

Scripture says, "For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.(Psalm 103:11-12) Rejoice, all of you, for we are loved and forgiven through Jesus Christ! (and all God's people said...)

**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. Amen.

**Old Testament Scripture . . .** Isaiah 55:1–9 . Page 524

Jon Mosier

**Pastoral Prayer for the People** Pastor David

The offering of our gifts, hearts, and lives

**Offertory . . . . .** *Seek the Lord* by John Carter

Chancel Choir

**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.

**Hymn of Preparation #42 . . .** *Seek Ye First*

**Scripture Reading . . . . .** Pastor David

Luke 13:1–9 . Page 738

**Sermon . . . . .** Pastor David

*The Divine Choice*

**Hymn of Dedication #473 . .** *Victory in Jesus*

**Pastoral Charge . . . . .** Pastor David

**Choral Benediction . . . . .** *A Blessing* arr. Vickie Gallien

Chancel Choir

**Congregational Benediction** Numbers 6:24–26 . Page 99

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.

**Congregation's Response . .** Amen

**Postlude . . . . .** *Awesome God* by R. Mullins

**Exit . . . . .** Pastor David meets and greets the congregation in the narthex

**Need Prayer?**

To leave prayer requests for our congregation's Prayer team, please email them to prayer@gmpc.org or speak to any of our deacons.

**Welcome**

The members of Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church hope you'll find both peace and inspiration in this morning's worship and that you'll discover us to be a warm and friendly group of Christ's followers.

**Worship with Us**

Our Sunday worship services are at **9:00am . 10:30am.** Sunday morning 9:00am worship is a traditional service that appeals to adults whose children are in Sunday School. The music includes traditional organ, piano, and Chancel Choir voices. Our Sunday morning 10:30am worship is a blended service and includes a brief children's sermon. The music is both traditional and contemporary. We provide Holy Communion at all worship services the second Sunday of each month.

**Coffee Connection**

10:00–10:30am, every Sunday  
Kirk Cottage Courtyard  
939 C Avenue, Coronado

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 fruit juice, 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**

**2017–2020**

Norma Ashworth  
Sylvia Mosier  
Bart Schubert  
Kristy Schubert  
Brian Snyder

**2018–2021**

Mary Baker  
Rodrigo Fernandez  
Christina Klave  
Barbara Schmelzer  
Patricia Sedgwick

**2019–2022**

Gil Balkam  
Lynda Balkam  
Donna Dameron  
Holly Swanson  
Beth West

**Our Ruling Elders**

**2017–2020**

Tom Campbell  
Carolyn Parry  
Ralph West

**2018–2021**

Jay Chesnut  
Rick Moore  
Lalo Reyes  
Debbie Bell-Smith  
Ward Wilson

**2019–2022**

Frank Corah  
Evelyn Peirson  
Don Steuer  
Dan Swanson  
Art Wilcox

**Our Staff**

Norman Belleza . . . . . Organist  
Christian Bland . . . . . Youth Administrative Assistant  
Jordan Bland . . . . . Sound Technician  
Erica Gapp . . . . . Bookkeeper  
John Joseph . . . . . Associate Pastor  
Kimberlee Joseph . . . . . Director of Music Ministries  
Valerie Lewis . . . . . Preschool Director  
Josh Reyes . . . . . Sound Technician  
Rebecca Smith . . . . . Director of Children's Ministries  
David McElrath . . . . . Senior Pastor  
PastorDavid@gmpc.org  
Annetta Townsend . . . . . Accountant

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To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known



**9:00am Worship . Sunday, March 24, 2019**

**The Reverend Dr. David H. McElrath, Pastor  
The Reverend John Joseph, Associate Pastor**

**Worship Service** Sunday, March 24, 2019

- Greeters** . . . . . Lynda Balkam . Gil Balkam
- Ushers** . . . . . Deborah Bell . Mary Baker  
Tom Campbell . Carolyn Parry
- Coffee Connection** . . . . . Youth Ministry . Kirk Cottage Courtyard
- Pulpit Floral Donor** . . . . . Joanne Bavendick in loving memory of  
her husband, Frank and son, Bradley.
- Lay Reader** . . . . . Jon Mosier
- Director of Music Ministries** . Kimberlee Joseph
- Organist** . . . . . Norman Belleza
- Assemble in God's Name** . . . . . Congregation enters sanctuary and  
distributes Friendship Registers

**Prelude** . . . . . *Be Still and Know that I am God*  
by M. Evans

**Welcome and Announcements** Pastor David

**Social Introductions** . . . . . Congregation greets one another

**Everyone Sings**

We are one in the bond of love. We are one in the bond of love. We have joined our spirit with the Spirit of God. We are one in the bond of love.

**Introit** . . . . . *Come, Holy One* by Lyn Snyder  
Chancel Choir

**Call to Worship** . . . . . Psalm 63:1-4 . Page 409

**Hymn of Praise #97** . . . . . *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

**Prayer of Adoration** . . . . . Pastor David

**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

**Anthem** . . . . . *This is My Word* by Pepper Choplin  
Chancel Choir

**Prayer of Confession** . . . . . Jon Mosier

Almighty God, the heavens declare your glory every moment of every day. The evidence of your wonder and your love surrounds us. Yet too often we turn inward, focusing on ourselves rather than focusing outward and focusing on you. Please forgive us, once again, and help us to nurture a spirit that longs for you. Please hear our prayers. We ask this in Jesus' name, amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** . . . . . Pastor David

**New Opportunities to Connect, Grow, Equip, Serve . . . and Invite Others to Join**

**Today Vacation Bible School Registration**

Are you ready to "Roar!" and learn that even though life is wild, God is good, at Vacation Bible School 2019? VBS is July 8-12 from 9:00am-noon. Children entering Kindergarten-6th grade are welcome to participate in an exciting week of learning more about Jesus Christ! Kids have described it as the "best week of the summer!" The cost is \$50 per child and there are limited spots available. If you would like to volunteer, please call or email Rebecca Smith at (619) 435-6860 x104 or rebecca@gmpc.org.

