

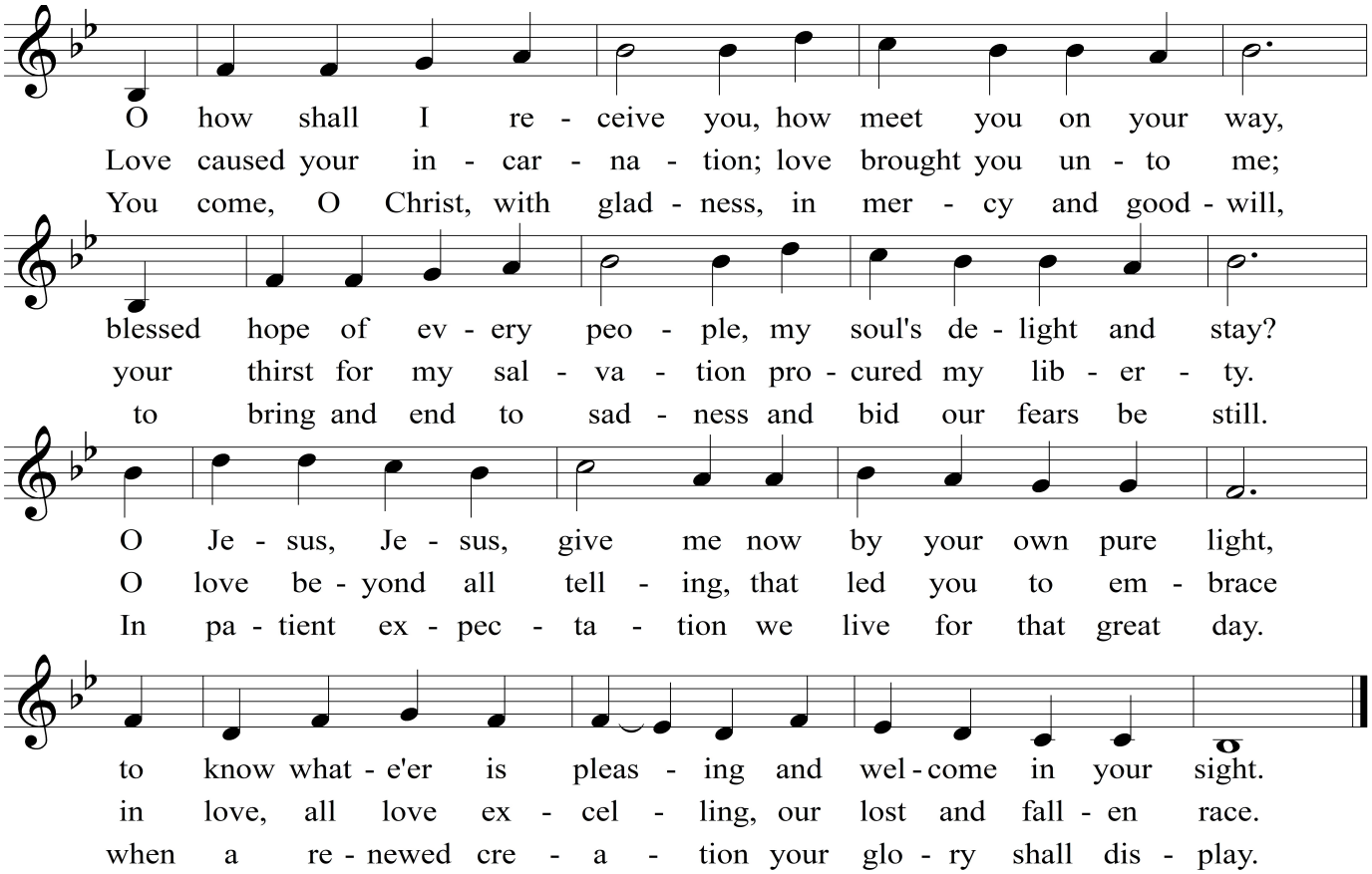
WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT
THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF VERO BEACH

"Founded in 1924 in the belief that there is more that binds us together than separates us in th worship of God."

November 29, 2026
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary and Streamed Worship

**Please rise in body or spirit. Bold text indicates parts spoken by the congregation.*
This service is streamed online and may appear on social media, YouTube, and our church website.
Families are always welcome in worship together. Should you choose, children are invited to attend Sunday School in room 206 and Nursery Care is offered in room 222.
The Garden Room is also available for parents of small children during worship.

