

COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

February 1, 2026

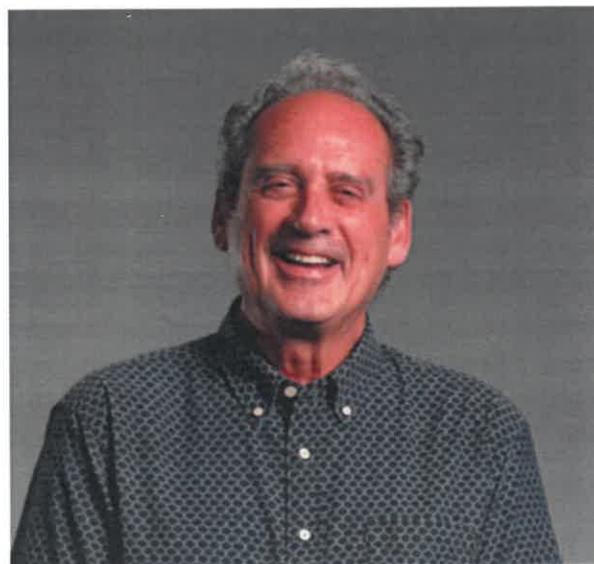


ORDER OF WORSHIP

PASTOR JOEL JOHNSON

Dr. Joel K. Johnson is the founding pastor of Westwood Community Church, a 30-year old evangelical megachurch in the Twin Cities suburb of Chanhassen, Minnesota. Dr. Johnson Graduated from Bethel College in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1982; Bethel Seminary in 1986, and completed a Doctor of Ministry degree at Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, California, in 1999. Dr. Johnson served on the Board of Trustees at Bethel University for more than a decade. He also served as an adjunct professor at Bethel Seminary and in the University's Master of Business Studies program. He served on the planning team to launch the Eastern Carver County chapter of Love Inc, an organization devoted to bringing churches together to meet the spiritual and physical needs of people in the community.

Dr. Johnson started the Open Hands Foundation through Westwood Community Church to meet critical needs within the community. Its inaugural effort was to open the only youth homeless shelter in the southwest region of the Twin Cities; offering love, dignity, and hope for youth in crisis. Dr. Johnson is one of the founders of Churches United, a collaboration of white and black leaders seeking to bring white and black churches together by being united in purpose, relationship, learning, and service. With a heart for the peoples of the world, Dr. Johnson is a trailblazing voice, seeking to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the more than one million first and second-generation immigrants from 162 nations that have moved into the Minneapolis and St. Paul area. Dr. Johnson and his wife, Keri, have four children and three grandchildren.



Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

**Call to Worship*

Pastor: Come, people of God, with hearts open and spirits still.
People: **We bring our hopes and our fears, our striving and our rest.**
Pastor: The proud heart and the restless mind find peace in God alone.
People: **Like a weaned child with its mother, our souls rest in the Lord.**
Pastor: O Israel, put your hope in the Lord-
All: **Both now and forevermore!**

**Hymn of Praise* *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* #2

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, You call us to walk humbly with You, but too often we chase after greatness, seek control, and cling to our own understanding. We confess that our hearts are proud and our minds are busy with things too great for us. Forgive us for our restless striving and anxious pride. Teach us again the quiet trust of a child-content in Your presence, confident in Your care. In the stillness of Your mercy, help us find our rest in You. 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

*Please stand as you are able

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 *Great and Awesome God* *(Hayes)*

**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*

Scripture

Mark 1:14-15 & Luke 22:7-14

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem

A Communion Invitation

(Courtney)

Sermon

“What is the Gospel Cup”

**Words of Invitation*

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.

Words of Institution

Intinction

Prayer After Communion

**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.

**Closing Hymn* Seek Ye First #354

**Charge and Benediction*

**Closing Response Blest Be the Tie That Binds #433*

**Postlude*

Music for today's worship includes:

Prelude: He Leadeth Me (Bradbury). Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth (Mendelssohn), Go Down, Moses (arr. Hayes)

Communion: Lamb of God (Paris), One Bread, One Body (Foley), I Am Thine, O Lord (Doane)

Postlude: God Be with You (#435)

Volunteers assisting with worship today:

Communion Stewards: Charla Smith, Tom Reinarts, Donna Peterson and Terrie Bunker

Communion Table: Rockee Coalson

Badge Table: Judy Sevier

Fellowship: Weezy Smith, Michele Naumes and Mary Streed

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

Lector: Rod Grav

Tellers: Jan Stegmann and Terri Meyers

Ushers: Chuck Halberg, Dan Larson, Nell Bigley and Bob Bigley

Road Signs: Bill Hickman and Tom Young

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome members and guests! Visit our website www.veredefaith.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 264; 191 joined online.

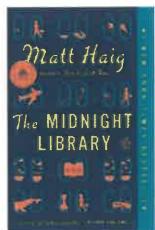
Today's flowers were donated by Weezy & Greg Smith: In honor of our PAL friends and family.

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 8:00 am in the library.

