

COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

November 9, 2025



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Time for Centering

Today in our worship service, we will take time to install Rev. Steve Beard as our new pastor. An installation service is both a joyful and solemn occasion in which the congregation and the newly called minister together affirm God's call to shared ministry. The service includes worship, Scripture, vows, and prayer, celebrating that pastoral leadership is not a private appointment but a covenant within the body of Christ. One of the most sacred moments comes when members of the church's leadership and other ordained ministers gather around the new pastor for the laying on of hands. This ancient biblical act, rooted in passages such as Acts 13:2–3 and 1 Timothy 4:14, symbolizes the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the continuation of apostolic ministry, and the blessing of the wider Church. Through the touch of many hands and the prayers of the people, the pastor is set apart for service, reminded that ministry is sustained not by human strength but by the grace and Spirit of God.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *Come Now to Worship the Lord* (Besig)

**Call to Worship*

Pastor: *In our distress, we call to the Lord.*

People: ***And He hears us!***

Pastor: *We come from places of conflict and weariness,*

People: ***Seeking God's peace and presence.***

Pastor: *The Lord is our refuge and our deliverer.*

People: ***He is faithful and full of mercy.***

Pastor: *Come, pilgrims of faith,*

People: ***Let us lift our eyes to the God who calls us on the journey.***

All: ***Together, we worship the Lord who hears, rescues, and leads us!***

**Hymn of Praise* *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #66

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (spoken in unison)

Gracious God, on Whom we rely for life and its meaning: We confess that we have sinned against you by abandoning hope, by failing to hear and accept your promises, by relying on ourselves to be both the source and the object of our faith. Forgive us, we pray. Open once more our hearts to your mercy, our minds to your promise, and our hands to the work you call us to do for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

**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 *Jesus Is the Living Stone* (McDonald)

**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 *Philippians 1:1-11*

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem *Sanctus (Holy is the Lord)* (arr. Fettke)

Sermon *"Partnership in the Gospel"*

Time of Reflection

Installation of Rev. Stephen Beard

**Closing Hymn*

Be Thou My Vision

#595

Charge and Benediction

**Closing Response*

Go in the Grace of the Lord

(Barnard)

**Postlude*

Music for today's worship includes:

Prelude: God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens (arr. Wood), God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand (Warren), O Lord, How Majestic Is Your Name! (Larson)

Time of Reflection: There Is a Redeemer (Green)

Postlude: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (Beethoven)

Volunteers assisting with worship today:

Communion Table: Elaine Betsch

Badge Table: Kent and Tami Lillemoe

Fellowship: Call Committee

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

Lector: Ed Carpenter

Tellers: Judy Sevier and Tom Spaeth

Ushers: Bill Hickman, Bob Edwards, Barb Matthew, Rod & Mary Muilenburg

Road Signs: Tom Young and Bill Hickman

****Guest Preacher is Rev. Kirk Sexton (Associate Pastor at Mountain View Presbyterian Church)**

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 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 182; 0 joined online. (Due to technical difficulties)

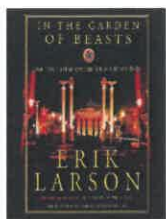
Today's flowers were donated by: Bob Dietsche: In celebration of his wife "Smiley's" birthday.

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 Steve with requests, or if you would like to serve on the team.

AA meetings are held weekly on Mondays at 8:00am 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. *Meetings will start again in December.*



SPIRITUAL THEME IN LITERATURE

The Spiritual Theme in Literature book discussion will be led by Winnie Leathers and will begin on Thursday, December 11 from 10am—11:30am in the library. The book for December will be *In The Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson. All are welcome.



BIBLE STUDY WITH ED CARPENTER

Thursday Bible study with Ed Carpenter will be in Founders' Hall at 7:30am and 4:00pm. Both sessions are covering the same material. The subject will be the Gospel of John. All are welcome.



SAVE THE DATE

Let's decorate the church for Advent and Christmas! **December 5th @ 9:00am.** Volunteers needed to help decorate the Sanctuary and Founders Hall. For more information contact:
Donna Angiolillo at 845-416-3445. Email: donnaangiolillo@gmail.com

Aloha! Fall Luau

When: Monday, November 17th 5:00pm

Where: Community Church of the Verdes

Cost: \$10 per person

Menu: Pig Roast—Sides—Dessert

Sign Up: Required by Nov. 14th

Email Officemanager@verdefaith.org

Or in person on Sundays after church Nov.9th.

Payment accepted at time of sign up or at the door.

******150 Max on attendance, space is filling up******



***Community Thanksgiving
Service***

**Tuesday, November 25th
6:30 PM at Scottsdale Bible Church
Fountain Hills Campus**

**Sponsored by the
Fountain Hills Christian Ministerial Association**



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: Monday's at 1:00pm

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

November Mission Drive

Where Hope Lives



This month, we are collecting items for **Where Hope Lives**. They take a Christ-centered approach to addressing the needs of girls aged 4 to 26 who are victims of human trafficking, providing trauma-informed therapy, housing and 24/7 care. They are the largest human-trafficking rescue and recovery operation in North America.

Please help by donating:

New towels: body, hand and washcloths

Toothbrushes, floss and body wash

Place items in the Blue Bin in the Narthex or in the church office doorway.

Thank you!

OPERATING FUND

YTD Actual contributions
through November 2 were
\$489,571

YTD Budgeted contributions
through November 2 were
\$482,000



Support CCV Ministries & Missions with Online Giving

Thank you for your continuing support!

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

Legacy Endowment Fund – current balance \$366,320

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 \$480,296

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 \$20,153

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, November 10

8:00am AA Meeting (Library)
2:00pm Mission Committee Meeting (Board Room)
2:00pm Performing Arts Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, November 11

1:00pm Steven Leaders Meeting (Steven Ministry Room)
2:00pm Steven Ministers Meeting (Library)
2:30pm Finance Committee Meeting (Board Room)

Wednesday, November 12

4:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, November 13

7:30am Bible Study with Ed (Founders Hall)
4:00pm Bible Study with Ed (Founders Hall)

Friday, November 14

No activities scheduled

Saturday, November 15

11:00am Lindsay Smith Memorial Service (Sanctuary)

Sunday, November 16

8:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:30am Fellowship (Founders Hall)
10:00am St. Dominic (Sanctuary)
11:00am St. Dominic Fellowship (Founders Hall)

Mike Bussey
**“Understanding both Sides of
the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict”**

November 17, 2025

4:00PM

Church Sanctuary

Mike Bussey spent 40 years of his stellar career working in various leadership positions for the YMCA which included nine years at the CEO of the Jerusalem International YMCA. During Mike’s tenure, the YMCA was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize for its historic work in building peaceful coexistence in the Middle East. Mike also spent 20 years with the YMCA of Greater St. Paul, MN and eight years as the YMCA USA’s Financial Development Consultant to 350 YMCAs in 14 Midwest states.



Please join us for this free event



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 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 sitteth on 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.

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*A/V Operator: Skyler Evans
Vocalists: Debby Wojtas, Jeffrey Stevens, Sara Bruton*

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