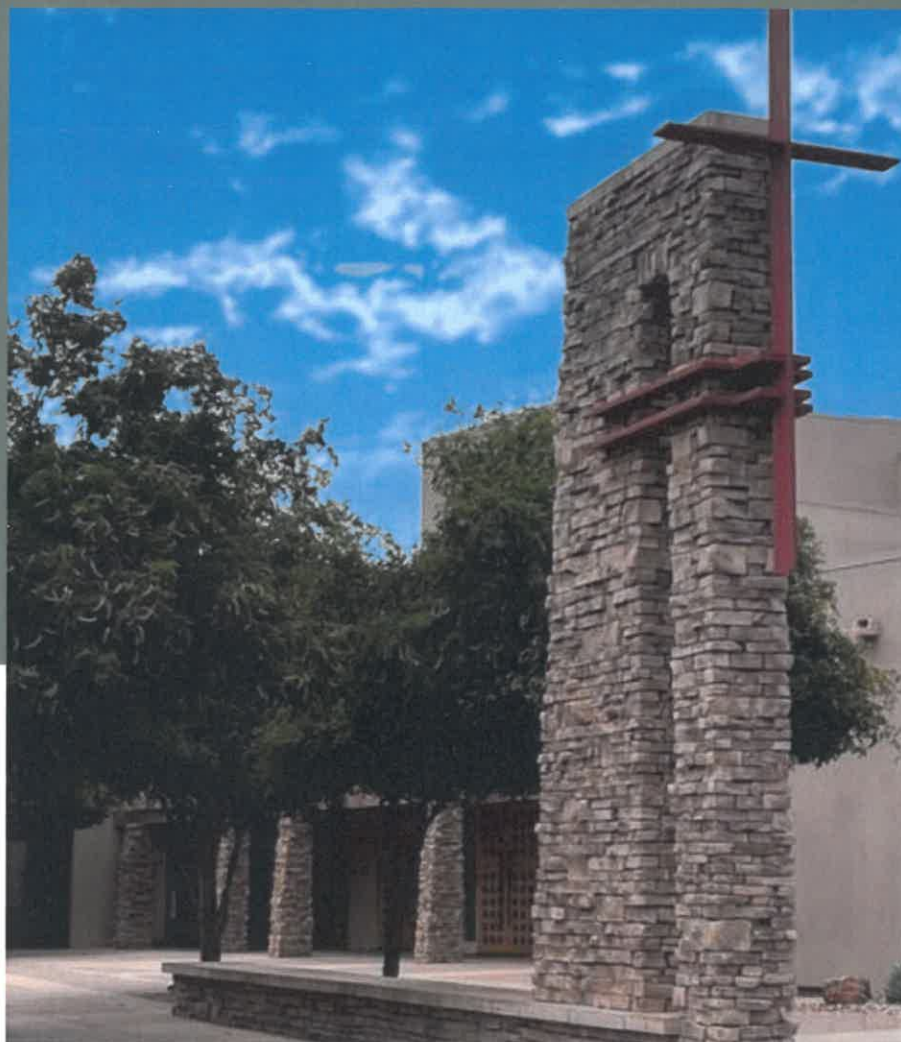




COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 25, 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

Surely the Presence of the Lord

#263

Call to Worship

Pastor: We bow our knees before the Father,

People: from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.

Pastor: Come, be strengthened by his Spirit,

People: that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith.

Pastor: Come, be rooted and grounded in love,

People: to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.

Pastor: To the One who is able to do far more than all we ask or imagine,

All: be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

#65

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(spoken in unison)*

Gracious God, your love is wider, longer, higher, and deeper than we can imagine, yet we live as if it were small. We try to earn what you freely give, and we keep your love to ourselves.

