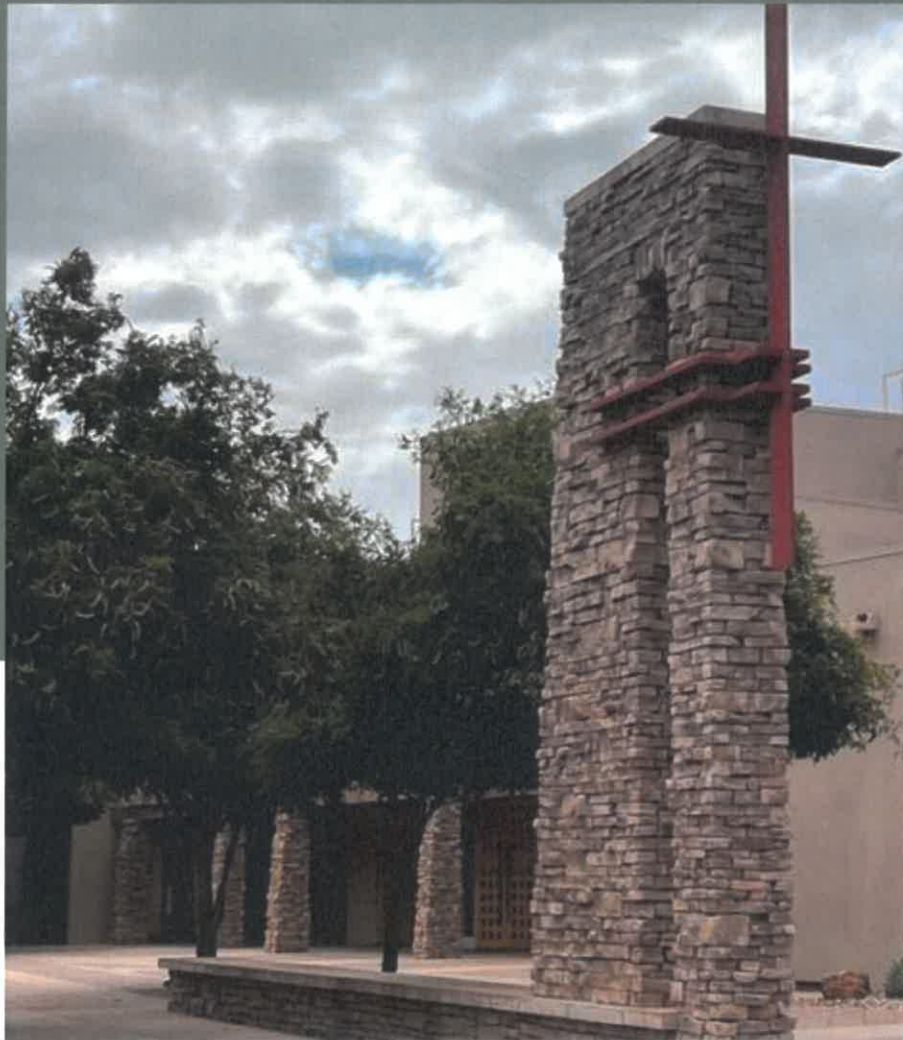




COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 18, 2026

OUR VISION

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Introit

Spirit Song

#352

Call to Worship

Pastor: In Christ Jesus, we who were once far off have been brought near by the grace of God.

People: Through Christ, we have been reconciled to God and to one another.

Pastor: Christ is our peace, breaking down the walls that divide us.

People: In him, we are no longer strangers, but members of God's household.

Pastor: We are being built together into a dwelling place for God.

People: Let us worship the Lord, who makes us one in Jesus Christ!

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

#339

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(spoken in unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts, nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have turned from your ways and trusted too much in our own. Forgive us, we pray. Renew us by your Spirit, and lead us again in the way of Jesus Christ. 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.

** Please stand as you are able*

Call to Offering

Offertory

For All He's Done

arr. Duren

*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

Ephesians 2:11-22

Anthem

Let Us Build a House

arr. Larson

Sermon

"Made to Be Citizens with the Saints"

Time of Reflection

*Closing Hymn

In Christ There Is No East or West

#687

Charge and Benediction

*Closing Response

Peace Go with You

Nolan

*Postlude

TODAY'S MUSIC

Prelude: The Church's One Foundation (Wesley);
Glory to God on High (Blake); Come, Christians, Join
to Sing (arr. Hayes)

Reflection: In Christ Alone (Getty and Townend)

Postlude: I Come with Joy (#420)

Trio: Debby Wojtas, Sara Bruton, and Jeffrey Stevens

SERVING TODAY

Communion Table: Pat Strachan

Refreshments: Lisa Rodriguez, Karen Ritchie,
Wendy Patry

Flowers: Sharon Severson, Jennifer Ristau, Linda
Paulos, Lily Ann Bence

Lector: Carol Wallman · **Tellers:** Judy Sevier, Ina
Spaeth

Ushers: Tom & Lisa Young

Road Signs: Bill Hickman, Tom Young, Bucky Distel

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

Anniversary Concert Series

For 25 years, music at Community Church of the Verdes has brought our community together. This season we're celebrating with a special concert series featuring world-class performers. Mark your calendar now!

