

**New Testament Scripture . .** John 1:19-34  
Jon Mosier

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

**Hymn of Preparation #259** *Breath On Me Breath Of God*

**Scripture Reading . . . . .** Rev. David Rodriguez  
Acts 11:1-18

**Sermon . . . . .** Rev. David Rodriguez  
*“How To Stay Out Of God’s Way”*

**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.

**Ordination of Tom Mitchell to office of Ruling Elder and installation to the Session.**

**Installation of Holly Swanson to the Board of Deacons.**

**Installation of Anna Paul to the Board of Deacons.**

**Hymn of Dedication #390 . .** *May The Mind of Christ, My Savior*

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

**Choral Benediction . . . . .** *Grace, Love and Fellowship*  
by Fetke

**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 . . . . .** Fugue in C minor by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**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**  
10:00–10:45 a.m. - 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.

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| <b>Our Board of Deacons</b> | <b>2021-2024</b>  | <b>2022-2025</b>  | <b>2023-2026</b> |
|                             | Andi Baker        | Mike Dykstra      | Marty Almquist   |
|                             | Donna Dameron     | Rodrigo Fernandez | Matt Heidt       |
|                             | Dana Wilcox       | Andy Koczon       | Anna Paul        |
|                             | Mary Jane Wilfong |                   | Jane Reavie      |
|                             |                   |                   | Holly Swanson    |

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| <b>Our Ruling Elders</b> | <b>2021-2024</b>  | <b>2022-2025</b> | <b>2023-2026</b>    |
|                          | Debbie Bell-Smith | Richard Dukes    | Russ Allen          |
|                          | Thomas Campbell   | Don Steuer       | Tom Mitchell        |
|                          | Jay Chesnut       | Art Wilcox       | Monica Piepenkotter |
|                          | Ken Ireland       |                  | Doug Reavie         |
|                          | Ward Wilson       |                  | Dan Swanson         |

**Our Staff**

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|---|---------------------------------|
| 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 29, 2023**

**The Reverend David Rodriguez, Interim Pastor**



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

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**Worship Service** Sunday, October 29, 2023

**Pulpit Floral Donor** . . . . . Anna Paul  
Thank you Deacons and Elders.  
**Lay Reader** . . . . . Jon Mosier  
**Interim Dir. of Music Ministries** Tim Grebe  
**Organist** . . . . . Jenny-Marie Carson

**Prelude** . . . . . Prelude in C minor by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Minute for Missions.** . . . . . Isnag Bible Celebration

**Time of Meditation**

**Call to Worship** . . . . . Lamentations 3:22-23

**Leader:** Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

**People:** They are new every morning.

**All:** Great is your faithfulness.

**Hymn of Praise # 43** . . . . . **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

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

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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.

**Anthem** . . . . . **Better is One Day**

by Matt Redman  
arr. Michael Lawrence

**Prayer of Confession** . . . . . Jon Mosier

Holy God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: your mercy is more than our minds can measure; your love outlasts our sin. Forgive our guilt and fear and angers. We pass by neighbors in distress, and are cruel to needy men. We are quick to blame others, slow making up, and our resentments fester. Have mercy on us, God, have mercy on us, who blindly live our lives for we do not know what we are doing. Destroy sin and sick pride, and renew us by the love of Christ, who was crucified, and died for us. Amen

**Assurance of Pardon** . . . . . Rev. David Rodriguez

“For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.” Psalm 103:11-12 (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**

**Take Them a Meal**

We have set up a meal train for Cindy Albert, who underwent surgery and could use a meal or two while resting and recovering. For more information on how you can help, please contact Mary Jane Wilfong at mjwilfong@mac.com or Jane Reavie at janereavie@gmail.com.

**Thanksgiving Boxes!**

GMPC is partnering with the Best PCS Ever! to give enlisted military families a *Thanksgiving Meal in a Box*. With your financial support, each box will include gospel focused materials, the makings for Thanksgiving dinner, along with a gift card for a turkey (or protein choice) for the meal. Look for the “Thanksgiving Boxes” table between services, today, Sunday, October 29, 2023, to donate! Please contact Megan Smith at megan@gmpc.org for more information. Thank you in advance for your financial donation - we are truly grateful!

**Shine the Light!**

Join us in the Sanctuary on **Sunday, October 29th at 6:00PM** for our “Shine the Light: Prayer and Worship Night.”

**Fall Festival: Light the Night!**

Join us on **Tuesday, October 31st from 5-7PM, GMPC Playground & Parish Hall**. We are currently accepting donations for our annual Fall Festival: Light the Night! Donations of pretzels, popcorn, or fruit snacks for this event, can be dropped off un the church office. Please note, all donated items must be individually wrapped, and store bought. For more information or to sign up to be a “helper” the night of the event, please contact Rebecca Smith at rebecca@gmpc.org.

**Food Drive!**

Attending Fall Festival: Light the Night? Bring unexpired, non-perishable food items such as pasta, canned veggies or fruit, cereals, rice, etc. to replenish the Best PCS Ever! food pantry. *Designated drop off spots will be available throughout the Parish Hall from now through October 31st.*

**Kirkin’ of the Tartan**

The Deacons would like for you to Celebrate and Worship with us on **Sunday, November 5, 2023, for Scottish Heritage Sunday!** Enjoy the delightful sounds of a bagpiper, try some Scottish Heritage foods during Coffee Connection, and *don’t forget to bring your favorite shortbread to share*. Remember to wear your tartan, kilt, or any type of plaid!

**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. Join us on **Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall**. Questions? Email str@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)  
10:45 a.m. - Nursery (ages 0-4)  
10:45 a.m. - Graham J.A.M. (after worship & children’s sermon)  
6:00 p.m. - Shine the Light: Prayer & Worship Night.

**Mo** 6:30 a.m. - Monday Morning Men’s Group

**Tu** 5:00 p.m. -Fall Fest: Light the Night  
7:00 p.m. - Youth Group Fall Fest After-Party  
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 Reherasal

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

**Weekly Memory Verse:**

*“Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. I Peter 5:7-9*