

# COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

*July 13, 2025*



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

## *Time for Centering*

*My Creator  
Loves me, His creation.  
Nothing,  
Not a thing  
Will thwart His redeemed child from  
Being brought to Him.  
Waters high and  
Rivers deep  
Will not drown me,  
Or wash me from His saving arms.  
He will pay my ransom:  
My Jesus, my Savior!  
I am His.  
A polished jewel in His crown,  
Rubbed clean with the cloth  
Of His Holy Spirit.  
Whether in the N, S, E, or W  
He brings me,  
His prodigal,  
Home!*

*Pieter Stok*

# Order of Worship

## *Prelude*

## *Welcome & Announcements*

## *Introit*

*Surely the Presence of the Lord*

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## *\*Call to Worship*

*(Adapted from Ministry Matters)*

**Leader:** *God is with us always and calls us each by name.*

**People:** *When we pass through difficulties and stress,*

**Leader:** *God is with us and calls us by name.*

**People:** *When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,*

**Leader:** *God is with us and calls us by name, and heals us.*

**People:** *We are blessed by God who knows us and calls us by name.*

**ALL:** *Let us worship God!*

## *\*Hymn of Praise*

*Standing on the Promises*

#552

## *Call to Confession*

## *Prayer of Confession*

*(Adapted from John Birch)*

*The God who breathed this world alive, And sustains it day by day, Whose hands flung stars into space, And controls our destiny, Says, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you." The God who filled the ocean depths, And set tides on their way, Who caused mountains to be raised up, And rainbows to display, Says, "I have called you by name, you are mine." Forgive us, Lord, when we forget who you are and who we are....*

## *Silent Confession*

## *Prayer Response*

*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

# 306

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace, Amen.*

## *Assurance of Pardon*

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**\*Congregational Response**      *Gloria Patri*

# 35

*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.*

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

(arr. Schrader)

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

# 46

*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.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Pastoral Prayer and 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.*

**Scripture**

*Isaiah 43: 1-7*

*<sup>1</sup> But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you <sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, "Give them up, "and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth — <sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."*

**Leader:**      *The Word of the Lord.*

**People:**      *Thanks be to God.*

**Anthem**

*Do Not Be Afraid for You Are Mine*

(Larson)

*Sermon*

*"Do Not Be Afraid II"*

*Time of Reflection*

*\*Closing Hymn*

*If You Will Trust in God to Guide You*

**#565**

*\*Charge and Benediction*

*\*Closing Response*

*On Eagle's Wings*

**#77**

*\*Postlude*

*Music for today's worship includes:*

**Prelude:** Forever *with* The Love of God (arr. Tornquist), For All the Saints (arr. Doran),  
Home (arr. Clydesdale)

**Time of Reflection:** How Deep the Father's Love for Us (Townend)

**Postlude:** The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow (#620)

**Trio:** Debby Wojtas, Sara Bruton, Jeffrey Stevens

*Volunteers assisting with worship today:*

**Communion Table:** Pat Strachan

**Fellowship:** Glenda Hage and Karen Ritchie

**Flower Committee:** Sharon Severson, Diane Spang, Jennifer Ristau, Linda Paulos

**Lector:** Nancy Beegle

**Tellers:** Terri Meyers and Jan Stegmann

**Ushers:** Barbara Rago, Denny & Terri Meyers

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome members and guests!** If you are visiting for the first time, please stop by our badge table for a welcome gift. Visit our website [www.verdefaith.org](http://www.verdefaith.org) for additional information. **Please complete the Fellowship Pad** at the end of each pew; pass it along, and back. **Fellowship is held following worship** in Founders Hall.

**Attendance** at last Sunday's service was 76; 0 joined online. (due to technical difficulties)

**Today's flowers were donated by: Jan & Tom Stegmann: In celebration of their 46th anniversary.**

**Stephen Ministers** are trained, ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help through a crisis or difficult time. Contact one of our Leaders, Donna Angiolillo, Glenda Hage, Debbie Etcheson, John Pasnau, Dan or Judy Villanueva.

**In need of prayers for you, your family, or friends?** Contact Joan Brunner at 480-471-7274, or Pastor Cathy with requests, or if you would like to serve on the team.

