

COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

January 11, 2026



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Time for Centering

This week we continue our sermon series on the Lord's Prayer by reflecting on its opening petition, "Hallowed be your name." When Jesus teaches us to pray, he begins by reorienting our hearts toward God—toward God's holiness, glory, and deep worth.

Before we ask for daily bread or forgiveness, we are invited to remember who God is and to learn what it means to honor God's name with reverence and trust.

*To hallow God's name is more than careful speech or right belief; it is a way of life shaped by awe, obedience, and love. As **Eugene Peterson** reminds us, "Prayer is not a way of getting what we want but a way of being formed by what God wants." Prayer reshapes our desires so that God's holiness is reflected not only in worship, but in how we live.*

*Our Scripture for the day, **John 12:20–28**, brings this petition into sharp focus as Jesus prays, "Father, glorify your name," even as he faces suffering and the cross. In this moment, God's name is hallowed not through power or spectacle, but through self-giving love and faithful obedience.*

*As **Dallas Willard** writes, "The first and most basic thing we can and must do is to keep God before our minds." This Sunday we will consider how prayer draws our attention back to God's glory, shaping lives that bear God's holy name with humility, faithfulness, and hope.*

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Come Now to Worship the Lord

(Besig)

Call to Worship

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us come before the Lord with grateful hearts.

People: We come to worship God in spirit and in truth.

Pastor: Let us lift our voices in praise and our lives in obedience.

People: Let us worship the Lord.

**Hymn of Praise*

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (spoken in unison)

Holy God, we confess that we have not always honored your holy name. We have spoken it lightly, lived as though it did not matter, and borne your name without reflecting your love. We have sought our own glory rather than yours. We have allowed our words and actions to obscure your goodness and grace. Forgive us O Lord. Cleanse our hearts, renew our minds, and teach us again to live as those who bear your name with humility and joy. May our lives hallow your name in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Prayer Response

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

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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 *I Am Bound for the Kingdom* (arr. Larson)

***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 John 12:20-28

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor." ²⁷ "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God* (arr. Larson)

Sermon

"Hallowed Be Thy Name"

Time of Reflection

**Closing Hymn*

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

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Charge and Benediction

**Closing Response*

Go in the Grace of the Lord

(Barnard)

**Postlude*

Music for today's worship includes:

Prelude: How Great Is Our God *with* A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (arr. Tornquist), Praise the Lord on High (Sawyer), This Little Light of Mine (arr. Hayes)

Time of Reflection: Open Our Eyes *with* Be Thou My Vision (arr. Hayes)

Postlude: I Must Tell Jesus (Hoffman)

Volunteers assisting with worship today:

Communion Table: Alex and Kathy Stamey

Badge Table: Patrick and Susan Walsh

Fellowship: Nell Bigley, Maggie McMillan, Lily Ann Bence

Flower Committee: Sharon Severson, Jennifer Ristau, Linda Paulos, Deb Barth

Lector: Maggie McMillan

Tellers: Judy Mulvey and Terri Meyers

Ushers: Barbara Baker, Lily Ann Bence and Bob Bence

Road Signs: Tom Young

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 243; 218 joined online.

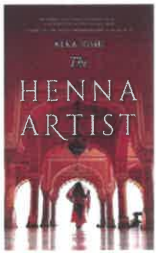
Today's flowers were donated by: Karen Hansen: In celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

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 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. The Book Club meets the second Thursday of each month in the library. The book for **January**-The Henna Artist by Alka Joshi; **February**-The Midnight Library by Matt Haig; **March**-American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins; **April**-Crying in the H Mart by Michelle Zauner; **May**-Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate. 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.

SCOTT KEO

NATIONAL TRIBUTE ARTIST

COMING TO COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE VERDES

THIS FRIDAY-JANUARY 16TH 2026 @ 7:00PM doors open at 6:30pm

Scott Keo is the #1 Michael Buble' tribute artist. So get ready for a fantastic evening. Tickets are \$40 or buy the whole concert series for \$100 and get \$20 in savings. Coming February 20th -Yachtzilla (Classic Soft Rock) and March 13th- Crystal Stark (Iconic Woman Artist and American Idol Finalist).



Get your tickets today after service or in the Administrative office during normal business hours.



YACHTZILLA FEBRUARY 20TH



CRYSTAL STARK MARCH 13TH

COMING SOON!!!

Get your tickets now.



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: 2nd Friday of the month @ 9:00am



JANUARY MISSION DRIVE JUSTACENTER

This month, we are collecting items for **Justa Center**. They assist homeless seniors on their path to housing by providing life-sustaining resources. Please help by donating:

- ♥ **New sweatshirts (Sizes M, L & XL)**
- ♥ **Hand warmers**
- ♥ **Adult-size gloves**

Items can be placed in the Blue Bin in the Narthex or in the church office doorway. Thank you!

