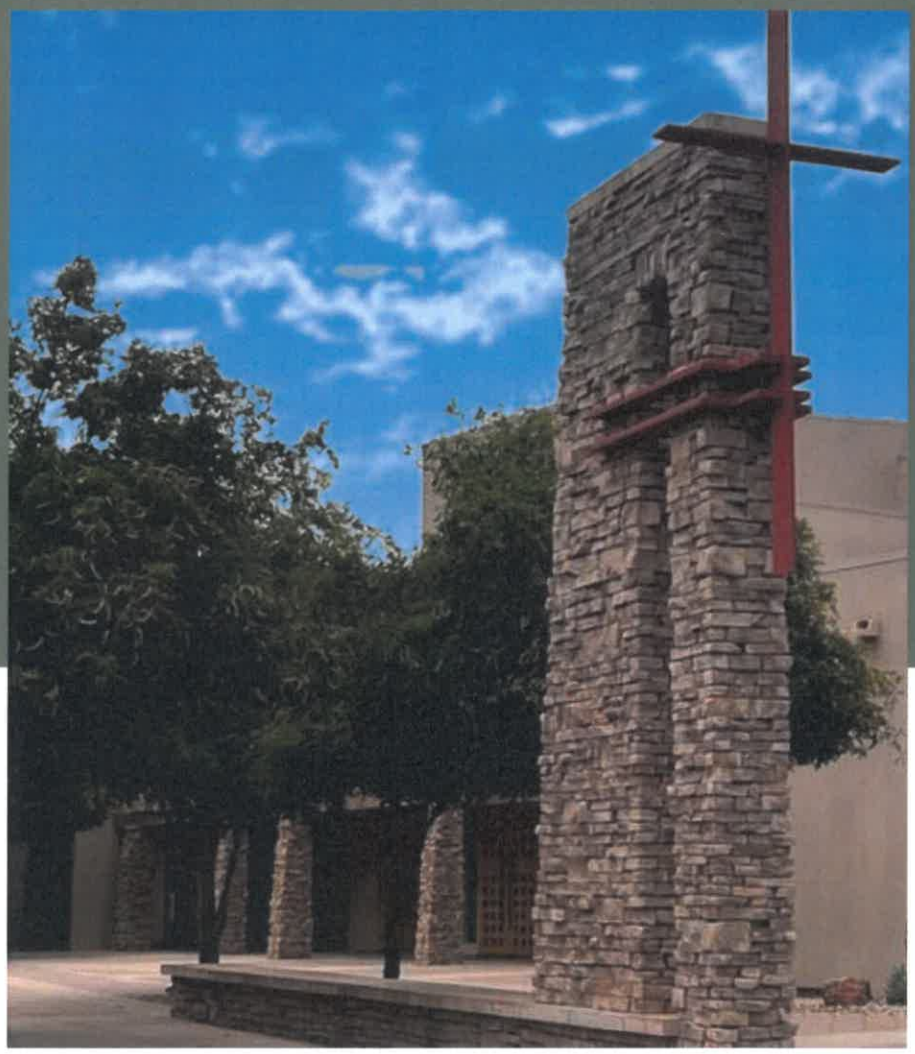


COMMUNITY CHURCH of the Verdes

SUNDAY WORSHIP

November 8, 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 *Come and Find the Quiet Center* **#575**

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: We come seeking mercy. We come longing for grace.

Pastor: Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

People: Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your Spirit.

Pastor: Let us worship God.

***Hymn of Praise** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* **#90**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(spoken in unison)*

O God of love, you are ever with us, upholding and guiding us. Yet we are so inclined to wander far from you. The more we wander, the more desperate we become for the joy and peace of your presence. We pray that you would seek us in our loneliness, and that you would find us in our hiding places. Then, in your mercy, grant us your forgiveness. Gather us back into your fold and set our feet upon your paths, in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 *Joy in the Morning* Sleeth

***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 *Ephesians 5:6–20*

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.

