

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.

Pastoral Prayer for the People Rev. David Rodriguez

Christmas Cantata “LOVE” by Joel Raney
Love is Born
King of Love and Light
Lift Up Your Eyes
Love Came Down at Christmas
Away in the Manger
Christmas Joy
Love is Born (Reprise)

Scripture Reading Rev. David Rodriguez
Luke 1:39-45

Sermon Rev. David Rodriguez
“*Messengers Of Christmas: Elizabeth*”

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 Dedication #132 . . . *Angels We Have Heard On High*

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 Jesus, Joy of Man’s Desiring by J.S. Bach

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.

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

9:00am Worship - Sunday, December 17, 2023
The Reverend David Rodriguez, Interim Pastor



To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known

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Worship Service *Sunday, December 17, 2023*

Pulpit Floral Donor June Mac Leod
In loving memory of Frances Mac Leod, June and Roy Mac Leod’s mother, whose birthday was on December 20th.

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

Prelude Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy
by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Welcome & Announcements

Time of Meditation

Special Songs Children’s Choir

Favorite Christmas Carols

Minute for Missions. Ralph West

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 #125 *Joy To The World*

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 Tisdale Family

Prayer of Confession Mary Jane Clements
Eternal Father, guardian of our lives: we confess that we are children of dust, unworthy of your gracious care. We have not loved as we ought to love, nor have we lived as You command, and our years are soon gone. Lord God, have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and rise us to new life, so that as long as we live we may serve you, until, dying, we enter the joy of Your presence: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Rev. David Rodriguez
For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more. Hebrews 8:12 And all God’s people said. . .) Amen.

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

Caroling at Villa Coronado
Come and spread the spirt of Christmas with us! Everyone is welcome to participate in an evening of caroling at Villa Coronado on Dec. 18th at 4:00PM. No special attire needed - just come as you are. Caroling booklets will be provided for everyone. **Location:** Villa Coronado, 233 Prospect Place (across the parking lot from Sharp Hospital). We will meet at 4:00PM. For further details or inquireis, please reach out to the Church Office.

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!

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.

Bravo Zulu
You came through again – as you’ve been doing so generously for years. Thank you for a job well done (BZ in Navyspeak) by providing dozens and dozens of toys for our annual Best PCS Ever! Christmas Store. BZ for volunteering as gift wrappers and personal shoppers. BZs to Rebecca Smith for providing childcare and our Thrift Cottage volunteers for providing a huge assortment of stocking stuffers. And BZ to those of you who prayed for all involved. A huge Best Christmas Ever! impact to 117 junior enlisted families.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
SUNDAY, DEC 24TH

9:00AM - Traditional Worship Service
10:45AM - Blended Worship Service
4:00PM - Children’s Bell Ringing Service
5:30PM - Candlelight Service
Please Note: No Sunday School during these services

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 0-4)
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*After worship & children’s sermon.

Mo 6:30 a.m. - Monday Morning Men’s Group
4:00 p.m. - Christmas Caroling at Villa Coronado
*Meet at 233 Prospect Place

Tu 5:00 p.m. - Big-5
7:00 p.m. - Crosswalk

We 6:00 p.m. - Awana

Th 7:15 p.m. - Choir Reherasal
8:00 p.m. - Praise Band Reherasal

Fi 5:00 p.m. - Cocoa, Cookies, Carols & Critters!

Sa 7:00 a.m. - Men’s Fellowship Study

Weekly Memory Verse:
I can do all this through hrist who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13