Dec 4 **Phoenix Boys Choir Holiday Concert**

Jan 15 **Live from Laurel Canyon: Songs and Stories of American Folk Rock***

Feb 5 **Live from Laurel Canyon: Nilsson/Lennon Songs from the Lost Weekend***

Apr 16 **Crystal Stark: A Whitney Houston Tribute**

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

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us this week for Bible Study in Founders Hall. Hope you can join us!

Tuesdays Join Michael Northrup for the study of Jeremiah.
4-5 p.m.

Thursdays Join Ed Carpenter for a look into the Book of Genesis.
8-9 a.m.

Thursdays Join Pastor Steve for a 10-week study of the Book of Revelation.
4-5 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP 101 CLASS

Learn about the life of the church during an informational session led by Pastor Steve. A continental breakfast will be available. All prospective members are welcome.

Monday, November 2 • 9:30-11:00 a.m. • Founders Hall

Looking Ahead

WELCOME

Welcome, members and guests! We are glad you're here. Please sign the Fellowship Pad at the end of your pew. After worship, join us for coffee and conversation in Founders Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for last Sunday's service was 105, and 128 joined online.

Today's flowers were donated anonymously, with a special welcome to all those returning from their summer hiatus.

Stephen Ministers are trained and 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, or 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.

AA Meetings are held weekly on Mondays at 8:00 a.m. in the library.

PAL (Parents of Addicted Loved Ones) meetings will resume again in January. Questions? Contact Greg & Weezy Smith at lift5800@gmail.com.

MUSIC NOTES

Calling choir members and anyone wishing to join the choir! The first rehearsal of the season is **Wednesday, October 21, 4:00–5:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. No auditions are required. Questions? Speak with Tom Wojtas or call him at 602-571-0023.

CARE AT THE CHURCH

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.

Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team has been formed to assist Pastor Steve 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 & Gary Etcheson, Lois Halberg, and Gary Henderson.

THIS WEEK

MON Oct 19	8:00 a.m.	AA Meeting · Library
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TUE Oct 20	4:00 p.m.	Bible Study w/ Michael Northrup · Founders Hall
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WED Oct 21	9:00 a.m.	Community Prayer w/ Pastor Steve · Chapel
	4:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal · Sanctuary

THU Oct 22	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study w/ Ed Carpenter · Founders Hall
	3:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting · Board Room
	4:00 p.m.	Bible Study w/ Pastor Steve · Founders Hall

FRI – SAT Oct 23–24	<i>No activities scheduled</i>	
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SUN Oct 25	8:30 a.m.	Worship · Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship · Founders Hall

SPIRITUAL THEMES IN LITERATURE

The Book Club will resume on the second Thursday in December (Dec. 10). We will review *Mark Twain* by Ron Chernow. We will meet on the second Thursday of each month through May 2027. All are welcome.

MISSIONS

Lunch making & delivery for Justa Center

3rd Thursday · 9:30 a.m.

Pad Project Ministry

Resumes Mon., Nov. 2

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Resumes Fri., Nov. 13 · 9:00 a.m.

OCTOBER MISSION DRIVE

Extended Hands Food Bank

This month we are collecting items for Extended Hands Food Bank to support their Food Pantry Program, serving kids in the Fountain Hills School District. Please help by donating **individual-sized**:

Fruit cups

Fruit bars

Goldfish or similar crackers

Cookies

Place items in the collection bin in the Narthex or Founders Hall. For easy Amazon ordering, use the link in the Announcements section of the website. Questions: Nancy Lowe, 203-395-9872. Thank you!

MISSION TRIP 2027 · INFO MEETING

Step into a Transformational Journey: Join Our Mission Trip to NPH Mexico!

You are invited to join Pastor Steve to visit our charity partner, NPH USA, in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Join us for an information session led by NPH staff on **Wednesday, November 4 at 3 p.m. in Founders Hall.**

nphusa.org · Questions: Nancy Lowe, 203-395-9872, ntart94@gmail.com



1. Just as I am, with - out one plea, but
 2. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with
 3. Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt
 4. Just as I am, thy love un-known, hast



that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bid'st me
 man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt; fight - ings and fears with -
 wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise
 bro - ken ev - 'ry bar - rier down; now, to be thine, yea,



come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 in, with-out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 I be-lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

WORDS: Charlotte Elliott, 1835
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1849

WOODWORTH
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687 In Christ There Is No East or West

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in
 2. In Christ shall true hearts ev' - ry - where their
 3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west in

him no south or north, but one com - mu - ni -
 high com - mun - ion find; his ser - vice is the
 e'er your race may be; all chil - dren of the
 him meet south and north; all lov - ing hearts are

ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

WORDS: John Oxenham, 1908, alt.
 MUSIC: Alexander R. Reinagle, c. 1830

ST. PETER
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Thanks to your generosity, Community Church of the Verdes is currently operating within its projected budget. Quarterly financial reports are available in the church office.



Legacy Giving

Estate gifts may be designated to the Legacy Endowment Fund, supporting ministry and outreach, or the Memorial Garden Fund, providing for the garden's continued care.

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