



Worship Service Sunday, December 3, 2023

Pulpit Floral Donor . . . . . Marty and Mila Almquist  
In loving memory of Martin and Joyce Almquist. Together again.

Lay Reader . . . . . Jon Mosier

Director of Music Ministries Renée Calvo

Organist . . . . . Renée Calvo

Prelude . . . . . Renée Calvo

Welcome & Announcement

Time of Meditation

Minute for Mission . . . . . Art Wilcox

Christmas Carols

Call to Worship . . . . . Psalm 100:1-3

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

All: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Hymn of Praise #124 . . . . . Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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.

Advent Candle . . . . . Calhoun Family

Choral Anthem . . . . . Love Came Down  
by Joel Ramey

Prayer of Confession . . . . . Jon Mosier

God of the future: you are coming in power to bring nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom. We have lived casual lives, and ignored your promised judgement. Judge us, O God, for we have been slow to serve you. Forgive us, for the sake of your faithful servant Jesus, our Savior, whose triumph we want and eagerly wait for. Amen.

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

Pledge Dedication Sunday

We will dedicate our 2024 Pledges to God during the worship services today. If needed, pledge cards are available in the pew racks.

“God Bless Us, Everyone.”

A FREE Advent Family Movie Event: Scrooge/A Christmas Carol. Charles Dickens’ timeless tale of redemption is one of the most enduring Christmas stories in literary history. The final shots of Scrooge, a man born again, with Tiny Tim, are images to hold in your heart in this Advent season. Showing today, Sunday, Dec. 3rd, at 1:00PM - in the Coronado Library’s Winn Room.

San Diego Sockman Needs Volunteers

Every Sunday, right after the second service, Hal Sadler, our own San Diego Sockman needs two helpers, from approximately noon to 3:00PM. One person to drive his vehicle (he is vision challenged and cannot drive) and the other to hand him the socks, water, soup, and kits (as available) from the back of the vehicle, while he personally distributes them from the front passenger seat. On occasion the distribution may take place from a table platform at a fixed site such as San Diego First Presbyterian Church. Please consider signing up on his SignUp.com page at <https://signup.com/go/dEajNbr>. Hal can also be contacted directly at [sockmansd@gmail.com](mailto:sockmansd@gmail.com) or at 619-513-8707. To donate, visit [SDSockmanGoFundMe](https://www.gofundme.com/sockmansd). San Diego Sockman is a 501 (C) (3) non-profit corporation and donations are fully tax deductible.

ABIDE Women’s Bible Study

The ABIDE Women’s Bible study meets tomorrow, December 4th, at both 9:30AM or 6PM in Parish Hall. Please come to whichever session works best for you. We’ll be discussing 1 John 2:28-3:18. All ladies are welcome to come - it’s not too late to join us!

Green Eggs and Ham

“Would you eat them with a fox? Would you eat them in a box?” Uh, no. But we could use that box (and lots of others) for gift wrapping toys during our annual Best PCS Ever! Christmas Store. Please bring them to the church office or Parish Hall. Thanks. (You may keep the fox.)

Now we’re talking. . .

...mere days (as opposed to Meerkats) until our 11 December Best PCS Ever! Christmas Store. Please bring new children’s toys to the church office. Financial donations for toys may be made using the link on our Graham website. Thanks.

Do You Love To Bake Christmas Cookies?

Then we need your help! Please bake and deliver five (5) dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies to the manse on Saturday, Dec. 9th. We will be gifting the cookies around town with a note to invite our community & neighbors to the Christmas events happening here at GMPC. For more information, please contact Cathy Rodriguez at 831-261-6868 or [rodriguezmom@hotmail.com](mailto:rodriguezmom@hotmail.com).

Cantata, Cantata, Cantata!

Come be a part of the Christmas Cantata Choir! We have chosen “LOVE!” by Joel Raney for this years’ Christmas celebration. To listen to the Cantata, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gEkMFAjnelU&t=987s> or type “Love! By Joel Raney” into your favorite search engine. Our performances will be on Sunday, December 17th at both services. We would love to have as many voices as possible to bring glory to God in the highest and have amazing fun doing it! For more info, contact Renée Calvo by email: [renee@gmpc.org](mailto:renee@gmpc.org).

Need Prayer?

To leave prayer requests for our congregation’s Prayer team, please email them to [prayer@gmpc.org](mailto: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)
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- 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)
- Mo 6:30 a.m. - Monday Morning Men’s Group
- Tu 5:00 p.m. - Big-5
- 7:00 p.m. - Crosswalk
- We 6:00 p.m. - Awana
- Th 6:30 p.m. - Christmas Cantata Rehearsal
- 7:15 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal
- Sa 7:00 a.m. - Men’s Fellowship Study

Weekly Memory Verse:

“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. James 1:19-20