk about life and faith on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Our next meeting is on **Thursday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Atwater in the Park on Kercheval.**

**Digging Deeper is a new, 5 session, small group gathering for members seeking to deepen their discipleship.** Centered on sharing Scripture, meals and the stories of our lives, we will be seeking the answer to the question “What’s next for my faith?” We will meet every other week from October 22 through December 17 (skipping Thanksgiving weekend), 12:15–1:45 p.m. on Sundays. Contact Scott Turner at 313.882.3546 or e-mail: [turners@keysafetyinc.com](mailto:turners@keysafetyinc.com) to learn more or indicate your interest.

**Nathan Castle and Peter Henry are returning to Bible 101** on Sunday nights, 6:00 p.m. (following 5:00 p.m. worship), to cover basic biblical topics with members and friends. This fall we will start with The Apostle Paul: who he was, what he wrote and why he is important. We resume on October 22 run through November 19. Bring your Bible, bring a dinner if you like, and bring your questions.

**Reel Theology (film and theology group) continues on November 6** with “The Giver,” based on the novel by Lois Lowry. We meet the first Monday of every month. Popcorn is served, we start right at 7 pm, and we always wrap up with about 15 minutes of conversation.

**Join us for The Novel as Theology (our GPMC fiction book group).** We meet 7:30 - 9 p.m. at Peter and Shawn Henry’s home. Dessert is served and all are welcome. You don’t have to be a literary genius, theological expert or regular to join us. Come one time, when you can or every time. **Our October 25 novel is Home Fire: A Novel by Kamila Shamsie.**

**In conjunction with Philip Newell’s visit Nov. 3-5,** Debbie and Keith Bellovich are hosting a book discussion group about Newell’s latest book, *The Rebirthing of God*. **The discussion at the Bellovich house is today at 7:30 p.m.**

**Copies of John Philip Newell’s latest book, *The Rebirthing of God*,** are available for purchase in the GPMC church library. They are on the shelf directly opposite the doors of the library, behind the far table. You can give \$15 in cash or check to the church receptionist or the deacon on duty on Sunday morning. Copies of Newell’s *Christ of the Celts* are also available for purchase, also \$15.

## OUTREACH

**ALL CHURCH SHELTER WEEK 2017 is November 4-11.** Thanks, GPMC, for welcoming homeless guests from Cass Community Services for an entire week. Beginning October 16, in Fellowship Hall, the Outreach Council will be asking you to sign up to be a Shift Volunteer Host, or donate food for breakfast, lunch and snacks, or donate prizes. You may also help serve a meal with our Men’s Bible Study Group or TUXIS – contact your leadership if you can help with these dinners. Remember, it takes over 100 volunteers to make this work. Will you be one of them? If you miss the table in Fellowship Hall on Sundays, you can email marygarlough@gmail.com to volunteer or littletoncheryl@gmail.com to donate food and

other items. Donations of Bingo Prizes (socks, dark colored knit hats, gloves, treats) or non-perishable food can be made in the box in the coat room. Don’t miss out. We only do this ALL Church event once a year.

**Calling on GPMC MOMS, DADS and GRANDPARENTS.** Please Donate a Halloween Costume for the Matrix Harvest Fest! ONE week only, Tuesday, October 17 – Tuesday, October 24. No kid should have a Halloween party without a costume. There will be a box in the coat room off the lobby for your new or gently used costume in any size from infant thru adult. We’ll deliver them to Matrix on Wednesday October 25 for the giant party they host for the community. Thanks!

**The Hunger Offering for October will go to The Salvation Army.** “Doing The Most Good.” In these four words, their mission – to feed, to clothe, to comfort, to care. To rebuild broken homes and broken lives. The Salvation Army operates thousands of centers in communities across the United States. These include food distribution, disaster relief, rehabilitation centers, anti-human trafficking efforts, and a wealth of children’s programs. Please give generously to them using the blue Hunger Offering envelopes. The Outreach Council will match your donations up to \$2,000.

**Mission Trip!** The Presbytery of Detroit is going to Baton Rouge, LA for more storm clean up. A group of 20 (from all over the Detroit Presbytery) is going back to Louisiana. They were hit with severe flooding last August, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance set up a church to accept volunteers. Skilled in construction or not, your help is needed November 11-19. Flyers in the lobby and on-line have more info or email FrankJPalazzolo@yahoo.com to learn more.

