

GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH

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"A light by the lakeshore"

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 5, 2012

Order of Service for the Worship of God

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Go placidly amidst the noise and haste and remember what peace there is in silence.
Parts in **bold** are to be said in unison.

PRELUDE — The Woman at the Well

James Biery

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to the worship of God. Sometimes we want to be here. **Sometimes we struggle to get to church.** Some Sundays we have reasons to be here. **Other Sundays we're not sure why we have come.** We know some of the people sitting near us. **There are other people we have not met, not yet.** No matter why we are here or how we are feeling, God always welcomes us. **God is always present. Let us worship God.**

*HYMN 446 — Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Tune: *Austrian Hymn*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

Dear God, Jesus talked to strangers and loved people who were different from him. Even when others wanted to stay away from them, Jesus came closer. We don't always do that. We see lots of reasons not to talk to other people, not to play with them, and not to love them. Help us to do better. Teach us to be more like Jesus.

**congregation standing as able*

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

It's true: we don't always reach out to others. But it's true: God always reaches out to us. Before we even knew it, God forgave us. **Thanks be to God.**

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE — All Creatures of Our God and King**

Tune: Lasst uns erfreuen

All creatures, your Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness. O sing ye! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

If God has forgiven us, then we can forgive one another. We can be at peace. The peace of Jesus be with you. **And also with you.**

HANDBELL ANTHEM — I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

The Memorial Ringers

LET THE CHILDREN COME — (9:00 a.m. Children age 3 – 2nd grade)

Where Children Belong

James Ritchie

As the children come forward please sing:

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.

Children will depart for the "Young Children and Worship" Worship Center (Rooms 200/215) after the children's sermon. At 10:10 a.m., our Sunday school teachers come to the Worship Center and take the children up to the 3rd floor to their Sunday school classes.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Help us, O God, to hear better. After hearing, help us to understand. Once we understand, help us to believe. And after we believe, help us live better. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING — Isaiah 40: 25–31 (O.T. p.628)

After each reading: The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT READING — John 4: 1–30, 39–42 (N.T. p.89)

SERMON — Talking About Tebow The Rev. Peter J.M. Henry

COMMISSIONING OF HONDURAS MISSION TEAM

Sue Acton, Patty Bekowies, Alison Cory, Holly Cory, Beth and Chris Dionne, Jim and Mary Garlough, Peter Henry, Jim Hooper, Mickey and Kathy Kurap, Penny Pitts, Karol Swenson, Dave Tucker and Lynnette Wilson.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING AND ANTHEM — Sicut cervus

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

As the hart yearns for the water springs: so longs my soul for thee, O God.

The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Choir

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

It is our custom at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church to hold the bread and juice when we receive them and wait for everyone to be served. We then eat the bread or drink the juice together when given a cue by a worship leader. For worshipers who are gluten-intolerant, there is gluten-free bread available for communion at the Lakeshore Drive (Narthex) entrance to the church. If you cannot locate it, please ask an usher for assistance. We give thanks that through such means we can all partake of the Lord's supper.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord

our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** It is truly right...who forever sing to the glory of your name.

THE SANCTUS 568 – Holy, Holy, Holy Lord John Weaver
Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might, heaven and
earth are full of your glory. **Hosanna in the highest. Blessed,**
blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna
in the highest.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HANDBELL ANTHEM – O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee
arr. Douglas E. Wagner
The Memorial Ringers

CHORAL ANTHEM – Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor
G. F. Handel
Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, thou, my friend most
tender, Jesus, joy of my desiring, fount of life, my soul inspiring,
at thy feet I cry, my maker, let me be a fit partaker of this blessed
food from heaven, for our good, thy glory, given.
The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Choir

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 324** – Open My Eyes, that I May See Tune: *Open My Eyes*

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL AMEN**

***POSTLUDE** – Fugue in C minor G. F. Handel

Welcome to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, a member congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We give thanks to God that you joined us today and we pray that 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. We are a Stephen Ministry congregation. Visitor packets are available at the Lakeshore

Drive and Lakeside entrances. For more about our active congregation, visit www.gpmchurch.org. For more about our denomination, please visit www.pcusa.org. Please join us for conversation and fairly traded organically shade grown coffee down in Fellowship Hall following the worship service.

