

COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

April 12, 2026



ORDER OF WORSHIP

PLEASE WELCOME JAKE BALDWIN – GUEST PASTOR

This morning, we're grateful to welcome Jake Baldwin as our guest preacher. Jake serves as a pastoral intern and Director of Student Ministries at Mountain View Presbyterian Church in Scottsdale.

He is a recent seminary graduate, recently finishing his studies at The Flourish Institute of Theology, and is a candidate for ordination in the Presbyterian Church.

Jake and his wife, Amy, are raising four young children and are both actively involved in the life and ministry of the church.



Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

This Is the Day!

(Besig)

Call to Worship

Pastor: The risen Christ comes to us, even through locked doors and fearful hearts.

People: He speaks peace where there is anxiety and doubt.

Pastor: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.

People: We come seeking that living faith.

Pastor: Christ shows us his hands and his side.

People: We behold the love that will not let us go.

Pastor: Let us worship the risen Lord.

People: Our Lord and our God!

**Hymn of Praise*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (spoken in unison)

Gracious God, you come to us in our fear, yet we confess how often we remain closed off to you. Like Thomas, we struggle to believe what we cannot see. We hold back our trust and cling to our doubts. Forgive us Lord. Speak your peace into our hearts and lead us from fear to faith, through Jesus Christ our risen 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 Rejoice, the Lord Is King! (Forrest)

**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 Ezekiel 37:1-4

¹The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and placed me in the midst of the valley, and it was full of bones. ²He made me walk all around among them. I realized there were a great many bones in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said to him, "Sovereign LORD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and tell them: 'Dry bones, listen to the LORD's message.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem I Am Not Afraid (Larson)

Sermon "What Does It Mean to Know God?"

Time of Reflection

**Closing Hymn Breathe on Me, Breath of God #254*

Charge and Benediction

**Closing Response*

Go in the Grace of the Lord

(Barnard)

**Postlude*

Music for today's worship includes:

Prelude: Praise Him! Praise Him! (Allen), Processional for a Joyful Day (Wood), Days of Elijah *with* "All Hail the Power" (Robin Mark)

Time of Reflection: Mercy (Redman and Myrin)

Postlude: Count Your Blessings (Excell)

Trio: Debby Wojtas, Sara Bruton and Jeffrey Stevens

Volunteers assisting with worship today:

Communion Table: Diane Spang

Badge Table: Kristen Johnson

Fellowship: Diane Bronson, Debby Mullison and Pat Muilenburg

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

Lector: Winnie Leathers

Tellers: Terri Meyers and Jan Stegmann

Ushers: Rod & Pat Muilenburg, Karen Ritchie and Donn Angiolillo

Road Signs: Bill Hickman and Ric Doerflinger

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 558 for both services; 271 joined online.

Today's flowers were donated by: Winnie Leathers: In loving memory of their son Zach.

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. Next meeting is **April 14th**. Questions? Contact Greg & Weezy Smith at lift5800@gmail.com.



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 @ 10:00am. The book for **April**-Crying in the H Mart by Michelle Zauner; **May** - Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate. All are welcome.



BIBLE STUDY

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

From the Mission Committee: Food Donations

We are grateful for your past donations to our food collection efforts and would like to notify you of some upcoming changes.

The **Fountain Hills Christian Ministerial Association** informed us they are ending their Food Closet Program, so we will no longer collect food for them.

The other ministry we support, **Extended Hands Food Bank**, is undergoing some exciting changes. They have a new location, three additional drop-off sites in Fountain Hills, and a new **School Pantry Food Drive** program at each school in the Fountain Hills School District. After much consideration, we determined the impact of our support can be most effective by focusing our collections on their School Pantry program during the month of October.

Therefore, the last collection in the Little Red Wagon will be on April 30th. But, if you would like to support them throughout the year, visit their website **ehfb.org**, indicate your affiliation with Community Church of the Verdes and we will be notified of your donation.

Beginning May 1st, if you would like to donate food before you leave for the season, there will be a bin for Extended Hands in the Post Office managed by the Rotary Club of the Verdes.

The church continues to address the crisis of food insecurity with its support of **Harvest Compassion Center** and the **Justa Center**. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Lowe at ntart94@gmail.com or 203-395-9872.



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

 **Pad Project Ministry:** Monday's at 1:00pm

APRIL MISSION DRIVE

SUPPORT HOPE WOMEN'S CENTER



This month, we are collecting items for **Hope Women's Center**. They provide physical, emotional and spiritual support for vulnerable women and kids. Please help by donating: **full size, new unopened bottles of:**

- ♥ **Shampoo**
- ♥ **Conditioner**
- ♥ **Body wash.**

Items can be placed in the Blue Bin in the Narthex or in the church office doorway. **For easy Amazon ordering**, use the website link and indicate "Community Church of the Verdes" in the gift receipt. Thank you!

PLEASE WELCOME DONNA ANGIOLILLO TO OUR CHURCH STAFF

Donna has graciously accepted the position as Director of Caring Ministries. This position is focused on fostering compassionate care within the congregation. Donna's role exists to ensure that members and attendees of the Church are supported through times of illness, grief, transition, and need, reflecting the love and care of Christ in tangible ways alongside of the Pastor. With Donna's background and experience, we are sure that she will be an blessing to this church and an asset to our team. Welcome Donna.