PRELUDE	"Pastorale" *Domenico Zipoli*	Jill A. Truax, organ
COMMUNITY WELCOME		Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines
CHORAL INTROIT	""People Look East" *BESANÇON*	Community Quartet
CALL TO WORSHIP		Rev. Craig Hoffman
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN	"O How Shall I Receive You"	ST. THEODULPH



ADVENT CANDLE LITANY — Rayme Nuckles

One: The first candle on our Advent wreath is lit. It is the candle of Hope.

All: We watch, we wait, and we work for the coming of Christ's reign with Hope, just as those of old awaited Christ's birth.

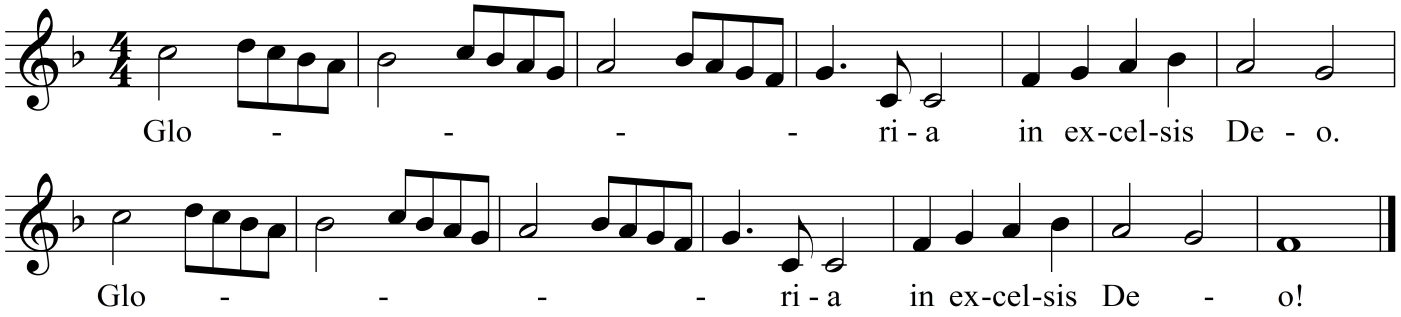
One: Hear the words of the prophet Isaiah:
"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

**All: "For to us a child is born, a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder.
His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace."**

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**O Great and Mysterious God,
forgive us if we place our hope in the passing things of this world
rather than in your promise of a new heaven and a new earth.
We pray that our worship inspires us to live more fully as citizens of Christ's kingdom
- a kingdom already here, but not yet fully present.
Awaken us to watch and wait and live for your Son, Jesus Christ,
who is the Hope of this world and of the world to come. Amen**

*ADVENT ACCLAMATION "Gloria in excelsis Deo" GLORIA



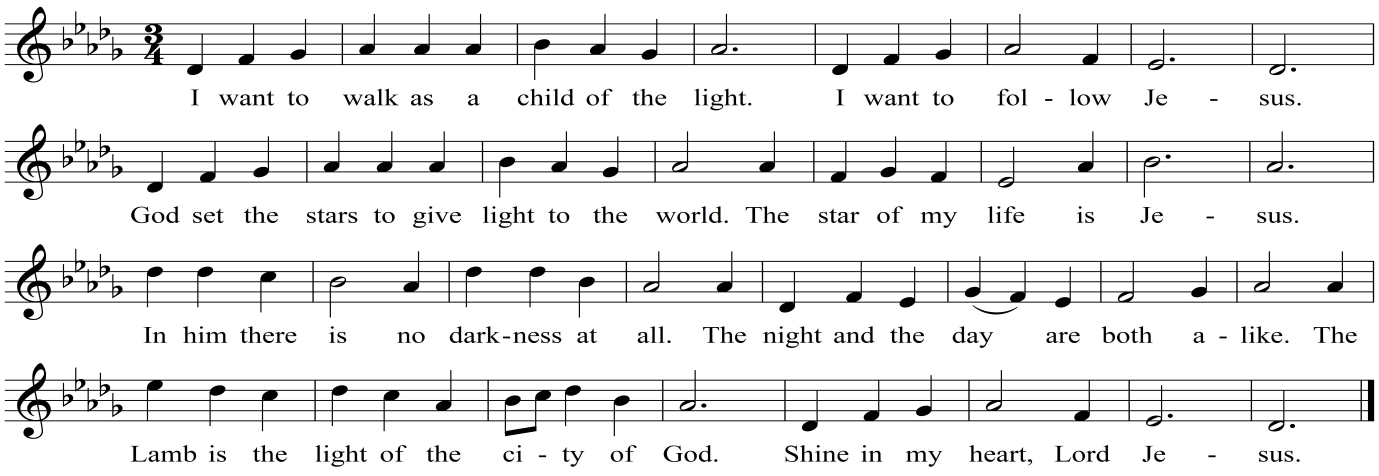
*Passing The Peace — Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

