

**Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

**New Testament Scripture . .** Matthew 19:1-12  
Bill Urick

**Pastoral Prayer for the People** Rev. David Rodriguez

**Scripture Reading . . . . .** Rev. David Rodriguez  
Acts 8:26-40

**Sermon . . . . .** Rev. David Rodriguez  
“*Reaching Out To The Unlikely*”

**Affirmation of Faith**

*Apostles’ Creed*

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Offering**

**Doxology**

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.

**Hymn of Preparation #323** *Let Us Break Bread Together*

**Sacrament of Holy Communion** Rev. David Rodriguez  
*\*All communion elements are gluten free.\**

**Hymn of Dedication #575 . .** *Eternal Father, Strong To Save*

**Pastoral Charge . . . . .** Rev. David Rodriguez

**Congregational Benediction** Numbers 6:24–26  
May the Lord bless you and keep you. May He cause His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. May He lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace. (And all God’s people said...) Amen.

**Postlude . . . . .** Jenny-Marie Carson

**Welcome** The members of Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church hope you’ll find encouragement in this morning’s worship and that you’ll discover us to be a warm and friendly group of Christ’s followers.

Childcare is available for children ages 0-2 in the Nursery outside by the side ramp entrance. A Nursing Room is also available through the front door of the Kirk Cottage, at the base of the ramp entrance.

Women’s restrooms can be found just through the door to the left of the stage. Men’s restrooms are located outside behind the Parish Hall near the playground.

**Mingle with Coffee Connection**  
10:00–10:30am, every Sunday  
Kirk Cottage Courtyard

We offer members, guests, and visitors—including kids—attending both morning worship services the opportunity to mingle in a relaxed environment, sip freshly brewed coffee, and connect with friends or meet new ones.

Presbyterian lay leadership includes both deacons and elders. Below is a listing of our currently active lay leaders.

<b>Our Board of</b>	<b>2021-2024</b> Andi Baker Donna Dameron Dana Wilcox Mary Jane Wilfong	<b>2022-2025</b> Mike Dykstra Rodrigo Fernandez Andy Koczon	<b>2023-2026</b> Marty Almquist Matt Heidt Jane Reavie
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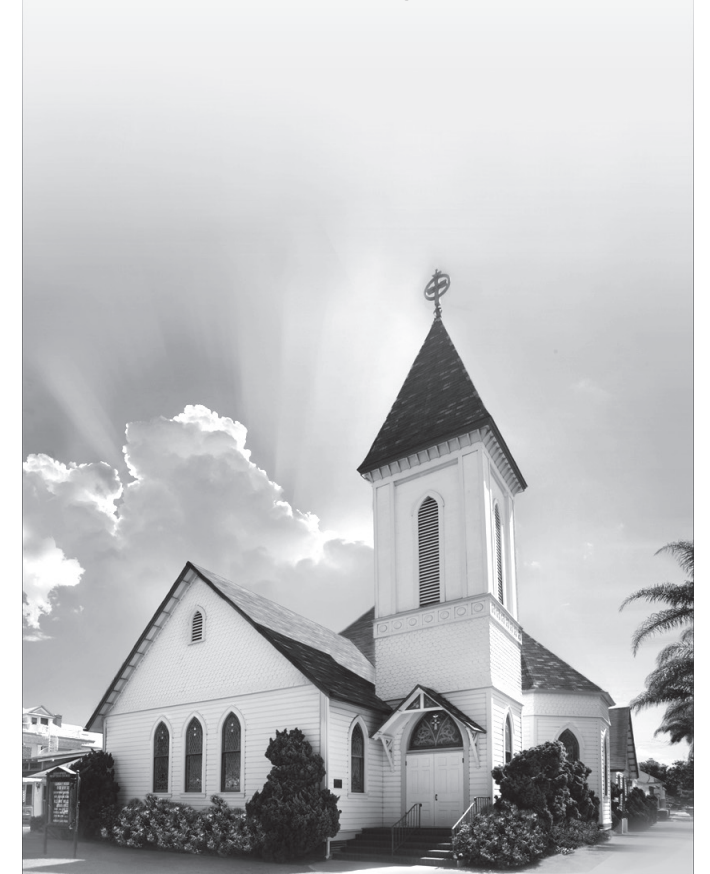
<b>Our Ruling Elders</b>	<b>2021-2024</b> Debbie Bell-Smith Thomas Campbell Jay Chesnut Ken Ireland Ward Wilson	<b>2022-2025</b> Richard Dukes Don Steuer Art Wilcox	<b>2023-2026</b> Russ Allen Monica Piepenkotter Doug Reavie Dan Swanson
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<b>Our Staff</b>	David Rodriguez . . . . .	Interim Pastor
	Tim Grebe . . . . .	Interim Dir of Music Ministries
	Rebecca Smith . . . . .	Director of Family Ministries
	Megan Smith . . . . .	Dir of Youth/Young Adult Min
	Sarah Murphy . . . . .	Children’s Min Program Manager
	Jessica DiGrazia & Jennifer Nesbitt . . . . .	Preschool Co-Directors
	Rachael Tisdale . . . . .	Business Administrator
	Michelle Melton . . . . .	Communication Coordinator
	Erica Gapp . . . . .	Bookkeeper
	Annetta Townsend . . . . .	Accountant
	Anna Chesnut . . . . .	Children’s Ministries Intern
	Mark Steuer . . . . .	General Maintenance
	Silas Baller, June Grato, Jack Letcher . . . . .	Sound Technicians



**9:00am Worship . Sunday, September 10, 2023**

**The Reverend David Rodriguez, Interim Pastor**



*We Remember 9/11*

**To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known**

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**Worship Service** Sunday, September 10, 2023

**Pulpit Floral Donor** . . . . . DeEtte and Steve Loeffler  
In memory of all who were lost 22 years ago on 9/11 and for the brave responders who answered the call.

