

Old Testament Scripture . . . Isaiah 42:1-7
John Klinker

Pastoral Prayer for the People Rev. David Rodriguez

Hymn of Preparation #134 *Emmanuel*

Scripture Reading Rev. David Rodriguez
Luke 2:21-36

Sermon Rev. David Rodriguez
“Messengers Of Christmas: Simeon”

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.

Reception of New Members
Christophe Dugas
Dawn Dugas
John Matthews
Mary Ellen Matthews
Kaye Schneider

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 *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

Pastoral Charge Rev. David Rodriguez

Choral Benediction *Let Your Servant Now Go 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 Festive Encore on “We Wish You a Merry Christmas”
by Dan Miller

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
	Mary Jane Wilfong	Holly Swanson	Jane Reavie

Our Ruling Elders	2021-2024	2022-2025	2023-2026
	Debbie Bell-Smith	Richard Dukes	Russ Allen
	Thomas Campbell	Tom Mitchell	Monica Piepenkottter
	Jay Chesnut	Don Steuer	Doug Reavie
	Ken Ireland	Art Wilcox	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 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.”

Lay Reader John Klinker

Director of Music Ministries Renée Calvo

Organist Jenny-Marie Carson

Prelude Chorale Improvisation on “In Dulci Jubilo” by H Alexander Matthews

Welcome & Announcements

Time of Meditation

Favorite Christmas Carols

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.

Hymn of Praise #131 **Angels From The Realms of Glory**

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.

Choral Anthem **His Gift of Peace**

Prayer of Confession John Klinker

Eternal God: You make all things new, and forgive old wrongs we can’t forget. We confess we have spent time without loving, and years without purpose; and the calendar condemns us. Daily we have done wrong, and failed to do what You demand. Forgive the past; do not let evil cripple or shame us. Lead us into the future, free from sin, free to love, and ready to work for your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Rev. David Rodriguez

But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through Him! Romans 5: 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.

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.

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 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 for more information. **Pulpit Flowers are needed for the following Sunday Services: January 14th, January 21st, January 28th.**

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.

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| 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