Attending to God's Word

Mark 13:24-27 — Rev. Craig Hoffman

24"But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its
light, 25and the stars will be falling from heaven,and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
26"Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. 27Then he will
send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends
of heaven.

Hymn of Reflection — "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" — Houston



Hope
Peace
Joy
Love

Mark 13:28-37 Rev. Jacob W. Kines

[28]"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves,
you know that summer is near. [29]So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he
is near, at the very gates. [30]Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things
have taken place. [31]Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

[32]"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only
the Father. [33]Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. [34]It is like a man
going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and
commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. [35]Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when
the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, [36]or else
he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. [37]And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Unison Response

One: By the reading and hearing of these words
All: may our lives be transformed.

Anthem "He Comes to Us as One Unknown" Community Quartet
arr. John Ferguson

Message Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

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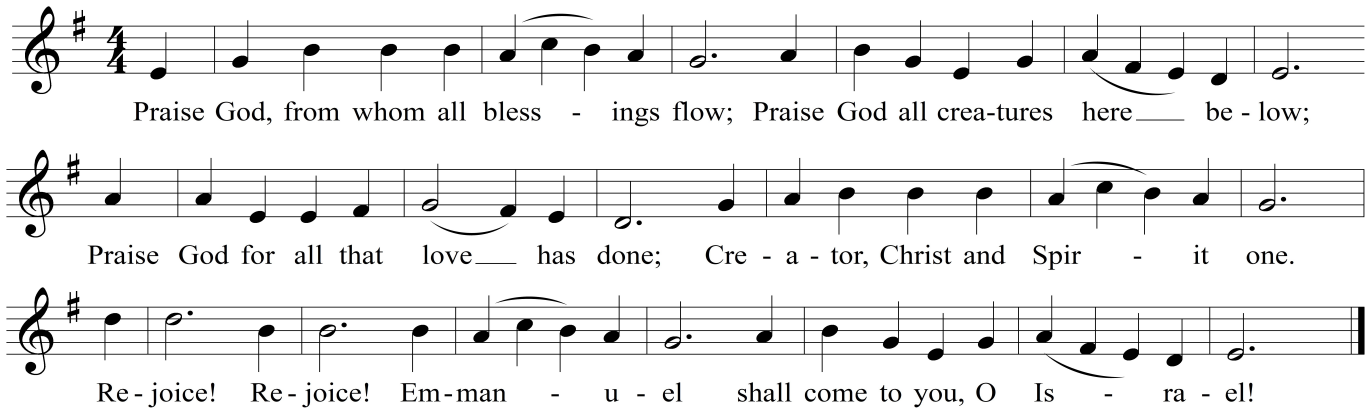
Musical Reflection — "Creator of the Stars of Night" *arr. Robert Train Adams* — Jill A. Truax, piano

Invitation To Offering — Rayme Nuckles

Musical Offering — "Even so, Jesus, Quickly Come" *Paul Manz* — Community Quartet

*Advent Doxology — Veni, Veni, Emmanuel



Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer — Rev. Craig Hoffman

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 temptataion, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen

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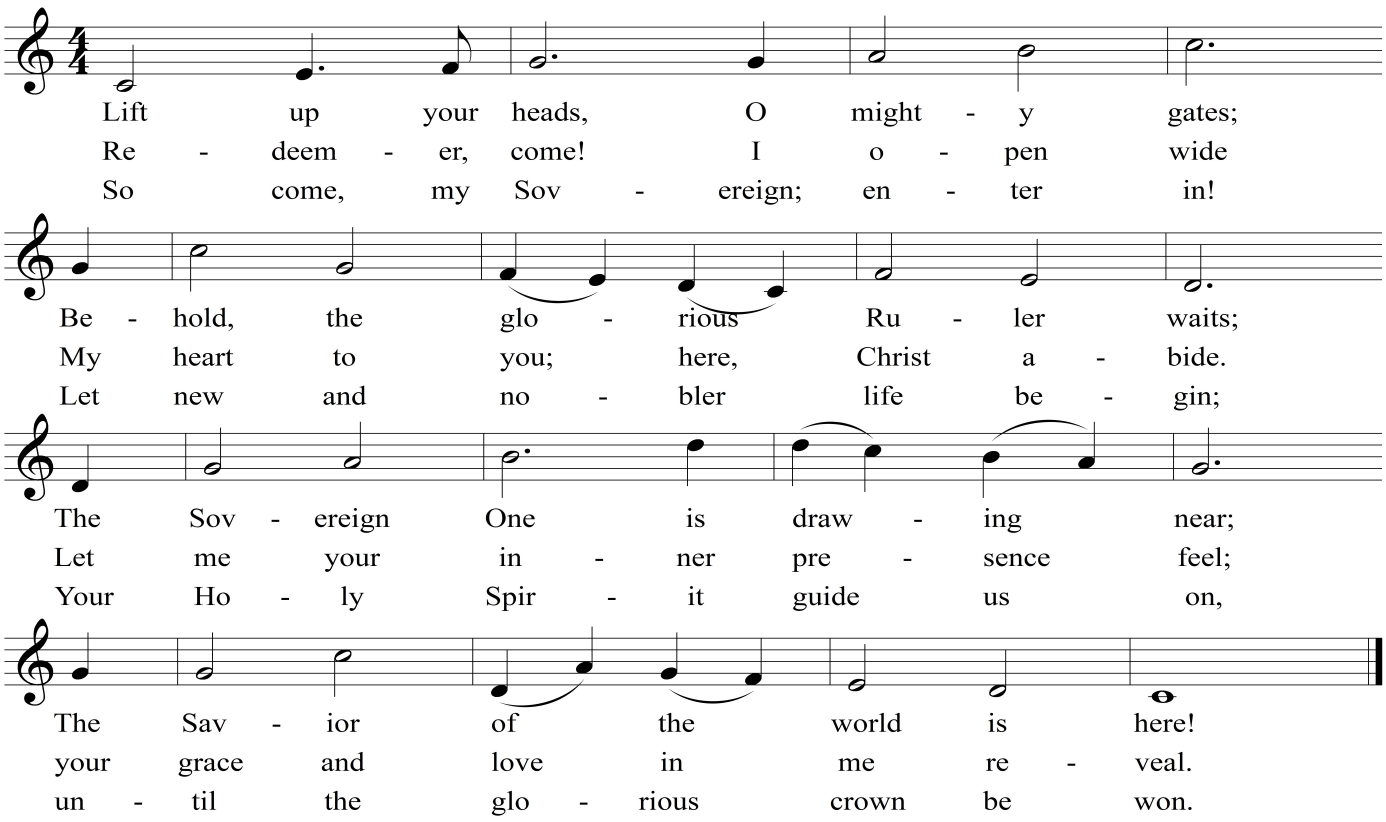
The Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn — "Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates" — Truro



*Benediction — Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

Choral Blessing — "Advent Alleluia" *Thomas E. Lock* — Community Quartet

Postlude — "Festive Intrada" *Paul Fey* — Su Lee, organ

Today In Worship

Deacon: Rayme Nuckles

Community Quartet...

Rachel Murphy, JoAnn Palmer, Don Symington, Joshua Pinnock

The Altar Flowers Today Are Given...

in loving memory of Gerre Rhodes by her family.

We extend Christ's welcome to all people, regardless of creed, age, race, sexual orientation and gender identity. The invitation to join our congregation in worship and membership is always open as we receive and extend the loving outreach of Christ.

Trinity Series, Thomas E. Lock, c. 2020 Thomas E. Lock

COMMUNITY LIFE

ADVENT I at Community *November 29, 2026*

Today, November 29: Advent Wreath Workshop with Children, Youth & Family Ministries

Come one, Come All! After worship today from 12-2 pm in Community Hall, we'll share a meal, decorate Advent wreaths, Christmas cookies and more!. Your donation of $25 covers wreath kits, the meal, and supplies. Bring your family, invite a friend, and start your Advent Season with a treat!

December 3: Advent Poetry & Music at 11 am in Grace Chapel



Celebrate 10 years of Poetry & Music with us! Rev. Beverly Zell returns Dec. 6, reading selections from "Advent Anthology of Poems" with organ highlights from Logan Koller. This event is free and a love-offering will be accepted. Take time to pause, listen, and reflect as we prepare for Christmas.