GIVING NOTES



Support CCV Ministries & Missions with Online Giving

Online Giving is available!

It's easy, fast and secure.

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.

We are developing a more comprehensive method of reporting this information to you. You can expect a high-level snapshot of Receipts, Disbursements, Capital Spending and Fund Balances on a quarterly basis. The first report will be available in early July.

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

Scholarship Fund Important News

The church's Scholarship Fund has provided awards to recipients who have demonstrated academic excellence, commitment, and service with our mission partners. The Board of Directors recently evaluated the fund and voted to terminate it because we have received fewer and fewer qualified applicants over the years. The final recipients are: Erin Louise Chartier, FCA, \$4,000. Dustin Caleb Crenshaw, FCA, \$4,000. Robert Daved Holt, Sunshine Acres, \$4,000. Angelito Alvarado, Sunshine Acres, \$3,000. Christian Family Care, Family Care Kids Preschool scholarship fund, \$8,550.

Please consider these other 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, April 13

8:00am AA Meeting (Library)
9:00am Community Prayer w/ Pastor Steve (Chapel)
12:45pm Membership Committee (Library)
1:00pm Pad Project (Sunday School Room)
2:00pm Performing Arts Meeting (Library)
3:15pm St. Dominic's Pastoral (Boardroom)

Tuesday, April 14

9:00am Community Prayer w/Pastor Steve (Chapel)
1:00pm Stephen Ministry Leaders (Stephen Ministry Room)
2:00pm Stephen Ministers Meeting (Library)
4:00pm Finance Meeting (Boardroom)
4:30pm Weekly Rosary St. Dominic (Chapel)
6:30pm PAL Meeting (Library)

Wednesday, April 15

9:00am Community Prayer w/ Pastor Steve (Chapel)
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 16

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

Friday, April 17

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

Saturday, April 18

9:45am St. Dominic Centering Prayer (Chapel)
10:00am Jack Vogel Memorial (Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 19

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

MEET YOUR NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Front row left to right: Linda Smiley (Fellowship), Pat Peterson (President), Rod Bulcher (Facilities), and Kim Dadlani (Treasurer)

Back row left to right: Jackie Williams (Membership), Jared Reisinger (Technology), Julie Peacock (Education), Pastor Steve Beard, Nancy Lowe (Mission), and Nancy Sheppard (Worship)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Descant

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all of earth's peo - ples and

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, who rules all cre -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
 4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nour - ish thy life and re -
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all of earth's peo - ples and

rac - es, all that hath life and breath, give thanks for man - i - fold

1. a - tion. O my soul, wor - ship the well - spring of health and sal -
 2. reign - eth, who, as on wings of an ea - gle up - lift - ed, sus -
 3. fend thee. Sure - ly God's good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -
 4. store thee, fit - ting thee well for the tasks that are ev - er be -
 5. rac - es, all that hath life and breath, give thanks for man - i - fold

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PRAISE TO GOD

grac - es. Let the A - men sound from God's peo - ple a -

1. va - tion. All ye who hear, now to God's tem - ple draw
 2. tain - eth. Hast thou not seen? All that is need - ful hath
 3. tend thee: Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can
 4. fore thee. Then to thy need God as a moth - er doth
 5. grac - es. Let the A - men sound from God's peo - ple a -

gain. Glad - ly for - ev - er sing prais - es.

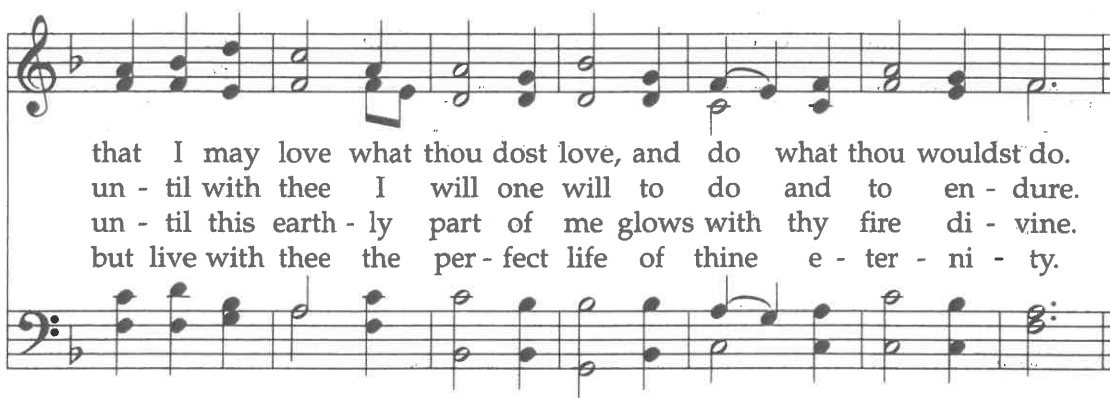
1. near. Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 2. been grant - ed in what God or - dain - eth.
 3. do, who with great love doth be - friend thee.
 4. speed, spread - ing the wings of grace o'er thee.
 5. gain. Glad - ly for - ev - er sing prais - es.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Edwin Hatch, 1878, alt.
MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

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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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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation



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