Forgive us, Lord. Root and ground us in your love, that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

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

Ephesians 3:14–21

Anthem

Be Still

McDonald

Sermon

“Made to Be Loved by Christ”

Time of Reflection

*Closing Hymn

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

#102

Charge and Benediction

*Closing Response

Go in the Grace of the Lord

Barnard

*Postlude

TODAY'S MUSIC

Prelude: Processional for a Joyful Day (Wood);
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (arr. Parks); God and
God Alone (McHugh)

Reflection: Good Good Father (arr. Cumberland)

Postlude: How Majestic Is Your Name (#63)

SERVING TODAY

Communion Table: Pat Strachan

Refreshments: Sharon Gambino, Linda Hickman,
Debby Wojtas

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

Lector: Rockee Coalson • **Tellers:** Barbara Cornelius,
Terri Meyers

Ushers: Tom & Michele Mulleady

Road Signs: Bill Hickman, Tom Young, Bucky Distel

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 142, and 92 joined online.

Today's flowers were donated by Nancy Sheppard in loving memory of her sister, mom, and grandmother, who all celebrated October birthdays.

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

Welcome back, choir members! Even though the new choir season has started, you can still join. Rehearsals take place every **Wednesday, 4:00–5:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. No auditions are required.

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. Tickets are now available through the Community Church of the Verdes Box Office. Scan the code to order.*



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

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 pastoralcareteam@verdefaith.org.

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 Hedstrom.

THIS WEEK

MON Oct 26	8:00 a.m.	AA Meeting · Library
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TUE Oct 27	4:00 p.m.	Bible Study w/ Michael Northrup · Founders Hall
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WED Oct 28	9:00 a.m.	Community Prayer w/ Pastor Steve · Chapel
	4:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal · Sanctuary

THU Oct 29	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study w/ Ed Carpenter · Founders Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Bible Study w/ Pastor Steve · Founders Hall

FRI – SAT Oct 30–31	<i>No activities scheduled</i>	
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SUN Nov 1	8:30 a.m.	Worship · Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship · Founders Hall

MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Members and friends, we will hold a Memorial Ceremony in the Memorial Garden on **Sunday, Nov. 15 at 9:45 a.m.**, directly following worship. The ceremony will honor those with ties to Community Church of the Verdes who have passed away over the past year. If you would like a loved one's name read, please sign the sheet in the front office.

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

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1. A might-y for-tress is our God, a bul-wark nev-er fail-ing,
2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los-ing,
3. And though this world with dev-ils filled, should threat-en to un-do us,
4. God's word a-bove all earth-ly powers, no thanks to them, a-bid-eth.



our pres-ent help a-mid the flood of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing.
 but there is one who takes our side, the one of God's own choos-ing.
 we will not fear for God has willed the truth to tri-umph through us.
 The Spir-it and the gifts are ours, through Christ, who with us sid-eth.



For still 'our an-cient foe doth seek to work us woe, with craft and
 You ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is he with might-y
 The powers of dark-ness grim, we trem-ble not for them; their rage we
 Let goods and kin-dred go, this mor-tal life al-so. The bod-y



pow-er great, and armed with cru-el hate, on earth with-out an e-qual.
 pow'r to save, vic-to-rious o'er the grave, Christ will pre-vail tri-um-ph-ant!
 can en-dure, for lo, their doom is sure: One lit-tle word shall fell them.
 they may kill, God's truth a-bid-eth still, God's reign en-dures for-ev-er.



WORDS: Martin Luther, c. 1529; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1852;
 adapt. Ruth Duck, 1981, 1990

MUSIC: Martin Luther, c. 1529; harm. from *The New Hymnal for American Youth*, 1930

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1. Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee,
 2. No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
 3. O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart,
 4. Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou,

with sweet - ness fills my breast; but sweet - er far thy
 nor can the mind re - call a sweet - er sound than
 O joy of all the meek, to those who ask, how
 as thou our prize wilt be; Je - sus, be thou our

face to see, and in thy pres - ence rest.
 thy blest name, O Sav - ior of us all.
 kind thou art! How good to those who seek!
 glo - ry now, and through e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Attr. Bernard of Clairvaux (12th century); tr. Edward Caswall, 1849
 MUSIC: John B. Dykes, 1866

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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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