

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.

Pastoral Prayer for the People Rev. David Rodriguez

Sermon Rev. David Rodriguez
"Messengers Of Christmas: Mary"

Apostles' Creed

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.

Offering

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 #137 *What Child Is This?*

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

Hymn of Dedication #133 . . . *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Pastoral Charge Rev. David Rodriguez

Choral Benediction *God Be with You Til We Meet Again*

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 Wonder Tidings, arr. by Norberto Guinaldo

Prayers for Healing

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.

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

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

Our Staff

David Rodriguez	Interim Pastor
Renée Calvo	Director 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
Sindy Schiller	Church Receptionist
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, December 10, 2023

The Reverend David Rodriguez, Interim Pastor



To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known

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Worship Service

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Pulpit Floral Donor Kathy Keller
 “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

Lay Reader
Director of Music Ministries Renée Calvo
Organist Jenny-Marie Carson

Prelude Coventry Carol, arr. by Norberto Guinaldo

Welcome & Announcement

Time of Meditation

Favorite Christmas Carols

Call to Worship Psalm 98:1-3

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for him.

People: The Lord has made His salvation known and revealed His righteousness to the nations.

All: He has remembered His love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Hymn of Praise #145 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Invocation Rev. David Rodriguez

The Lord's Prayer #426

Advent Candle Celentano Family

Anthem *Love Came Down*

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, our Father: You created us for life together. We confess that we have turned from your will. We have not loved one another as You commanded. We have been quick to claim our own rights and careless of the rights of others. We have taken much and given little. Forgive our disobedience, O God, and strengthen us in love, so that we may serve you as a faithful people, and live together in your joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Rev. David Rodriguez

Therefore, since we have a great high priest Who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest Who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one Who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet He did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:14-16 (And all God's people said...) Amen.

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

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 or at 619-513-8707. To donate, visit [SDSockmanGoFundMe](#). San Diego Sockman is a 501 (C) (3) non-profit corporation and donations are fully tax deductible.

'Twas the night before...

...the event of the year for many of our junior enlisted military families: our Best PCS Ever! Christmas Store. Please pray for our volunteers who will be working harder than any of Santa's elves sharing the love of Jesus. . . and wrapping dozens and dozens of the gifts you provided. Thank you.

Christmas Cookie Gifting Bags

Through the incredible kindness of many, delightful cookies have been baked, beautifully packaged, and adorned with a festive ribbon and GMPC Christmas Events card. It's time to share these sweet treats with our community and neighbors! The Christmas cookie gifting bags may be picked up after each service today and gifted throughout our community this week. And don't forget to mark your calendars for our upcoming Christmas events here at GMPC! It's a wonderful time to come together, celebrate, and rejoice in the birth of our Lord and Savior.

Check Your Mailboxes!

Alternative Christmas Market Packets have been mailed! You may also access the info on our website at www.gmpc.org/acm.

GMPC Christmas Cantata – “LOVE” by Joel Raney

You're invited to a spectacular musical celebration at GMPC! Join us on Sunday, December 17th, during the 9 & 10:45AM worship services for our enchanting Christmas Cantata. Experience the joy of the season through the heartfelt melodies of the holiday spirit. Let the beautiful harmonies and uplifting tunes fill your heart with the true essence of Christmas. Bring your friends, family, and neighbors! It's time for everyone to gather and rejoice in the spirit of Christmas.

Cocoa, Cookies, Carols & Critters!

Join us on Friday, Dec. 22nd from 5-7:00PM on the GMPC front lawn for an evening of fellowship, caroling, sweet treats and a petting zoo. Bring your friends, neighbors, and a dozen cookies to share. See you there!

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)
 10:15 a.m. - Children's Choir Practice in Sanctuary
 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
5:00 p.m. - Best PCS Ever! Christmas Store

Tu 5:30 p.m. - Youth Dinner & Christmas Party

We 6:00 p.m. - Awana

Th 1:00 p.m. - Church Office Closing Early
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
Angel Tree Gift Distribution (throughout the day)

Weekly Memory Verse:

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." Philippians 2:3-4