**Bottle Drive to Raise Money for High School 2018 Mission Trip:** If you’d like to help, and avoid the task of taking your returnables to the store, please bring them to the church any time. There is a large yellow trash can behind the wooden fence to the right of the back entrance to the church. Alyssa Czech will be responsible for the collections. It can be arranged for the youth to pick up your returnables from your house. Please contact Sarah Godbehere at 313.882.5330 or sgodbehere@gpmc.org to schedule a pick up. Thank you in advance for your contribution to this worthy trip!

## MUSIC

**Music at Memorial's 2017-18 season continues on Sunday, November 5, with "Celebrating Martin Luther and J. S. Bach."** Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, five hundred years ago. Two centuries later, Bach composed a celebratory cantata on Luther's great hymn, "A Mighty Fortress." Come hear the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Choir and Orchestra perform this great cantata and other joyous choral music. The soloists are Kenneth Shepherd, baritone, Carol Ambrogio Wood and Suzanne Grogan, sopranos, Noah Horn, tenor, and Diane Schoff, mezzo-soprano. As a special treat, James Biery will perform the Bach Piano Concerto in A major. The November 5 concert begins at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, and are available at the church reception desk or online at [ticketriver.com](http://ticketriver.com) **Grosse Pointe Memorial Church is proud to announce** the fall semester 2017 winners of the High School Singer Scholarship awards. Our three award recipients are Anna Brieden, Kitty Clark, and Andrew Hallam. Anna is a soprano and 10th grade student at GP South High School. Kitty is also a soprano, and is a senior at GP North. Andrew is a baritone and is also a GP North senior. These three young people have already begun participating in our adult choir, and have received financial awards in support of their private voice lessons. Please welcome them to the GPMC family!

## STEWARDSHIP

Students often show a "summer slide" in math when they return to school in the fall. Our math tells us that GPMC has some work to do to overcome its summer slide in giving. **Through the end of September, we were \$56,000 behind budgeted income. We have asked every household to make an extra \$200 gift by October 15 to halt the slide and set us up for a strong finish to the year.** Your giving supports ministry that shares God's grace: we shared over 3,000 touches of that grace with those who came through our doors in September. In a divided world where love and hope seems in short supply, your giving supports ministries united by our love and hope through Jesus Christ. Thank you for keeping our light by the lakeshore strong.

## DIVERSITY TASK FORCE

GPMC embraces the diversity of the people of God in many ways. Our Diversity Task Force is co-sponsoring a panel on Celebrating Our Differences on Thursday night, October 26, from 7- 9 p.m. at the Grosse

Pointe War Memorial. We are joining local organizations and leaders in modeling and sharing the diversity that is a gift from God. Our panelists will speak from 7-8 p.m. and then attendees will get a chance to do their own sharing and listening in the small groups that will meet from 8-9. Register by using the following link: ([www.warmemorial/diversity](http://www.warmemorial/diversity)).

**Exploring Our Religious Landscapes on Comparative Christianity concludes on Nov. 16 from 6 - 9 p.m.** with Unitarian Universalist (Birmingham Unitarian Church). At this event, dinner is served followed by a brief lecture program about their faith, a tour of their facility and a Q & A session. Please e-mail Steve Voorhees at [captain gadget@comcast.net](mailto:captain gadget@comcast.net) or call 313.570.3151 to reserve your spot.

## AND MORE

**We're starting up a new group!** If you're **single and age 50 or over** and would like to spend time in a social situation with people you'd like to get to know better, please email Carol Marks at [cmarks@gpmchurch.org](mailto:cmarks@gpmchurch.org). We're planning to meet at a different venue on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Our first meeting will be held in the 2nd floor lounge on Tuesday, October 24th. We hope to see you there!

**GPMC has a unique new offering: Recovery Eucharist** for members and friends who are part of the addiction recovery community. Whether you are on that road yourself or accompanying a loved one, we have something to support you along the way. **Our next Recovery Eucharist meeting will be November 1.** We will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 7-8 p.m. This bi-weekly meeting will include time for sharing and support, prayer and communion.

**Your preachers want your help writing our sermons!** Join us on Monday mornings from 10 - 11 a.m. for the Preacher's Workshop. GPMC members, friends and the preacher for the week will sit down and read through the upcoming biblical text. No biblical expertise required. Everyone is at the same beginning place every week.