Christmas Wish Trees: Grab a Tag and Become a "Santa" – Bring Gifts Dec. 6



Our wish trees have arrived! Our worship spaces are adorned with trees filled with Christmas wishes for local children. You are invited to grab a tag, purchase a gift, and make these wishes come true! Bring your gifts back to church on or before December 6. Thank you for being a blessing year after year!

December 6: Around the World, NOEL! at 7 pm in the Sanctuary



Invite your friends and family for an unforgettable evening of global Christmas music. The musicians and friends of Community Church will enlighten and entertain all ages with Christmas carols from around the world. This free concert is our Christmas Gift to the community, and a love-offering will be accepted.

December 10: Advent Poetry & Music at 11 am in Grace Chapel



Celebrate 10 years of Poetry & Music with us! Our Advent Series continues with "Coming Days" featuring Sean Sexton and multi-genre pianist and organist Dr. Ray Adams. This event is free and a love-offering will be accepted. Take time to pause, listen, and reflect as we prepare for Christmas.

December 13: Jolly Gingerbread Open House at 3 pm in Commotion Youth Center



Invite a friend, bring your holiday spirit and creativity, and we'll provide the rest! The Children & Family Ministry hosts this afternoon of messy goodness, decorating gingerbread houses, and fellowship. The Youth Center is at the Corner of 22nd St. and 18th Ave. Info: 772-559-2210



Beautify the Church and honor a loved one with a **Poinsettia Dedication** this year! Dedications will go in the Christmas Eve worship bulletin. Complete the form below and return it to the Church Office with your dedication and contribution of $35 for each poinsettia donated. The deadline for donation is December 20. Info: 772-562-3633 Email: michele.wahle@ccovb.org

Your Name (Please Print Clearly):_____

Email: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

QTY. ____ **In Memory of:**_____

QTY. ____ **In Honor of:**_____

Total Enclosed: _____

Advent At-A-Glance

December 13: Advent Dinner – Let's Jingle and Mingle! Reservations Open



You are invited to Community Hall for some church family fun and pasta dinner on December 13 beginning at 5 pm. (Vegetarian option available)Bring and share your favorite Christmas dessert! Dinner is $15 for adults and $5 for children. Sign up in the Courtyard after worship, or visit the Church Office during the week.

December 17: Advent Poetry & Music at 11 am in Grace Chapel



Celebrate 10 years of Poetry & Music with us! Our Advent Series concludes with "Advent Sampler" featuring poet M.B. McLatchey and multi-instrumentalist and jazz musician Michael Telesmanick. This event is free and a love-offering will be accepted. Take time to pause, listen, and reflect as we prepare for Christmas.

December 20: The Longest Night – 4:30 pm in Grace Chapel



For many, the holiday season can be a tender and difficult time, especially in the midst of grief, loss, or hardship. With gentle music, a message of hope, and the warm intimacy of Grace Chapel, this service invites you to rest, remember, and be held in sacred stillness. Offered by Rev. Beverly Zell and the Called To Care Ministry on Sunday, December 20 at 4:30 pm in Grace Chapel. All are warmly welcome.



Samaritan Soup Bowl Gratitude from Mission Ministry, Dru King and Dick Hickman

Our recent Soup Bowl was a success thanks to the many volunteers and participants! Whether you prepared soup, served, cleaned up, planned, and especially purchased a bowl of soup, quarts, and specially prepared ceramic bowls, we thank you!



With Grateful Hearts, Let us Gather our Gold and Gems

Our annual rummage sale is in February, but now is the time to bring in your jewelry for the sale! Our volunteers have begun their sorting task and welcome your gold, silver, costume jewlery and more! Do you have broken jewlery? We'll take that too! Bring it in to the Church Office during open hours.



December 6: Tour Community Church with Jane Clower After Worship

Join Jane Clower on an informative and enlightening tour of our beautiful Church Campus. You learn the locations of rooms often listed in the bulletin, some history of the Church and some nuggets of trivia along the way! Sign up in the Church Office, or call 772-562-3633.



Ushers Needed! Serve the Congregation with a Friendly Face

We have some long-time ushers retiring this year, and we need YOU! Be the friendly face our church members, attendees and guests see when they enter the Sanctuary, offer them a bulletin, and show them to open seating! Ushers also help collect our Sunday offerings. You do not have to be a member. Just contact Archie Fox at 772-532-0002 for more information!

Church Office Hours: Sun.: 8 - 11:30am | Mon.-Thu.: 9am - 4pm
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