Assurance of Pardon Rev. David Rodriguez

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:8-9 (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.

Old Testament Scripture... Isaiah 9:6-7

DeEtte Loeffler

Pastoral Prayer for the People Rev. David Rodriguez **Hymn of Preparation #157** Away In A Manger **Scripture Reading** Rev. David Rodriguez

Luke 2:1-20

Rev. David Rodriguez

"Messengers Of Christmas: Shepherds"

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 Holv 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 #138 . . Go Tell It On The Mountain

Pastoral Charge Rev. David Rodriguez Benediction Go Now in Peace

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 Little Prelude in C 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

2022-2025	2023-2026
Mike Dykstra	Marty Almquist
Rodrigo Fernandez	Matt Heidt
Andy Koczon	Anna Paul
Holly Swanson	Jane Reavie
	Mike Dykstra Rodrigo Fernandez Andy Koczon

Our Ruling Elders 2021-2024

2021-2024	2022-2025	2023-2026
Debbie Bell-Smith	Richard Dukes	Russ Allen
Thomas Campbell	Tom Mitchell	Monica Piepenkotter
Jay Chesnut .	Don Steuer	Doug Reavie
Kén Ireland	Art Wilcox	Dan Swanson
Ward Wilson		

Our Staff

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
Erica Gapp Bookkeeper
Annetta Townsend Accountant
Anna Chesnut Children's Ministries Intern
Mark Steuer General Maintenance

June Grato & Jack Letcher Sound Technicians

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9:00am Worship - Sunday, December 24, 2023 The Reverend David Rodriguez, Interim Pastor



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Worship Service Sunday, December 24, 2023

Christmas Wreath Donor. . . The Thrift Cottage

Ann & Ward Wilson Poinsettia Donor

"In loving memory of Alice Leonard & Stephen Leonard, Ann's parents, and Ward A. Wilson, Jr.

Ward's father."

Pulpit Floral Donor Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from

Session.

Lay Reader DeEtte Loeffler **Director of Music Ministries** Renée Calvo

Organist Jenny-Marie Carson

Welcome & Announcements Time of Meditation **Favorite Christmas Carols**

Call to Worship Psalm 96:1-3

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. **People:** Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day

All: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Hymn of Praise #136 The First Noel

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.

Special Music. Carol of the Bells by Mykola Leontovych

Advent Candle..... Chesnut Family **Prayer of Confession** DeEtte Loeffler

Almighty God, Who sent a star to guide men to the holy child Jesus: we confess that we have not followed the light of Your word. We have not searched for signs of Your love in the world, or trusted good news to be good. We have failed to praise your Son's birth, and refused His peace on earth. We have expected little, and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew in us all fine desires, so we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. 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 Presbytérian 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.

Church Office Closed in Observance of Christmas

In celebration of Christmas and to honor the time with their loved ones, the Church Office will be closed from Monday, December 25th to Saturday, December 30th. We appreciate your understanding and wish you a joyous holiday season filled with peace and love.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES SUNDAY, DEC. 24TH

4:00PM - Children's Bell Ringing Service **5:30PM - Candlelight Service** Please Note: No childcare provided during these services

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Need Prayer?

To leave prayer requests for our congregation's Prayer team, please email them to prayer@ampc.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.

9:00 a.m. - Nursery (ages 0-4)

9:00 a.m. - Children's Ministry (K - 5th)

10:45 a.m. - Nursery (ages 0-4)

10:45 a.m. - Children's Ministry (K - 5th)
*After worship & children's sermon.

Church Office Closed in Observance of Christmas

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

Weekly Memory Verse:

[&]quot;How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns'!" Isaiah 52:7