**Lay Reader** . . . . . Bill Urick

**Interim Dir. of Music Ministries** Tim Grebe

**Organist** . . . . . Jenny-Marie Carson

**Prelude** . . . . . Jenny-Marie Carson

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Time of Meditation**

**Call to Worship** . . . . . Psalm 105:1-3  
**Leader:** Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.  
**People:** Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.  
**All:** Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Hymn of Praise #573** . . . . . **God Of Our Fathers**

**Invocation** . . . . . Rev. David Rodriguez

**The Lord's Prayer #426**

**Special Music.** . . . . . Jenny-Marie Carson and Bill Urick  
**"Morning Has Broken"**

**Prayer of Confession** . . . . . Bill Urick  
God our Father: you led us to this land, and, out of conflict, created in us a love of peace and liberty. We have failed you by neglecting rights and restricting freedoms. Forgive pride that overlooks national wrong, or justifies injustice. Forgive divisions caused by prejudice or greed. Have mercy, God, on the heart of this land. Make us compassionate, fair, and helpful to each other. Raise up in us a right patriotism, that sees and seeks this nation's good; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** . . . . . Rev. David Rodriguez  
"Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea." Micah 7:18-19 (And all God's people said. . .) Amen.

**New Opportunities to Connect, Grow, Equip, Serve & Invite Others**

**Mo September 11 Ladies' Bible Study**  
Ladies' Bible study will kick-off on Monday, September 11! We are studying "Abide" - an in-depth Study of 1, 2 & 3 John by author Jen Wilkin. We will meet once every three weeks on select Mondays for ten sessions in the Parish Hall at 9:30-11:30am *or* 6:00-8:00pm (choose the time of day best for you) facilitated by Lauren Antonucci (mornings) and Monica Piepenkotter (evenings). Light refreshments served. Register and purchase books in between services on Sunday, Sept. 3rd & Sept. 10th. We hope to provide paid childcare for Monday mornings. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us! For more information, contact the church office at 619-435-6860 or info@gmpc.org.

**Tu September 12 Stand to Reason**  
**Stand to Reason** trains Christians to think more clearly about their faith and to make an even-handed, incisive, yet gracious defense for the classic Christian Worldview and classical Christian values in the public square as ambassadors for Christ. Video/discussion courses are being resumed with Greg Koukl's best-selling book Tactics! Join us in the Parish Hall on Tuesday nights beginning September 12th from 7:00-8:00pm. No prework required! **The first 20 attending will get a copy of Greg's new book Street Smarts, which will also be published on September 12th!**

**We Sept 13 Awana**  
We welcome new and returning children, ages preschool through 12th Grade, for games, Bible studies, memory verses, and lots of fun! We meet on Wednesdays, throughout the school year, starting on September 13th in the CE Building from 6-7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Marcelle Egley Sparks at 619-981-6866 or marcelle@gmpc.org.

**Director of Music Ministries**  
Love music? Interested in being a part of the GMPC Program Staff? If so, the Director of Music Ministries position just might be the answer to your prayers, and ours! To apply, please submit a Statement of Christian Faith, Introductory letter, and a Resume with references, to dmm@gmpc.org. A full job description is available online at www.gmpc.org/jobs.

**Pulpit Flowers Needed**  
Do you know what happens to pulpit flowers after Sunday services? One beautiful arrangement becomes five smaller arrangements and are then hand delivered throughout our community to those in need of some extra cheer. If you are looking for an effortless way to serve the church, a unique way to honor a loved one, or a meaningful way to celebrate someone, please contact Rachael Tisdale at Rachael@gmpc.org.

**2023 Mission Study Survey**  
We want to hear from you! Please take a moment to complete the 2023 Mission Study Survey. The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete and will help us to know how we are doing with assisting you in knowing Christ and making Christ known. A paper copy of the survey is available for pick up in the Narthex during Sunday services or by visiting our church office during regular business hours. For more information, please contact our church office at info@gmpc.org.

**Need Prayer?**  
**To leave prayer requests for our congregation's Prayer team, please email them to prayer@gmpc.org, speak to any of our deacons, or write on this bulletin and place it in the offering plate.**

**What's Happening at GMPC This Week?**  
You can also check the church calendar at [www.gmpc.org/calendar](http://www.gmpc.org/calendar) for an up-to-date listing of all our mid-week meetings. If you have any questions, please contact our church office at (619) 435-6860.

**Su** 9:00 a.m. - Nursery (ages 0-2)  
9:00 a.m. - Children's Sunday School (ages 2-11)  
9:00 a.m. - Youth Sunday School (grades 6-12)  
10:30 a.m. - Nursery (ages 0-3)

**Mo** 6:30 a.m. - Monday Morning Men's Group  
9:30 a.m. - Ladies' Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. - Ladies' Bible Study

**Tu** 3:30 p.m. - Best PCS Ever! Food & Diaper Distribution  
5:00 p.m. - Big-5  
7:00 p.m. - Crosswalk  
7:00 p.m. - Stand to Reason  
7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

**We** 6:00 p.m. - Awana

**Sa** 7:00 a.m. - Men's Fellowship Study

**Weekly Memory Verse:**  
"Jesus said to his disciples: "Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. So watch yourselves." Luke 17:1-3