

COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

September 27, 2026



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Time for Centering

Acts 28:23-31

As the book of Acts comes to a close, Paul remains under house arrest in Rome, yet the gospel continues to advance. Though his circumstances are uncertain, God's purposes are not thwarted. Paul faithfully proclaims the kingdom of God and teaches about Jesus Christ, reminding us that God's work is not limited by our circumstances or confined to our expectations.

The ending of Acts invites us to see that God works through ordinary people, in ordinary circumstances, to accomplish His extraordinary purposes. Paul's story may come to a close, but the mission of the church continues. A good ending is not necessarily one in which every question is answered or every obstacle is removed. It is one in which we recognize that God is still at work through us, calling us to faithfully share the good news of Jesus Christ wherever He has placed us.

The story of Acts ends with an open door-and an invitation for us to continue the story.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

His Wonderous Love We Proclaim

(Thomson)

Call to Worship

Pastor: The kingdom of God is proclaimed, and the good news of Jesus Christ is shared.

People: *God's Word cannot be bound, and God's purposes will not be thwarted.*

Pastor: Even in uncertain circumstances, God is at work through ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary purposes.

People: *Open our hearts, O Lord, to hear your Word and follow your call.*

Pastor: Come, let us worship the God who continues his work in and through us.

People: *We come to worship the Lord, who is faithful from beginning to end!*

**Hymn of Praise*

O Worship the King

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (spoken in unison)

O God of love and mercy, we confess that we have done that which is wrong in Your sight. We have wronged ourselves by yielding to the desires of our lower nature. We have wronged others by word and deed. We have wronged You, O God, for we have failed to be true to the insights You have given us. We have kept our eyes on this world, when You have called us to Christ-like mission and ministry in Your Kingdom. We have turned our faces away from injustices and evil, when You have called us to encounter the reality of sin. We have hidden behind cliches and slogans instead of searching for Your truth. Cleanse our hearts that we may love

*Please stand as you are able

Silent Confession

#306

Assurance of Pardon

#35

**Passing of the Peace*

Call to Offering

(McDonald)

#46

**Prayer of Dedication*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Scripture

Acts 28:23-31

²³ After they had set a day to meet with him, they came to him at his lodgings in great numbers. From morning until evening, he explained the matter to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the law of Moses and from the prophets. ²⁴ Some were convinced by what he had said, while others refused to believe. ²⁵ So they disagreed with each other, and as they were leaving Paul made one further statement: "The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your ancestors through the prophet Isaiah, ²⁶ 'Go to this people and say, You will

Road Signs: Bill Hickman and Tom Young

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome members and guests! 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 **110** in person; technical difficulties for online service.

Today's flowers were donated by Sandra Shanley in memory of Bonnie's life.

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 will resume in the Fall. Questions? Contact Greg & Weezy Smith at lift5800@gmail.com.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY (coming in October)

REVELATION - Thursdays, 4:00-5:00 PM • Founder's Hall Oct 8-Dec 17 • Led by **Pastor Steve**-a 10-week Bible study on the book of Revelation. Together, we will explore this rich and often misunderstood book of Scripture, discovering its message of hope, perseverance, faithfulness, and the ultimate victory of Jesus Christ.

JEREMIAH -Tuesdays, 4:00–5:00 PM • Founder's Hall Oct 6–Apr 27 • Led by **Michael Northrup** (*Two week Christmas break*) Jeremiah spoke God's truth in a time of national crisis and spiritual drift. This study explores how his message of warning and hope speaks to our own uncertain world. Recaps and recordings available by request for those who can't attend in person.

GENESIS - Thursdays, 8:00–9:00 AM • Founders' Hall Oct 22–Apr 1 • Led by **Ed Carpenter** (*One week Thanksgiving break; three week Christmas break*) Genesis lays the foundation for Christian belief and introduces the people who walked with God—Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph.

All are welcome.



October Mission Drive Extended Hands Food Bank

This month we are collecting items for **Extended Hands Food Bank**. We will support their Food Pantry Program, serving kids in the Fountain Hills School District.

Please help by donating **individual-sized: fruit cups and bars, Goldfish or similar crackers or cookies**. Place items in the collection bin in the Narthex or in Founders' Hall.

For easy Amazon ordering, use the link in the Announcement section of the website. Questions: Nancy Lowe [203-395-9872](tel:203-395-9872).

Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP 101 CLASS

Date: Monday, November 2nd

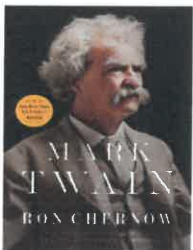
Time: 9:30 to 11:00am

Location: Founders' Hall

Who: All prospective members are welcome

Learn about the life of the church during an informational session led by Pastor Steve. Continental Breakfast will be available.

