

**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.

*Sermon Notes:*

***This Week’s Praises and Prayer Requests***  
----- Please tear here to leave prayer requests in the offering plate. -----

***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.*

**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 0-3 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 Us** **Coffee Connection**  
10:00–10:30am, every Sunday  
Kirk Cottage Courtyard

We offer members, guests, and visitors—including kids—attending both morning worship services this 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.

<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	Holly Swanson	Jane Reavie

<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	Tom Mitchell	Monica Piepenkotter
	Jay Chesnut	Don Steuer	Doug Reavie
	Ken Ireland	Art Wilcox	Dan Swanson
	Ward Wilson		

<b>Our Staff</b>	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

**10:45am Worship - Sunday, December 31, 2023**

***The Reverend David Rodriguez, Interim Pastor***



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

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Worship Service Sunday, December 31, 2023

Pulpit Floral Donor . . . . . "In honor of the precious servants who minister to children and their families."

Director of Music Ministries Renée Calvo

Pianist . . . . . Jenny-Marie Carson

Take a seat, share our fellowship, and worship the Lord with us.

Welcome & Announcements

Time of Meditation

Invocation

Call to Worship . . . . . Psalm 95:1-3

Leader: Come let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.

All: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

Songs of Praise . . . . . Joy To The World/Unspeakable Joy

O Holy Night

Children’s Sermon . . . . . Rev. David Rodriguez

God’s People at Prayer . . . . . Rev. David Rodriguez

If you are worshiping with us from home, please take this time to pray with one another using the chat feature.

Song of Praise . . . . . How Deep the Father’s Love for Us

Scripture Reading . . . . . Rev. David Rodriguez

Luke 2:21-36

Sermon . . . . . Rev. David Rodriguez

“Messengers Of Christmas: Simeon”

Reception of New Members

Christophe Dugas

Dawn Dugas

John Matthews

Mary Ellen Matthews

Kaye Schneider

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Song of Praise . . . . . God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

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

Happy New Year!

The Church Office will be closed Monday, January 1, 2024, New Year’s Day.

Letter of James Men’s Bible Study

Starting on January 8th the Graham Monday Morning Men’s Group (6:30 to 7:30 AM) will begin a study of the Book of James. Participants will use the Navigators “Th1nk Life Change” Book of James Bible Study augmented by David Roper’s Growing Slowly Wise. Both books are available at Amazon and Christianbook.com. Contact Jon Mosier or Gil Balkam for more information.

Pledge Reminder:

As God’s people, we are encouraged to remember His faithfulness in the past and His promises for our future. Please prayerfully consider your commitment to support the mission of GMPC through pledging by January 8, 2024. Stewardship packets and pledge cards are available in the Narthex or by contacting the Church Office. Thank you for your prayers and your commitment.

The Bible in a Year

The Bible is essential reading in the life of a Christian. As the Catechism states, it is important for us to have the Bible laid upon our hearts. Megan Smith, our Youth Ministries Director is challenging the youth this year to read through the whole Bible and make a practice of daily reading to grow their knowledge of God and deepen their relationship with Him. Megan is also extending this challenge to the whole church so that we can encourage and equip each other. The Bible reading plan is 5 days of reading a week and can be found by visiting <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/48>. For more information, please contact Megan Smith at [megan@gmpc.org](mailto:megan@gmpc.org).

New Year, New Ministry Opportunities!

As we begin 2024 please ask God to show you where He wants you to serve as an important part of the body of Christ and our church family. Serving is a great way to get to know your church family and bless others in our growing ministries at Graham. Specific areas of opportunity are teaching and helping children and teens in Sunday School and youth group, preparing meals for “Big 5” and in our nursery. We look forward to having you join our amazing team! “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” Ephesians 2:10. Contact Rebecca Smith, Director of Family Ministries at [rebecca@gmpc.org](mailto:rebecca@gmpc.org) for more information.

Pulpit Flowers Needed

Did you know pulpit flowers are donated to those in need of some extra cheer after every Sunday services? One beautiful arrangement becomes 5 and each are hand delivered to those in our community. If you are looking for an easy way to serve the church, a unique way to honor a loved one, or a meaningful way to celebrate someone, please contact Rachael Tisdale at [Rachael@gmpc.org](mailto:Rachael@gmpc.org) for more information. **Pulpit Flowers are needed for the following Sunday Services: January 14th, January 21st, January 28th.**

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 0-4)

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\*After worship & children’s sermon.

Mo Church Office Closed

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

Tu 5:00 p.m. - Youth Group Movie Night in the Youth Room

Th 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:

“When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’” John 8:12