**AA meetings are held weekly on Mondays at 8:00 am** in the library.

**PAL (Parents of Addicted Loved Ones)** meetings are held every other Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the library. Questions? Contact Greg & Weezy Smith at [lift5800@gmail.com](mailto:lift5800@gmail.com).  
*Meetings have concluded for the season.*

## SPIRITUAL THEMES IN LITERATURE

**Pastor Cathy holds monthly book discussions on Wednesdays at 10:30 am** in the library. **Aug. 13:** The Women.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are need for summer for hosting Fellowship, Tellers, Lectors, Ushers, etc. Please sign up on the volunteer sheet in Founders Hall or contact Tami Burke, Office Manager, in person, by phone 480-471-7239 or email [officemanager@verdefaith.org](mailto:officemanager@verdefaith.org) if you are available.

## PHOTO DIRECTORY ANNOUNCEMENT

**A Big Thank You** to the 138 folks who have shared a photo for our new church directory! We are looking for 25 more photos to meet our goal of 40% prior to the launch. If your travels provided photo opportunities, please share your favorite. Photos can be sent to Tami at [officemanager@verdefaith.org](mailto:officemanager@verdefaith.org) or can be uploaded directly through the link on our website under Membership, then "Time and Talent Survey".

## UPCOMING INFORMATION

The pastor will be out of the office after church on Sunday, July 13th, through Sunday, July 20th. She will be back in the office on Monday, July 21st.

Pastor Rick Efird of Phoenix Seminary will preach on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Rod Warembourg of Desert Creek Fellowship will cover emergency pastoral care. The Office Manager has his cell phone number.

**Mission Drives:** The Mission Committee is grateful to everyone who donated to our Monthly Mission Drives for various charities during the season. We will continue to collect food for the Extended Hands Food Bank and FHCMA Food Closet throughout the summer.

## MISSIONS



**Lunch making and delivery for Justa Center:** The third Thursday of the month at 9:00am.



**FHCMA Food Closet:** toothpaste, canned fruit, Saltine, and Ritz crackers.



**Extended Hands Food Bank:** non-perishable food items.



**Pad Project Ministry:** *will resume in the Fall.*



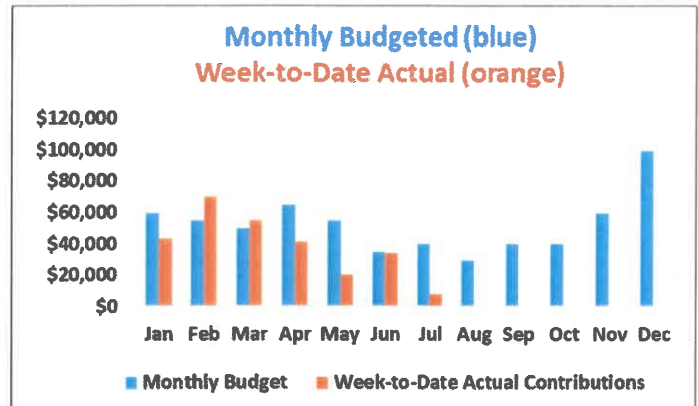
**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** *will resume in the Fall.*



# OPERATING FUND

YTD Actual contributions  
through July 6 were  
\$273,966

YTD Budgeted contributions  
through July 6 were  
\$330,000



**Thank you for your continuing support!**

**Please consider these other funds open to special giving in your estate planning...**

## **Legacy Endowment Fund – current balance \$330,998**

The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to expand and enrich the mission of the congregation, to initiate new ministries or significantly change the scope of existing ministries. No more than 5% of the three year average fund assets may be distributed in any one year.

## **Memorial Garden Fund – current balance \$448,000**

The purpose of the Memorial Garden Fund is to provide for the perpetual operation and maintenance of the Memorial Garden. Established in 1990, the Memorial Garden provides a resting place for the interment of the ashes of loved ones. It is open to current and former members and residents of Rio and Tonto Verde.

## **Scholarship Fund – current balance \$10,142**

The Scholarship Fund promotes scholarships among young people involved in institutions we support through Mission giving. Recipients are chosen from applicants who are demonstrating academic excellence, commitment, and service in or to one of the following non-profit institutions or community: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), NPH (formerly Friends of the Orphans), Sunshine Acres. The Scholarship Fund's sole support is contributions from our members. Donors cannot be related to recipients.

**Did you know?... If you are age 70 1/2 or older, you can make a gift from your IRA to support the church.** It will not add to your federal taxable income; It counts toward your required minimum distribution, and allows you to experience a tax benefit, even if you do not itemize deductions. You should discuss any such gifts, before making them, with your financial advisor.