PAL (Parents of Addicted Loved Ones) meetings are held every other Tuesday at 6:30pm in the library. Their next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 10th. Questions? Contact Greg & Weezy Smith at lift5800@gmail.com



SPIRITUAL THEME IN LITERATURE

The Spiritual Themes 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 **February**—*The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig; **March**—*American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins; **April**—*Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner; **May**—*Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. All are welcome.

BIBLE STUDY



Wednesdays @11:00am Bible study: The Lord's Prayer with Pastor Steve is held in Founders' Hall. All are welcome.

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.



KIM HUMPHREY, CEO & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES (PAL)

Families Matter (Engaging the Family for Success Through Substance Addiction)

Monday, February 2, 2026

4:00 pm Church Sanctuary

TOMORROW

Kim Humphrey is a nationally recognized expert on substance abuse and its impact on families. He offers a unique blend of professional knowledge, heartfelt understanding, and lived experience.

With more than 30 years of service in the Phoenix Police Department—retiring as a Commander—Kim has seen firsthand the challenges families face. His own perspective deepened when he and his wife navigated their sons' struggles with addiction. Through PAL, they discovered hope, healing, and tools that strengthened their marriage and transformed their family's journey. Come hear Kim's inspiring story and his uplifting message of hope for families and communities.



YACHTZILLA

February 20, 2026 @ 7:00pm

**(doors open at 6:30)
In the church Sanctuary**

A 6 piece live band that brings stadium energy to the smooth sounds of Yacht Rock. (60's & 70's music) Every show is a sing-a-long that feels like Saturday night at a dueling piano bar. Get ready to rock and reminisce with Arizona's premiere yacht rock band!

*****Get your tickets during normal business hours in the church office.***

Mission Drives: The Mission Committee is grateful to everyone who donated to our Monthly Mission Drives for various charities during the season. We will continue to collect food for the Extended Hands Food Bank and FHCMA Food Closet throughout the summer.

MISSIONS

 **Lunch making and delivery for Justa Center:** 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:** meets weekly on Mondays at 1:00 pm.

February Mission Drive

Sunshine Acres



This month, we are collecting items for Sunshine Acres. They provide a loving, Christian home to children separated from their parents to prepare them for a successful life. Please help by donating:

- Kids snacks
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Individual hand soap bars

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



Ash Wednesday Service

Join us on Ash Wednesday (Feb 18th) 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel for a brief service of prayer and Scripture, including the imposition of ashes, as we enter the season of Lent together.

OPERATING FUND

YTD Actual contributions through January 25 were \$48,807

YTD Budgeted contributions through January 25 were \$55,000



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Thank you for your continuing support!

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

Legacy Endowment Fund – current balance \$381,952

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 \$23,653

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 may not 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, February 2

8:00am AA Meeting (Library)
9:00am Community Prayer (Chapel)
1:00pm Pad Project (Sunday School Room)
2:00pm Mission Committee Meeting (Board Room)
3:00pm Harmony Committee Meeting (Library)
4:00pm Lecture: Kim Humphrey, "How PAL Saved My Life" (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, February 3

9:00am Community Prayer (Chapel)
4:00pm ASU Lecture (Sanctuary)
4:30pm Weekly Rosary St. Dominic (Chapel)

Wednesday, February 4

9:00am Community Prayer (Chapel)
11:00am Bible Study w/ Pastor Steve (Founders Hall)
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, February 5

7:30pm Bible Study with Ed (Founders Hall)
9:00am Community Prayer (Chapel)
3:00pm Grief Support/Share Group (Library)
4:00pm Facilities Committee Meeting (Stephen Ministry Room)
4:00pm Bible Study with Ed (Founders Hall)

Friday, February 6

9:00am Community Prayer (Chapel)

Saturday, February 7

9:45am St. Dominic Centering Prayer (Chapel)

Sunday, February 8

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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



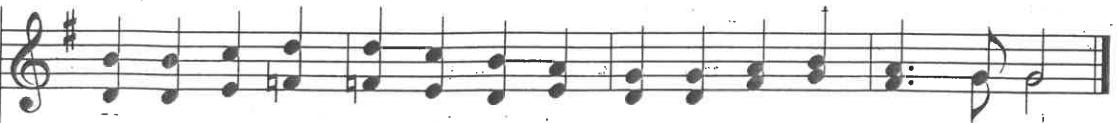
1. Joy - ful; joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-flect thy rays,
3. Thou art giv-ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,
4. Mor-tals, join the hap - py cho - rus; stars of morn - ing, take your part;



hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, open-ing to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 love di - vine is reign-ing o'er us, bind-ing those of ten - der heart.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, drive our fear and doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-ery mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our Broth-er, all who live in love are thine;
 Ev - er sing-ing, move we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife,



giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di-vine.
 joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.



Seek Ye First

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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

D Em7 A7sus D F#m

le - - - lu - - ia, Al - - - le -

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

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lu - - - ia, Al - - - le - - lu - - ia!

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

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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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Vocalists: Debby Wojtas, Jeffrey Stevens, Sara Bruton

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