Anthem *All Things New* Hagenberg

Sermon *"Made to Renounce Old Ways"*

***Words of Invitation**

***Closing Hymn** *Be Thou My Vision* **#595**

Charge and Benediction

***Closing Response** *O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life* **#432**

***Postlude**

TODAY'S MUSIC

Prelude: Rejoice, the Lord Is King! (Darwall); Processional (Dubois); Shine, Jesus, Shine (Kendrick)
Reflection: Shine on Us (M.W. Smith)
Postlude: We Have Heard a Joyful Sound (#479)

SERVING TODAY

Communion Table: Elaine Betsch
Refreshments: Maggie McMillan, Carol James
Flowers: Sharon Severson, Jennifer Ristau, Linda Paulos, Lily Ann Bence
Lector: Jerrie Ellis · **Tellers:** Ina Spaeth, John Cole
Ushers: Rod & Pat Muilenburg, Jerry & Karen Baldwin
Road Signs: Jon Williams, Frank Bennett

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.*

ALOHA! FALL LUAU

Please join us for a night of fun at our Annual Fall Dinner. We will be serving delicious pulled pork, side dishes, and dessert. The cost is $10 per person, payable by check or cash. Space is limited to 150 people, so register as soon as you are able. **The sign-up deadline is TODAY**, so sign up after service.

Monday, November 16 · 5:00 p.m. · Founders Hall

DIRECTORY PICTURES TODAY

If you have not already had your picture taken for the church directory, please meet Jackie Williams in the courtyard after service today. Beth Knuths will also be there to guide you where to go.

Today, November 8 · 9:30 a.m. · Courtyard

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 181, and 147 joined online.

Today's flowers were donated by Jan Weinberger in loving memory of Lee Weinberger.

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.

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 Nov 9	**8:00 a.m.**	AA Meeting · Library
	9:00 a.m.	Community Prayer w/ Pastor Steve · Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Pad Project Ministry · Sunday School Room
TUE Nov 10	**9:00 a.m.**	Community Prayer w/ Pastor Steve · Chapel
	4:00 p.m.	Bible Study w/ Michael Northrup · Founders Hall
WED Nov 11	**9:00 a.m.**	Community Prayer w/ Pastor Steve · Chapel
	4:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal · Sanctuary
THU Nov 12	**8:00 a.m.**	Bible Study w/ Ed Carpenter · Founders Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Community Prayer w/ Pastor Steve · Chapel
	4:00 p.m.	Bible Study w/ Pastor Steve · Founders Hall
FRI Nov 13	**9:00 a.m.**	Community Prayer w/ Pastor Steve · Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl · Sunday School Room
SAT Nov 14	*No activities scheduled*	
SUN Nov 15	**8:30 a.m.**	Worship · Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship · Founders Hall
	9:45 a.m.	Service of Remembrance · Memorial Garden

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

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. · Founders Hall
Pad Project Ministry	Mondays · 1:00 p.m. · Sunday School Room
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Fri., Nov. 13 · 9:00 a.m. · Sunday School Room

NOVEMBER MISSION DRIVE

Harvest Compassion Center

This month we are collecting items for Harvest Compassion Center for their **Christmas Toy Drive**. Please help by donating:

LEGO sets (ages 5–12) **Superhero toys & items** **Pokémon toys & items**

Barbie toys & items

Place donations in the collection bin in the Narthex or in Founders Hall. For easy Amazon ordering, scan the code. Thank you!