**The church is very appreciative of gifts from trusts, foundations, and stocks.** Occasionally, these gifts are received with no indication of who the donor is. So that we may properly recognize and record the gift, we ask that you either notify the church office or have your financial representative document the donor {and intent} when it is sent to us.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Monday, July 14**

8:00am AA Meeting (Library)

**Tuesday, July 15**

No activities scheduled

**Wednesday, July 16**

4:00pm Trio Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**Thursday, July 17**

No activities scheduled

**Friday, July 18**

No activities scheduled

**Saturday, July 19**

No activities scheduled

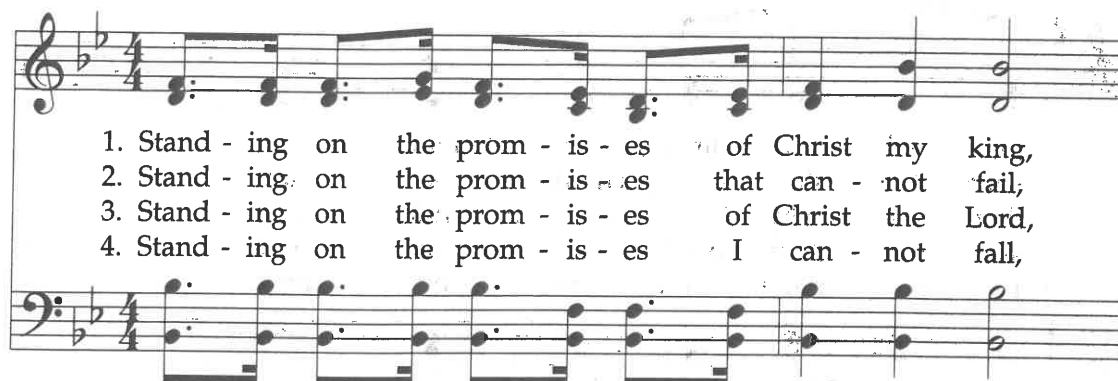
**Sunday, July 20**

8:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

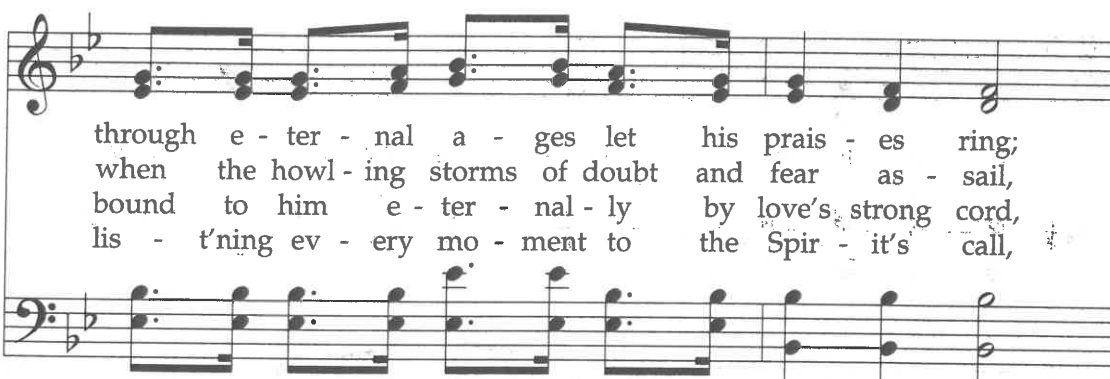
9:30am Fellowship (Founders Hall)

10:00am St. Dominic (Sanctuary)