OPERATING FUND

**YTD Actual contributions
through January 4 were
\$12,588**

**YTD Budgeted contributions
through January 4 were
\$15,000**



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 \$378,952

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 \$482,645

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, January 12

8:00am AA Meeting (Library)
9:00am Community Prayer w/ Pastor Steve (Chapel)
10:00am Fellowship Meeting (Library)
12:45pm Membership Committee (Library)
1:00pm PAD Project (Sunday School Room)
3:15pm St. Dominic Pastoral Meeting (Board Room)

Tuesday, January 13

8:30am Finance Committee Mtg. (Board Room)
9:00am Community Prayer w/Pastor Steve (Chapel)
1:00pm Stephen Ministry Leaders (Steven Ministers Room)
2:00pm Stephen Ministers Meeting (Library)
4:00pm ASU Lecture (Sanctuary)
4:30pm Weekly Rosary St. Dominic (Chapel)
6:30pm PAL Meeting (Library)

Wednesday, January 14

9:00am Community Prayer w/ Pastor Steve (Chapel)
10:00am St. Dominic Bible Study (Chapel)
11:00am Bible Study: The Lord's Prayer w/ Pastor Steve (Founders Hall)
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 15

7:30am Bible Study w/ Ed Carpenter (Founders Hall)
9:00am Justa Center Sandwich Making (Founders Hall)
9:00am Community Prayer w/ Pastor Steve (Chapel)
4:00pm Bible Study w/ Ed Carpenter (Founders Hall)
4:00pm Board of Trustee Meeting (Board Room)

Friday, January 16

9:00am Community Prayer w/ Pastor Steve (Chapel)
7:00pm 2026 Concert Featuring Scott Keo (Sanctuary)

Saturday, January 17

9:45am St. Dominic Centering Prayer (Chapel)
11:00am Adair Memorial Service (Sanctuary) Reception to follow in Founders Hall

Sunday, January 18

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



Stephen Swensen M. D.

Monday, January 26, 2026

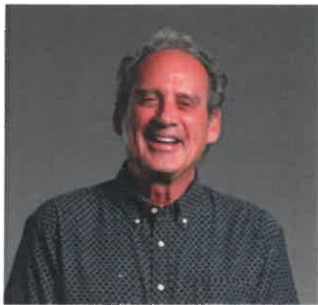
4:00 p.m. Church Sanctuary

"Kindness and Good Life" is Dr. Swensen's message of hope.

Kindness is helping others do better and better has no limit. If the *Good Life* is optimal health span, fulfillment, and positive life assessment, then kindness is central to achievement. Dr. Swensen will show how kindness improves the mental, physical, social and spiritual well-being of people.

Dr. Swensen is a recognized speaker, interdisciplinary researcher and expert in wellbeing, leadership and organizational development. For 35 years, he served patients at the Mayo Clinic as a clinician, scientist, educator and leader. He lives in Fountain Hills, has been married for 48 years, and has two children.

Please join us for this free event as we enter the New Year with a positive message of hope!



MEN'S ON-SITE RETREAT

January 31, 2026

8:30 am - 2:30 pm

In this retreat, led by **Pastor Joel K. Johnson**, founding pastor of Westwood Community Church in Chanhassen, Minnesota, we will apply the "Rhythms of Life" to its three fundamental questions: Who am I? Why am I here? Where am I going? In this Retreat we will bring clarity to life's purpose. In Joel's words "We are going to have fun together; it's going to be a meaningful time...and God is going to meet us in personal and powerful ways".

A continental breakfast and light lunch will be included. Tickets are \$20. Register either after the 8:30 service in the Founders Hall, at the Church office, or on-line at verdefaith.org

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1. He lead - eth me: O bless - ed thought! O
 2. Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor
 3. And when my task on earth is done, when,

words with heaven-ly com-fort fraught! What - e'er I do, wher -
 ev - er mur-mur nor re-pine; by wa - ters still, o'er
 by thy grace, the vic-tory's won, e'en death's cold wave I

e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
 trou - bled sea, still 'tis thy hand that lead - eth me.
 will not flee, since God thro' Jor - dan lead - eth me.

Refrain

He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me:

his faith-ful fol-lower I would be, for by his hand he lead-eth me.

WORDS: Joseph H. Gilmore, 1862
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1864

HE LEADETH ME
 LM w. refrain

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

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1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
 2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
 3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
 4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Thou art the pot - ter; I am the clay.
 Search me and try me, Sav - ior to - day!
 Wound - ed and wea - ry, help me, I pray!
 Hold o'er my be - ing ab - so - lute sway.

Mold me and make me af - ter thy will,
 Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
 Pow - er, all pow - er, sure - ly is thine!
 Fill with thy Spir - it till all shall see

while I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.
 as in thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.
 Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine!
 Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me!

WORDS: Adelaide A. Pollard, 1902
 MUSIC: George C. Stebbins, 1907

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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 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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