**Today GriefShare Class**

We will be providing a Griefshare group starting today, March 24, from 1:00pm-3:00pm. This group is appropriate for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. It does not matter the length of time since your loss. If you want to learn more about the process of grief and learn some tools to work through grief in a healthy manner, you are welcome to join us. We will meet at LOGOS College (970 C Avenue) across the street from the Church sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Smith at jsmith1054@gmail.com or call the church office at (619) 435-6860.

**Join the Easter Cross Witness**

The Easter Cross witness is a community celebration, an opportunity to share Christ's sacrifice and why we celebrate Easter.

Let's have crosses in yards or windows all over Coronado starting on Palm Sunday and continuing through Easter Sunday. Please stop by the table at the bottom of the ramp today and Sunday, March 31, to get your cross. There is a \$5 suggested donation.

**M March 25 Evening Circle**

Evening Circle meets tomorrow evening at the home of Donna Dameron, 25 Port of Spain Road, Coronado Cays, at 5:30pm. They will continue the study of "Reformation Women, Sixteenth-Century Figures Who Shaped Christianity's Rebirth," by Rebecca VanDoodewaard, Chapters 10 & 11. Bring a topping for the community salad and your beverage. E-mail beachdonna@icloud.com to RSVP.

**Sa Mar 30 SDMOM Luau Reminder**

Don't Miss Out on this great opportunity to enjoy great food, great company, new entertainment, and having Lots of Fun while helping our Junior Enlisted Military Families! SDMOM is hosting their annual fundraising luau at Ascension Parish Hall in Tierrasanta. The doors open at 5:30pm and dinner starts at 6:15pm. Tickets are on sale now for \$30 per person or purchase a table of 8 at a discount price of \$200. Contact the SDMOM La Mesa office, 4426 Harbinson Avenue, email them at Office4sdmom@yahoo.com or call (619) 461-4164. Their office hours are Monday - Thursday, 9:00am to 1:00pm. Flyers are located at each door of the sanctuary.

**Su March 31 Undy Sunday: Presbyterian Urban Ministries**

PUM wants everyone who comes for clothes to receive both a pair of socks and underwear. Clean undies are something that we take for granted but are a blessing for someone who has been living on the streets or cannot afford this very basic of

human dignity. Please bring your donations of clean underwear (any size, either gender, the guys prefer boxers to briefs) and pairs of socks to the church office or place them in the box in the narthex by Sunday, March 31. All sizes needed, children to adults. Thanks for helping us to "love our neighbors."

**April 26- 28 GMPC Forest Home Men's Retreat and BBQ**

Calling All Men! The men of Graham invite you to join us for a weekend of fellowship at the historic Forest Home Christian Camp in the San Bernardino Mountains. Men's weekend retreats feature Christian speakers who focus attention upon issues men of faith are facing in today's world. Churches are afforded "break out" discussion times to wrestle with these issues in a small group setting. As has become our custom, the weekend retreat is preceded by a pre-departure BBQ lunch on Friday, April 26, at the Oder Ranch in Temecula (wives and kids invited).

This year, Forest Home is offering a 5% discount for groups of 10 or more campers. The discounted retreat cost is \$285.00 per person. The men's retreat info is on the GMPC website homepage with a link to the Men's Ministry page for retreat registration and payment: <http://www.gmpc.org/mens-ministry/#foresthomet>.

**Su May 19 Disney Resort park hopper passes drawing**

Here is your opportunity to help furnish the Light & Life Center and have a chance to win 4 valuable Disney Resort park hopper passes! The drawing will be held May 19th - just in time for summer vacation. Cost is \$25 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$100. Tickets online: [www.rickandkatiemoorefoundation.org](http://www.rickandkatiemoorefoundation.org) and through Rick Moore, Pastor David, or Debbie Bell. 100% of proceeds benefit the Light & Life Center since the Walt Disney Company has generously donated the park hoppers to the foundation. Winning tickets valid until Decemberr 20, 2020.

**Senior Scholarship 2019**

Have you or a student in your family already started to apply for colleges and been shocked at the cost of tuition? College expenses can be intimidating. For more than 12 years, our Thrift Cottage has made it a priority to bless students with a scholarship and minimize their stress. Over 60 students have been blessed through this scholarship program, and we would love for our high school seniors to be added to that number! To apply, go to [www.scholarship.gmpc.org](http://www.scholarship.gmpc.org). The application deadline is May 3, 2019.

**Spring Break Reminders**

**The following groups will not meet during Spring recess (March 25-March29):** Graham Memorial Preschool . Awana . Big Five & Crosswalk Youth Groups  
The church office hours will remain the same - 9:00am - 4:00pm.

**Weekly Memory Verse: Isaiah 55:6**

Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near.