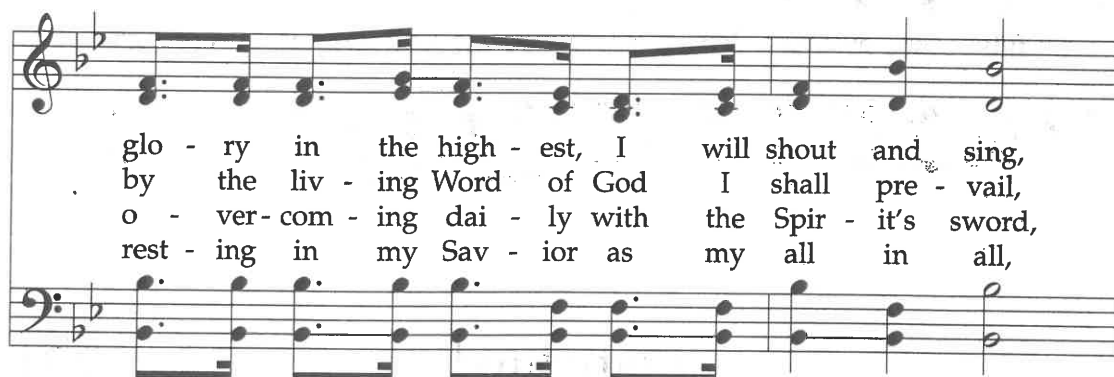
## Standing on the Promises



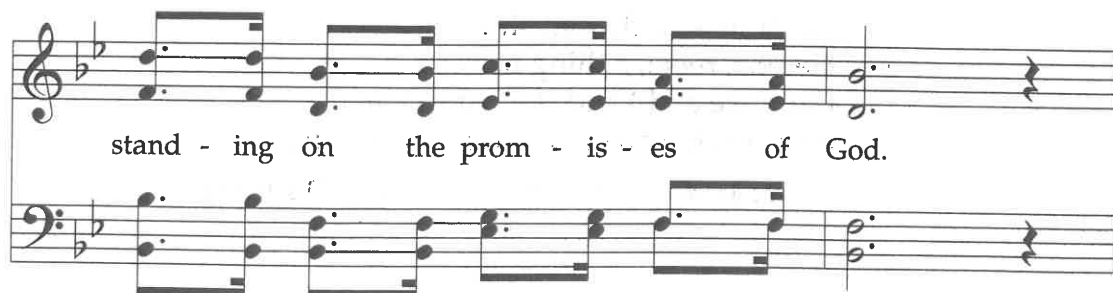
1. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,  
 2. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,  
 3. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,  
 4. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,



through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;  
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,  
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,  
 lis - t'ning ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,



glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,  
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,  
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,  
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,



stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

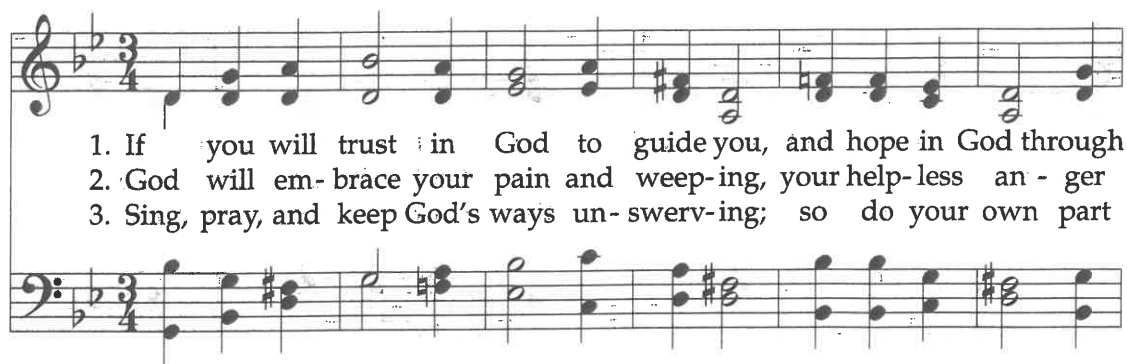
*Refrain*

Stand-ing, stand - ing, stand-ing on the prom-is-es of  
stand-ing on the prom-is-es,

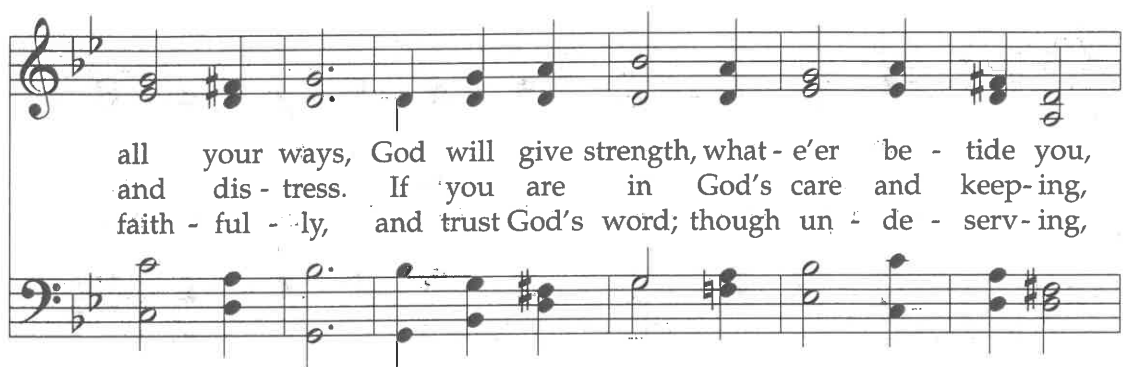
God my Sav-ior; stand - ing, stand - ing,  
stand-ing on the prom-is-es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