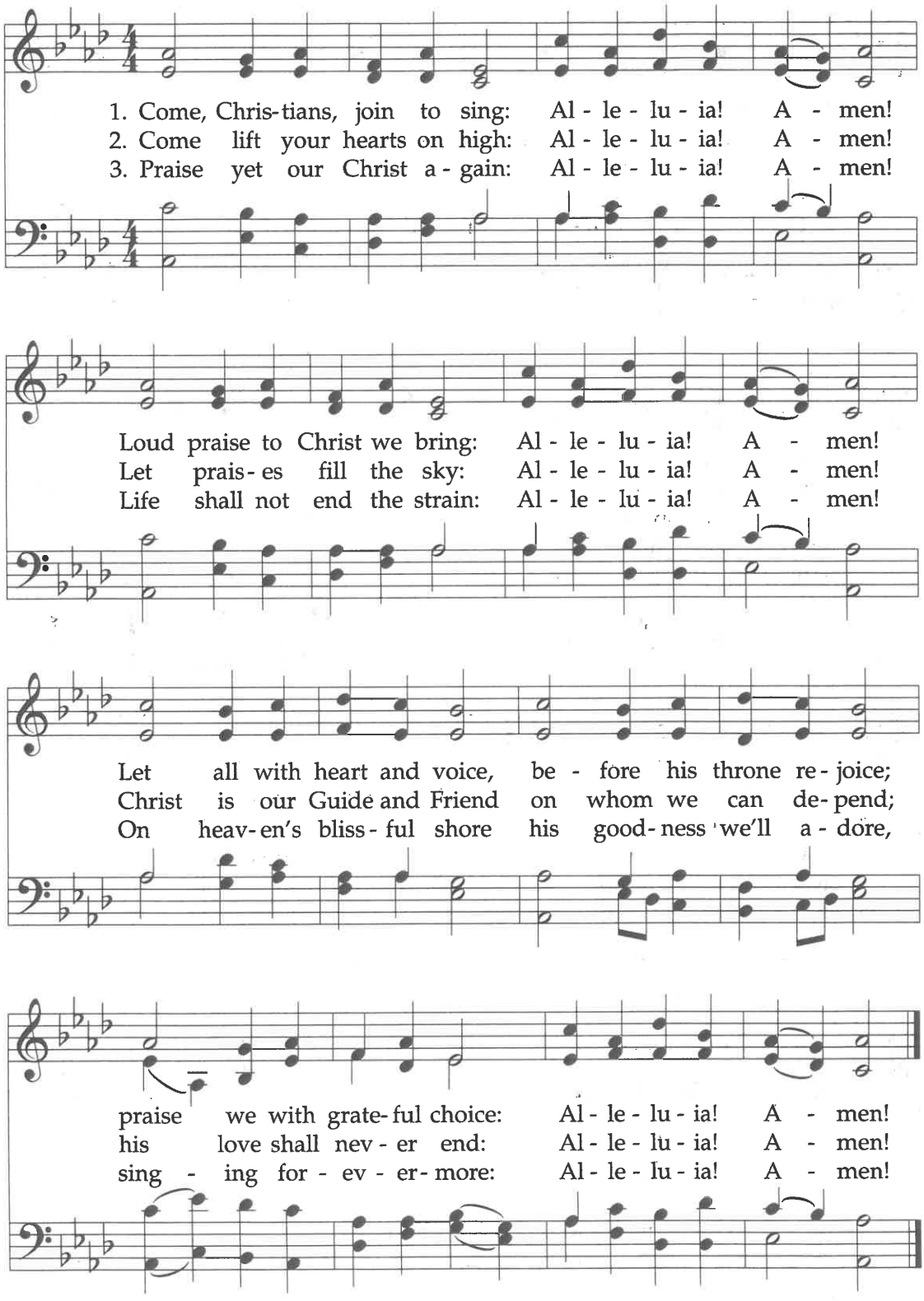
GUEST SPEAKER · CHRISTIAN FAMILY CARE

Keep on Truckin': Making the Most of the Years Ahead

Join us for a lecture by Mark Upton on **Monday, Nov. 16 at 4 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary.** We still have tremendous influence to offer, wisdom to steward, and lives to mentor.

Mark Upton is CEO of Christian Family Care and a ministry leader. He serves on the Governor's Council on Child Safety and Family Empowerment and the Department of Child Safety Community Advisory Committee.

Come, Christians, Join to Sing 90



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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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