New Member Classes: If you are interested in joining GPMC or learning more about our community of faith, call New Member class leader Tamara Gilbert (313-884-5207) or gilby21471@aol.com. with questions.

ABOUT WORSHIP AT GPMC

Children are always welcome in worship at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. An infant and toddler room (Room 101) is available during the services should you prefer to leave your child with our wonderful caregivers. Please do not let wiggles and whispers by your children worry you; we trust you will know when your child might need to be excused. Feel free to use the glider rocker located underneath the back 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.

Listening Assisted Devices are available. If you would like one, please contact the usher located near the pulpit entrance.

“Young Children and Worship” is a program for children age 3 through 2nd grade during our 9 a.m. worship service. Following the children’s sermon, the children are escorted by volunteers to their own Worship Center (Room 200/215) to experience God’s Word through storytelling, prayer, art and music.

Please print your name and address in the fellowship pads. If you prefer to receive your communication from the church electronically, please make a note on the form in the fellowship pads. **Please list your email address** if you would like to receive our weekly email. For time-sensitive updates, subscribe to our Twitter feed: GPMCNews.

Cassette tapes and CDs of our worship services are available the week following the service. Please request copies at the reception desk. You may also watch taped sermons of every Sunday at www.gpmchurch.org or download audio from files through iTunes or the website.

Leading and Assisting in Worship Today: The Rev. Peter J.M. Henry, The Rev. Matt Parker Wrzeszcz, and our third grade Sunday school

students: Lizzy Bellovich, Abby Blyth, Shane Fitzpatrick, Atticus Henry, Haven Henry, Bobby Kelly, Jack Potter, Douglas Tengler.

If you are interested in providing flowers for the sanctuary on Sunday mornings in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please contact Sue Acton at (313) 882-5330 x138 or sacton@gpmchurch.org.

Reflections on Stewardship: Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.- *Matthew 5:16b NRSV*

Today's music: "The Woman at the Well" (the organ prelude) is one of "Three Gospel Scenes" published in 1995. Each piece is a musical interpretation of a New Testament (Gospel) story; this one describes the story we hear today about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. A modal and somewhat aimless tune represents the Samaritan woman. When Jesus first speaks to her (depicted by the hymn melody "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"), she does not comprehend his words. Little by little, as her understanding deepens, the hymn-tune begins to merge with the modal theme, until by the end of the piece they are intertwined.

The choir sings a sublime motet by the Italian renaissance composer Palestrina (1526-1594). The latter part of his life was occupied with revising the music in the official liturgical books to accord with the changes made by the Council of Trent, which was a response by the Roman church to the Protestant reformation movement. The goal was to purge the music of "barbarisms, obscurities, contrarities, and superfluties." For this work, Palestrina became known as the "Savior of Church Music."

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What's Happening Today, February 5

Insights 10:10 a.m. - Barbour Chapel

Seekers mentors training 10:10 a.m. - Room 209

Sunday School for children & youth - third floor at 10:10 a.m.

3 year olds-Room 301

Grade 3-Room 313

4 year olds-Room 302

Grades 4 & 5-Room 320/321

Kindergarten-Room 307

Grades 6, 7, 8-Room 322

Grade 1-Room 309

High School-Room 315

Grade 2-Room 310

LOOKING AHEAD

- February 12 Worship 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Youth Sunday
Education for all ages 10:10 a.m.
- February 19 Worship 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Education for all ages, 10:10 a.m.
- February 22 Ash Wednesday Services
7:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
Communion at all services
Hymns at 12:15, choir at 7:30 p.m.

LIFE AT MEMORIAL

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Elementary LOGOS is our Tuesday afternoon (4:30–7 p.m. for grades 1–5 and 5:30–7 p.m. for Kindergarten) program for elementary age children. It includes Bible study, music, recreation and dinner. **This Tuesday, February 7 (B) Team Night – Favorite team gear.**

LIFE and TUXIS – Middle school (LIFE) and senior high (TUXIS) meet on Tuesdays at the church. The youth lounge opens at 6 p.m. for anyone who would like dinner or needs a place to do homework. Regular meetings begin at 7 p.m. Our next regular meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 7**. This Tuesday we will run through the upcoming Youth Sunday worship service. Questions? pastormatt@gpmchurch.org.