**Yoga is for everyone.** The church hosts yoga every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. It doesn't matter what your age is, nor your experience level. All are welcome to these community classes. You do not have to be a member of the church to attend. Please helps us to spread the word. Yoga is good for body, mind and spirit. \$5.00 per class.

**The Men's Ecumenical Breakfast group** is made up of men from several area places of worship that meet on Friday mornings, September through May, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church (GPMC) for fellowship and program. **All are welcome to attend!** We serve a continental style breakfast, have a presentation/program that is followed by a short Q & A period. All meetings are held at GPMC in Fellowship Hall. Cost of the Friday breakfast is \$7.00 ea. Registration not required. Below are the remaining speakers for the year:

- Oct. 27 - Thomas 'T.J.' Rogers**, Program Director Freedom House, Detroit
- Nov. 3 - Ruth Azar**, Director of The Second Mile Center of Detroit
- Nov. 17 - Ezekiel Harris**, Executive Director Mack Ave. Christian Church
- Dec. 1 - Rev. Allen Timm**, Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Detroit
- Dec. 8 - Kate Murray**, Principal of Grosse Pointe North High School
- Dec. 15 - Deacon Bill Jamieson**, Pastoral Assoc., St. Paul on the Lake

**GPMC NEW MEMBER CLASS** begins today. It provides an opportunity for interested individuals to become acquainted with our church and for prospective members to learn about membership. This program is designed to present who we are, explain church organization, and foster friendship among participants. The GPMC staff and leaders desire that every person will feel known and cared for. Find your place to belong in this church community. We are excited to welcome you.



**SCHEDULE:** Our classes run over three Sunday mornings between our two morning worship services (called Middle Hour) beginning at 10:10 a.m. and lasting approximately 45 minutes each. Childcare is provided. Please call the church at 313.882.5330 for additional information.

**Fall Class**

- October 15, 2017
- October 22, 2017
- October 29, 2017

**Winter Class**

- January 21, 2018
- January 28, 2018
- February 4, 2018

*Welcoming Sunday Nov. 12, 2017*

*Welcoming Sunday Feb. 18, 2018*

**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 ex. 127 or e-mail her at cmarks@gpmchurch.org. May God continue to surround you with love and care.*

**RECENT PRAYER REQUESTS:** Ben Chapman, Joan Coyle, Kathryn Hancock (Greg Hancock's mother), Margaret and Donald James (Karen Pratt's parents), Tina Jablonski (Cheryl Littleton's friend), Jane Johnson, Sherry Jurva (Jan Arndt's friend), Rev. Dr. Ray Kiely, David McCoy Jill Nissila (Jim Hooper's Friend), Gladys Meier (Jan Arndt's mother), Jill Nissila (friend of Jim Hooper), Nicole Perry (Val Moran's sister), Nancy Pilorget, Lynn Reed, Connie Waterman (friend of Liz Kuhlman),

**ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS:** David Austerman and family (friend of Betty Young), Emily Bollenbacher (Sally Garrett and Lon Bollenbacher's daughter and friend of Paula Sutherland), Marie Brady (friend of Pauline Lackey), Keith Austin Brown and Mary Frances Terzino (friends of Jean Rudolph), Sayre Castle, Marshall Dunlap (Wayne Pratt's brother-in-law), Kay Felt, Patrick Geary (Matt Bejin's Cousin), Joseph Gouin (George Liller's cousin), Greg Hancock, Ted Hinchman (Anne Berry's brother), Sandra Langan (Patricia Strowger's sister), Jack Liang, George Miller (Elsie Onychuk's friend), Tommy Moylan (Jean Wright's grandson), Mildred Murray, Elizabeth Norden (sister of Steve Beckett), Pat Roberts (David Robert's mother), Evgenia Shanle (friend of Peg Carpenter), Cathy Schwanitz (Dan Harris' mother), John Stuart, Ginny Turner (Scott Turner's mother), Laura VanDerKar Roy, Hal Whittemore (brother-in-law of Myra Brown), Paul Yascolt.



## Understanding Our Differences, Celebrating Our Stories

Thursday, October 26 from 7 - 9 p.m.

War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms

Prominent leaders from Grosse Pointe and Detroit will discuss and model building community and avoiding stereotypes, followed by small group conversation. This event is open to the public and free of charge (registration is strongly advised).