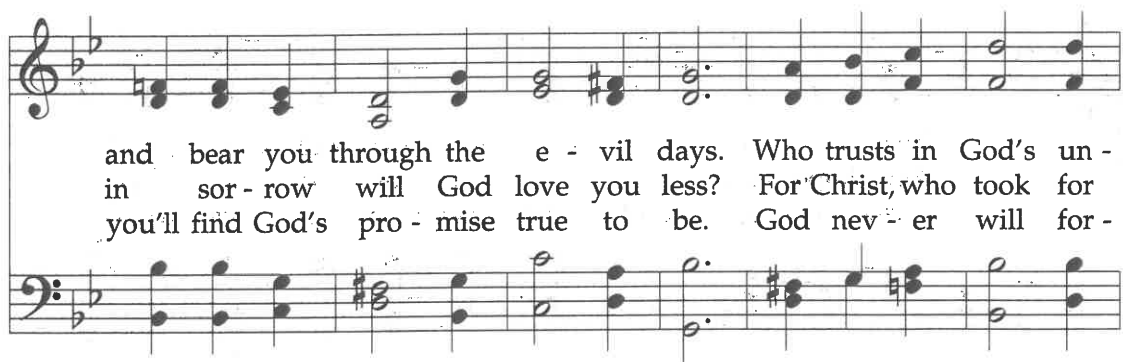
## If You Will Trust in God to Guide You 565



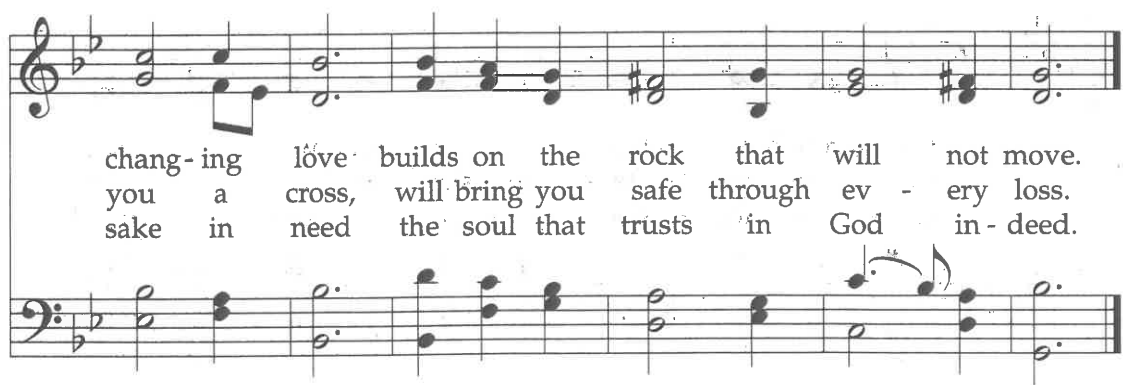
1. If you will trust in God to guide you, and hope in God through  
 2. God will embrace your pain and weep-ing, your help-less an-ger  
 3. Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un-swerv-ing; so do your own part



all your ways, God will give strength, what-e'er be-tide you,  
 and dis-tress. If you are in God's care and keep-ing,  
 faith-ful-ly, and trust God's word; though un-de-serv-ing,



and bear you through the e-vil days. Who trusts in God's un-  
 in-sor-row will God love you less? For Christ, who took for  
 you'll find God's pro-mise true to be. God nev-er will for-



chang-ing love builds on the rock that will not move.  
 you a cross, will bring you safe through ev-ery loss.  
 sake in need the soul that trusts in God in-deed.

WORDS: Georg Neumark, 1657; tr. st. 1, 3, Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.; WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT  
 st. 2 tr. Jaroslav Vajda, alt. 98.98.88  
 MUSIC: Georg Neumark, 1657

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### ***Vision Statement***

***To be a Christ centered church that inspires individuals to grow closer to God  
and to serve others with loving and compassionate hearts.***

### ***Faith Statement ~ The 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 Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

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***Pastor's cell: (480) 322-0183***

***Pastor's email: [pastor@verdefaith.org](mailto:pastor@verdefaith.org)***

***Director of Music: Tom Wojtas***

***Office Manager: Tami Burke***

***A/V Operator: Skyler Evans***

***Vocalists: Debby Wojtas, Jeffrey Stevens, Sara Bruton***

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