Attention all families! – It is the New Year! If you have not signed your Power of Attorney (POA) for your child or youth, please stop by the Christian Education office today or sometime this week. These forms are only valid for a six month period, so we need you to sign the forms as we move into 2012.

Senior High Mission Trip: Joplin 2012 – Registration for the senior high mission trip to Joplin, Missouri will close February 16. If you are interested in being part of the trip, but have not registered, please return your completed registration form and deposit to the CE office. Questions? pastormatt@gpmchurch.org.

“Mornings at Memorial,” our Parents’ Day Out Childcare Program. We are open for the business of welcoming young children ages 18 months–preschool. Parents may register and send children 1–3

days per week, M-F, 9-noon. Forms are available in the Christian Education office and on the church website www.gpmchurch.org. Contact Nancy Schulte, with questions: nschulte@gpmchurch.org.

Theology and Film - Our next film will be Whale Rider, the story of a young girl who recognizes her call to be a leader within her small Maori village (even though her grandfather refuses to recognize her call). Our discussion will focus on our own sense of call. Reading material for this session is available at the front entranceway. Join us in the Theatre Room (room 327) on Monday, February 6 at 7 p.m. for a great movie, discussion and popcorn.

ALPHA: Explore life's meaning during Lent and Easter - Have you ever wished or prayed for a safe, supportive and non-judgmental place to find answers to the questions we've all asked ourselves, such as: Is there a God? Isn't there more to life than this? What happens when I die? If so, then our Alpha course is the place for you. Whether a non-believer or a believer seeking to rekindle your relationship with God, Alpha is for anyone who thinks there just might be more to life that meets the eye. **Please join us on February 7, from 6-8:30 p.m., for an introductory dinner, video presentation and conversation.** The course will then continue for 10 more Tuesday evening sessions (dinner followed by a video and discussion), and one all-day Saturday retreat (March 31). The Tuesday sessions are on the following dates: February 7 (as noted above) and February 28; March 6, 13, 20, and 27; April 3, 17, and 24; May 1 and 8. Please call the Christian Education office to make a reservation for the dinner on February 7, if you plan to attend. Questions? Doug Farber (313-399-5864) and/or Lynn Wood (313-882-4220).

Souper Bowl of Caring MMXII - Canned food donations are being gathered on the third floor for the Souper Bowl of Caring. The field is set and you are the players! Help tackle hunger this season by sharing your bounty with others. Donations will be brought to area food pantries. Donations will be gathered from now until February 5 (supposedly there is another type of Super Bowl that Sunday)!

Alma Youth Mix 2012: Senior high youth are invited to have a blast on the campus of Alma college the weekend of March 9-11. Games, food, worship and discussions will be part of the fun that weekend. Youth will gather from throughout the state of Michigan for this Presbyterian event. Registration information is available in the Christian Education office and at www.almayouthmix.com. Please see Pastor Matt if you plan to go.

FELLOWSHIP

O.W.L.S. (Older, Wiser, Learning Still) will meet on Thursday, February 9, in Room 209. Pilgrimages were an important activity in the Christianity of the Middle Ages. One of the primary destinations was Santiago de Compostela, Spain, where between the years 1000 and 1550 AD, hundreds of thousands of pilgrims traveled to visit the bones of St James. Our own **Lee Sanborn** has walked this pilgrimage over the past four years. He will discuss the history of the trail and its pilgrims, and his experiences on it. If your last name begins with A-I, please bring a salad or vegetable (hot or cold); J-R, please bring a casserole, sandwiches or soup; S-Z, please bring a dessert, fruit or cheese-n-crackers. Please call the church to RSVP (313) 882-5330.

MUSIC

Our soprano soloist and choir section leader, Carol Ambrogio Wood, will be performing a recital in our church sanctuary on Friday evening, February 24, at 7:00 pm. Make plans to come hear and support this amazing talent! Admission is free.

PARISH LIFE

The Varsity Letter - Parish Life is thinking about our **college students** (near and far) and would like to send them a mid-winter note. Parents, if you would like to update your students' address from the fall or add an address, please contact Diane Dixon (417-1343) or Beverly Butler (550-6448).

