

**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 60:1-6  
Jon Mosier

**Pastoral Prayer for the People** Rev. David Rodriguez

**Hymn of Preparation #163** *As With Gladness Men of Old*

**Scripture Reading . . . . .** Rev. David Rodriguez  
Matthew 2:1-12

**Sermon . . . . .** Rev. David Rodriguez  
*“Messengers of Christmas: Magi”*

**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 #166 . .** *We Three Kings*

**Pastoral Charge . . . . .** Rev. David Rodriguez

**Choral Benediction . . . . .** *Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

**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 . . . . .** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing 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.

<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		

**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, January 7, 2024

The Reverend David Rodriguez, Interim Pastor



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Worship Service Sunday, January 7, 2024

Pulpit Floral Donor . . . . . Polly & Burt Vasche  
Thank the Lord for the New Year and for  
Burt's 80th!

Lay Reader . . . . . Jon Mosier

Director of Music Ministries Renée Calvo

Organist . . . . . Jenny-Marie Carson

Prelude . . . . . Chime Prelude Medley by Dudley Peele

Welcome & Announcements

Bible in One Year . . . . . Megan Smith

Time of Meditation

Call to Worship . . . . . Psalm 29:1-2

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;

All: Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness.

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.

Choral Anthem . . . . . God Who Toucheth Earth with Beauty

Prayer of Confession . . . . . Jon Mosier

Great God our Father: You have given us Jesus, Light of the world, but we choose darkness and cling to sin that hide the brightness of Your love. We are frightened disciples who are slow to speak Your gospel. Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life. Baptize us with Holy Spirit, so that, forgiven and renewed, we may preach Your word to nations, and tell Your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord, and our Light forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon . . . . . Rev. David Rodriguez

For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sin. Colossians 1:13-14 (And all God's people said. . .) Amen.

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

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.

Time to Take It Down

Tomorrow, Jan. 8th at 10am, we would love your help taking down the Christmas decorations. If you are willing and able, please meet us in the Sanctuary.

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.

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. Rebecca Smith, Director of Family Ministries rebecca@gmpc.org

The Bible in a Year

The Bible is essential reading in the life of a Christian. 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 entire church so that we can encourage and equip each other. The Bible reading plan can be found by visiting <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/48>, or by clicking the link on the GMPC.com home page. For more information, please contact Megan Smith at [megan@gmpc.org](mailto:megan@gmpc.org).

CMC is back!

Coronado Men's Connection will be resuming their monthly meetings on Monday, January 15th at 711 A Avenue. They will be discussing *That Man Is You*, a program developed by Paradisus Dei to renew male leadership in the home, community and nation. CMC's review will be a high-level approach of sessions that are being discussed every Saturday morning at Sacred Heart church. Over 100,000 men have participated in it across the country in the past. It is an excellent chance to connect with Coronado men along with a free meal! Hope you can join us for a social hour at 5:00 pm, meal at 6:00 pm and program from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

ABIDE! Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible study meets Monday, January 22nd, at both 9:30AM or 6:00PM in Parish Hall. Please come to whichever session works best for you. All ladies are welcome to come - it's not too late to join us!

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.*

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.

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 0-2)  
9:00 a.m. - Children's Sunday School (ages 2-11)  
9:00 a.m. - Youth Sunday School (grades 6-12)  
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

Tu 5:00 p.m. - Big-5  
7:00 p.m. - Crosswalk  
7:00 p.m. - Stand to Reason

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

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

Weekly Memory Verse:

"For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." Colossians 1:13-14