To register: [www.warmemorial.org/diversity](http://www.warmemorial.org/diversity)

### Moderator and Panelists



**Nolan Finley**, Editorial Page Editor, The Detroit News.

**Moussa Hamka**, Principal, Grosse Pointe South High School.



**The Rev. Dr. Georgia Hill**, Associate Pastor, Plymouth United Church of Christ.



**Joe Hudson**, former CEO of J.L. Hudson Co. and Founder, New Detroit



**Ike McKinnon**, former Detroit Police Chief and Deputy Mayor, professor, University of Detroit Mercy.

Supporting organizations for this event are the War Memorial, Diversity Task Force of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Plymouth United Church of Christ, Detroit Historical Society, the Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association and We-GP (Welcome Everyone).

For more information, email: [howardbhill@comcast.net](mailto:howardbhill@comcast.net).

## GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH

*presents*

**The Rebirthing of God: a Celtic Christian weekend**  
with the Rev. Dr. John Philip Newell



For many years now the Celtic poet, peacemaker, and scholar, John Philip Newell, has been teaching the sacredness of being, the of-Godness that is at the heart of our lives and all life. In our event "The Rebirthing of God" he will ask what it would look like if these true depths were to come forth again in radically new ways. And he will challenge us to ask what Christianity's blessing for the world could be if there were to be fresh birth from deep within. Through presentations, meditation, conversation, and sharing we will explore the major features of this birthing, especially coming back into relationship with the Earth as sacred, reverencing the Wisdom of other religious traditions, and living the way of Nonviolence and Compassion. Do we wish to be part of this new holy birth?

**Friday, Nov. 3 - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.**

"The Rebirthing of God," Lecture,  
Conversation and Reception

**Saturday, Nov. 4 - 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon**

Celtic Christian Retreat, Presentation and  
Guided Meditation

**Sunday, Nov. 5 - 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.**

Preaching in Worship; teaching  
between services 10:10 a.m.

**All events are free of charge.**

*For the guided meditation on Saturday,  
please register by calling the church:  
313.882.5330 or email:  
[dhartzell@gpmchurch.org](mailto:dhartzell@gpmchurch.org)*



The Rev. Dr. John Philip Newell, the celebrated author of *Listening for the Heartbeat of God: A Celtic Spirituality*, is one of the most prominent Christian teachers of spirituality in the Western world. Formerly Warden of Iona Abbey in the Western Isles of Scotland, he now divides his time between Edinburgh, where he does most of his writing, and travelling and teaching internationally. He is the co-founder of Heartbeat: A Journey Towards Earth's Wellbeing ([www.heartbeat-journey.org](http://www.heartbeat-journey.org)) a scholarship-awarding foundation committed to enabling the articulation of earth-honouring spirituality, the pursuit of interfaith relationship, and the practice of contemplation and action. The Revd Newell is an ordained Church of Scotland minister with a passion for peace among the great wisdom traditions of humanity.

## THIS WEEK AT MEMORIAL

Monday, Oct. 23: Preacher's Workshop 10 - 11 a.m.  
Bell Choir 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.  
Boy Scouts 7 - 8 p.m.  
Session Meeting 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 24: Women's Bible Study 7 - 8 a.m.  
Wonder Group 9 - 10:30 a.m.  
Yoga 10 - 11 a.m.  
Knitting and Sewing 10:30 a.m - 2 p.m.  
LOGOS 4 - 6:30 p.m.  
LIFE/TUXIS 6 - 8 p.m.  
50+ Group 7 - 8:30 p.m.  
Alanon 7:30 - 9 p.m.  
A.A. 8 - 9 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 25: Men's Bible Study 7 - 8 a.m.  
Scripture & Conversation for Women 10:30 a.m.  
Investment Committee Mtg. 4 - 5 p.m.  
The Novel as Theology 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 26: Yoga 10 - 11 a.m. a.m.  
Adult Choir 7:15 - 9:15 p.m.  
Young Adult Fellowship 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 27: Men's Breakfast 7:45 - 9 a.m.  
Alanon 7:30 - 9 p.m.  
A.A. 8 - 9 pm.

Sunday, Oct. 29: Worship 9 a.m., 11a.m. and 5 p.m.  
Reformation 500 10 - 11 a.m.  
Sunday School 10 - 11 a.m.  
3rd Grade Bible Class 10 - 11 a.m.  
Seekers Classes 10 - 11 a.m.  
New Members Class 10:10 - 11 a.m.  
Digging Deeper 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.  
Bible 101 6 - 7 p.m.



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### **Office Hours**

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