OUTREACH

The February Hunger Offering will go to the Lighthouse Outreach Center of Macomb County. Lighthouse distributes food to low-income people, including young mothers who need proper nutrition for their babies, and senior citizens who go without food to buy medication, or to pay utilities. Over the past 27 years Lighthouse has assisted thousands of Macomb County residents with food, clothing and emergency shelter referrals. The Lighthouse serves 6,000 individuals each month, and goes through about three semi trucks of food per month. Please contribute using the blue envelopes in the pew racks. The Outreach Council will match donations up to a total of \$2,000.

WOW! This church is SO generous! That's the word from the Honduran group that tried hard to fit all your donations into our 12 large suitcases this week. We packed nearly 600 pounds of your

donations: a huge pile of medical and hygiene supplies, a mound of school supplies, a big stack of Spanish books for kids (including the Counting Books made by our kids for their kids), swings, clothes, sewing material, and hundreds of flip flops. We even packed an ark.....with puppet animals! Because of some travel limits, we couldn't pack it all. So local charities will benefit in the near future from your generosity too. **Thank you for overwhelming support!**

AND MORE...

Foster Care - The next meeting of the Eastside Faith Communities Coalition of Foster Care will be on February 16 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms. Michigan State University's Joanne Riebschleger, Ph.D, LMSW will share highlights of the MSU summer Camp for Aging Out Youth and Vicky Thompson Sandy of Lutheran Social Services will describe the benefits siblings experience when they can go to camp together. For more information please contact Pastor Matt.

PRAYING FOR OTHERS

Today, February 5, we begin a new prayer list in our bulletin. If you would like a name added or know of someone in the hospital, please contact Carol Marks at 882-5330 x127 or cmarks@gpmchurch.org.

RECENT PRAYER REQUESTS: Najib Abdullah (friend of Steve Burrows), Pat Brown, Stephen Gilbert, Henry Kuhlman, Elaine Lynch, Gene Mezger, Marion Muller (Joann Muller's mother), Marianne Pear, Joe Reed, Garry Smith, Lydia Taylor, Jane Warren.

ON-GOING PRAYERS: Jennifer Blood (Kay Felt's friend), Nene O'Connor (friend of Pam Radlick).

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN THE MIDDLE EAST: U.S. Air Force, Iraq; Marine Corps PFC Matthew Frahm (nephew of Russ & Beth Frahm); Army Ranger Jamie Fountain (Marilyn Whims' grandson); Sgt. Thomas Lerchenfelt, Jr., (son of Kay Felt's friend), Iraq; Richmond McCloud, Afghanistan; Mary Mikhael (Near East School of Theology); Joseph Piersante; LT Edward Scott Poitevent, US Navy, Afghanistan (friend of Debbie and Jack Liang); Aroosha Rana and Saad Bokhari (friends of Kate Rebholz and Kay Felt) U.S. Embassy in Pakistan; Kandahar, Afghanistan.

THIS WEEK AT MEMORIAL

February 5 – February 11, 2012

Today Detroit Symphony Orchestra Concert – 3 p.m. Sanctuary

Mon. Theology and Film 7 p.m.

Tues. Wonder Group 9 a.m.

Senior Yoga 10 a.m.

Sewing Group 10 a.m.

Elementary LOGOS 4:30 p.m.

Kindergarten LOGOS 5:30 p.m.

ALPHA Bible Study Intro & Dinner 6 p.m.

Youth Lounge Open 6 p.m.

LIFE/TUXIS 7 p.m.

Alanon 7:30 p.m./AA 8 p.m.

Wed. Running Group 6 a.m.

Men's Bible Study 7 a.m.

Eastside Take Control 8:15 a.m.

ETC "Digging Deeper" (offsite) 9:30 a.m.

Logos Committee 12 noon

Faith & Literature – Short Stories 7:15 p.m.

Thurs. Senior Yoga 10 a.m.

O.W.L.S. 12 noon

Memorial Ringers 6 p.m.

Memorial Choir 7:15 p.m.

Fri. Men's Breakfast 7:15 a.m.

Sat. Honduran Mission trip



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