****Sign up in the church office.**



SPIRITUAL THEMES IN LITERATURE

The Book Club will resume on the second Thursday in December (**December 10th**) with Winnie Leathers. We will review Mark Twain by Ron Chernow. We will meet on subsequent months on the second Thursday of the month until May 2027.



MISSIONS

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

Pad Project Ministry: Will start again in the Fall.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Will start again Friday, November 13th @ 9:00am

Community Prayer

Come for a moment of prayer every Wednesday at 9am in the chapel with Pastor Steve.

If you are away and would like to receive the prayer liturgy by email, please contact Pastor Steve at sbeard@verdefaith.org.

Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team for The Community Church of the Verdes has been formed to assist Pastor Steve Beard in his mission for our church. The team will walk alongside individuals by providing visitation, communion, listening, and prayer to those facing crisis, illness, or life transitions.

Your Pastoral Care Team members are: Donna Angiolillo, Diane Bronson, Julie Dadlani, Debbie Etcheson, Gary Etcheson, Lois Halberg, and Gary Hedstrom.

Care Team Prayers

Our newly created Care Team has begun praying weekly for members of our congregation. We are praying through our membership rolls alphabetically and will pray specifically for a small group of names each week.

If you have a specific prayer request, please email Donna Angiolillo at: donna.angiolillo@gmail.com.



GIVING NOTES

**Online Giving is available!
It's easy, fast and secure.**



Support CCV Ministries & Missions with Online Giving

Just scan the barcode or visit the website at verdefaith.org/give

With gratitude for the generosity of church members, we are currently operating within our projected budget. The Finance Committee is focused on keeping you informed of this measure and of other financial results. You can expect a high-level snapshot of Receipts, Disbursements, Capital Spending and Fund Balances on a quarterly basis. The first report is available in the office if you missed it in the bulletin.

For comments, suggestions or questions, please contact Kim Dadlani, Treasurer, at Kim.g.dadlani@gmail.com. Thank you for your faithful giving!!!

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

Legacy Endowment Fund

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. Historically, this amount was allocated to the Mission Committee to support charitable organizations.

Memorial Garden Fund

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, September 28

8:00am AA Meeting (Library)

8:00am St. Dominic Weekly Mass (Chapel)

Tuesday, September 29

4:30pm Weekly Rosary St. Dominic (Chapel)

Wednesday, September 30

8:00am St. Dominic Weekly Mass (Chapel)

9:00am Community Prayer w/ Pastor Steve (Chapel)

Thursday, October 1

8:00am St. Dominic Weekly Mass (Chapel)

Friday, October 2

1:00pm Bonnie Todd Memorial (Memorial Garden)

Saturday, October 3

No activities scheduled

Sunday, October 4

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

9:30am Fellowship (Founders Hall)

10:00am St. Dominic (Sanctuary)

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY – THURSDAY: 9AM-2PM

FRIDAY: 9AM-12PM (STARTING OCT. 2)





Twenty-five Years. Four Incredible Shows. One Community.

For 25 years, music at Community Church of the Verdes has brought our community together. This season we're celebrating with a special **25th Anniversary Concert Series**, featuring world-class performers and unforgettable evenings of music. Mark your calendar now:

**December 4th -
PHOENIX BOYS CHOIR HOLIDAY CONCERT**

**January 15th-
LIVE FROM LAUREL CANYON: SONGS AND STORIES OF AMERICAN FOLK ROCK**

**February 5th-
LIVE FROM LAUREL CANYON: NILSSON/LENNON SONGS FROM THE LOST WEEKEND**

**April 16th-
CRYSTAL STARK: A WHITNEY HOUSTON TRIBUTE**

*Laurel Canyon often sells out at the MIM, so we are making tickets first available to you. Ordering information will be announced in October through our website.

Join us as we celebrate 25 years of music, talent, and community.

O Worship the King

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1. O wor ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove,
 2. How great is your might! How stead - fast your grace!
 3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 5. Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail;

1. and grate - ful - ly sing God's won - der - ful love,
 2. Your robe is the light; your can - o' - py, space;
 3. Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old,
 4. It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
 5. in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

1. our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 2. your char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 3. es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 4. it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain
 5. your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

1. pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 2. in ma - jes - ty rid - ing the wings of the storm.
 3. and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 4. and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 5. our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er and Friend!

WORDS: Robert Grant, 1833, alt.

MUSIC: Attr. Johann Michael Haydn (18th century); arr. William Gardiner, 1815

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Seek Ye First

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Descant

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1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God and God's
2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and

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righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

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add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS and MUSIC: Karen Lafferty, 1972

SEEK YE FIRST
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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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