

New Testament Scripture . . John 1: 29-42
Mary Jane Clements

Pastoral Prayer for the People Rev. David Rodriguez

Scripture Reading Rev. David Rodriguez
Acts 9:26-31

Sermon Rev. David Rodriguez
"We All Need Encouragement"

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 #283 *We Are God's People*

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

Hymn of Dedication #579 . . *Jesus Loves Me*

Pastoral Charge Rev. David Rodriguez

Choral Benediction *We Gather Together*

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 Gigue in G major
by Handbel

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.

Our Board of Deacons	2021-2024 Andi Baker Donna Dameron Dana Wilcox Mary Jane Wilfong	2022-2025 Mike Dykstra Rodrigo Fernandez Andy Koczon	2023-2026 Marty Almquist Matt Heidt Jane Reavie
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Our Ruling Elders	2021-2024 Debbie Bell-Smith Thomas Campbell Jay Chesnut Ken Ireland Ward Wilson	2022-2025 Richard Dukes Don Steuer Art Wilcox	2023-2026 Russ Allen Monica Piepenkottter Doug Reavie Dan Swanson
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Our Staff

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
June Grato & Jack Letcher	Sound Technicians

9:00am Worship - Sunday, October 1, 2023

The Reverend David Rodriguez, Interim Pastor



To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known

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Worship Service Sunday, October 1, 2023

Pulpit Floral Donor Mary Jane Clements
The Milligan Family in loving memory of our parents, Don and Pat Milligan.

Lay Reader Mary Jane Clements

Interim Dir. of Music Ministries Tim Grebe

Organist Bill Urick

Prelude Lamb of God
arr. Hayes

Welcome & Announcements

Time of Meditation

Call to Worship Psalm 95:1-3

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

All: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

Hymn of Praise #1. *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore The*

Invocation Rev. David Rodriguez

The Lord's Prayer #426

Anthem *Dona nobis pacem*
translation: *Grant us peace*

Prayer of Confession Mary Jane Clements
Almighty God: from the ends of the earth you have gathered us around Christ's holy table. Forgive our separate ways. Forgive everything that keeps us apart; the prides that prevent our proper reunion. O God, have mercy on your church, troubled and divided. Renew in us true unity of purpose; that we may break bread together, and, with one voice, praise Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Rev. David Rodriguez
"Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool" Isaiah 1:18 (And all God's people said...) Amen.

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

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation to be held on Oct. 8, 2023, at 10:30AM in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to fill vacancies on the Session and the Board of Deacons.

10:30? Scratch that. 10:45!

Beginning October 8th, 2023, the time of the second service will change from 10:30AM to **10:45AM**. This will allow for extra fellowship time during Coffee Connection, as well as transition time for those who help facilitate Sunday services.

Take Them a Meal

The Murray family would greatly appreciate your support as Theresa undergoes cancer treatment. For more information on how you can help provide a meal or two, please contact Rebecca Smith at rebecca@gmpc.org or (619) 435-6860.

Open House in the Manse

Pastor David and Cathy would like to invite you to the Kirk House for an *Open House in the Manse* on Sunday, October 8, 2023, from 1:00PM-4:00PM. We welcome you to come see the manse and to enjoy some refreshments while spending time with friends.

Graham J.A.M.

Graham J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) will be starting Oct. 15th during second service for children in grades K-5th. It's a great way for children to learn more about God in an engaging and age-appropriate way. Children will attend the worship portion of the second service with their families and then be dismissed to the program. Parents will pick up their children after service in the CE building. Please Note: children are always welcome in the sanctuary, Graham J.A.M. is an added, optional program.

Fall Festival: Light the Night!

Save the date: Tuesday, October 31st from 5-7PM, GMPC Playground & Parish Hall. We are currently accepting candy donations for our annual Fall Festival: Light the Night! All candy donations can be dropped off Sunday morning in the narthex from now until Sunday, Oct. 29th. Please note, candy must be individually wrapped, and store bought (please, no hard and/or stick candy). For more information about donations, contact Rebecca Smith at rebecca@gmpc.org.

Ministry Opportunities

Looking for a ministry opportunity here at GMPC but not sure where to start or what to do? How about signing up to provide dinner for our Youth Ministries Middle School group that meets on Tuesdays? Free on Wednesday evenings? There's plenty of room for "helpers" on the Awana team. If you're handy, how about lending a hand in setting up a GMPC event? Or maybe spend time assisting with the littles in our Nursery on Monday or Sunday mornings? The ministry opportunities are endless. **For more information on how you can get involved contact:**

Awana at marcelle@gmpc.org

Family Ministries at rebecca@gmpc.org

Youth Ministries at megan@gmpc.org

2023 Mission Study Survey

If you haven't done so already, 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. To access the survey, please visit www.gmpc.org and click the "Survey" link in the middle of the Home page. 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 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)
10:10 a.m. - 10 Minutes of Prayer - Parish Hall
10:30 a.m. - Nursery (ages 0-3)

Mo 6:30 a.m. - Monday Morning Men's Group
9:30 a.m. - ABIDE Women's Bible Study - Parish Hall
6:00 p.m. - ABIDE Women's Bible Study - Parish Hall
6:30 p.m. - Born 2B Bold - Kirk House Parlor

Tu 5:00 p.m. - Big-5
7:00 p.m. - Crosswalk
7:00 p.m. - Stand to Reason

We 5:00 p.m. - Youth Band
6:00 p.m. - Awana

Th 7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

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

Weekly Memory Verse:

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11