



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 the worship of God."*

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2025
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Streamed Worship

Please rise in body or spirit. **Bold text indicates congregational participation.*

Our 10:30 a.m. service is streamed online and may appear on social media, YouTube, and our church website.

Children pre-K to fifth grade are invited to Sunday School in room 206 prior to 10:30 a.m. worship.

If you would like your children in worship with you, bring them to room 206 for Sunday School when ready.

The Garden Room is available to parents of small children during worship.

PRELUDE "Pastorale for Organ" Jill A. Truax, organ
Bernard Pasquini

COMMUNITY WORDS Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

ADVENT INTROIT "based on *Veni, Veni, Emmanuel*" Community Quartet
James Grzadzinski

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Beverly A. Zell

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "O How Shall I Receive You" ST. THEODULPH



O how shall I re - ceive you, how meet you on your way,
Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you un - to me;
You come, O Christ, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good - will,



blessed hope of ev - ery peo - ple, my soul's de - light and stay?
your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
to bring and end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.



O Je - sus, Je - sus, give me now by your own pure light,
O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day.



to know what - e'er is pleas - ing and wel - come in your sight.
in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race.
when a re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

One: All of creation holds its breath.

All: The fulfillment of time is almost here.

One: The heavenly choir of angels waits for its cue to sing.

All: Excitement is all around us.

Lighting the Candle

One: Prepare your hearts, the love of God takes human form.

All: We gather to make ready our hearts for the arrival of the Christ, our hope.

One: Please pray with me.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Giver of every good and perfect gift, you offer us hope. When moments of apathy and despair overshadow us, you offer us hope. When we struggle to forgive others and ourselves, you offer us hope. In our efforts to serve the community beyond this church campus, you offer us hope. For the gift of hope, we give you thanks and praise. Amen

*ADVENT GLORIA

"We Have Seen the God of Glory"
David Gambrell

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

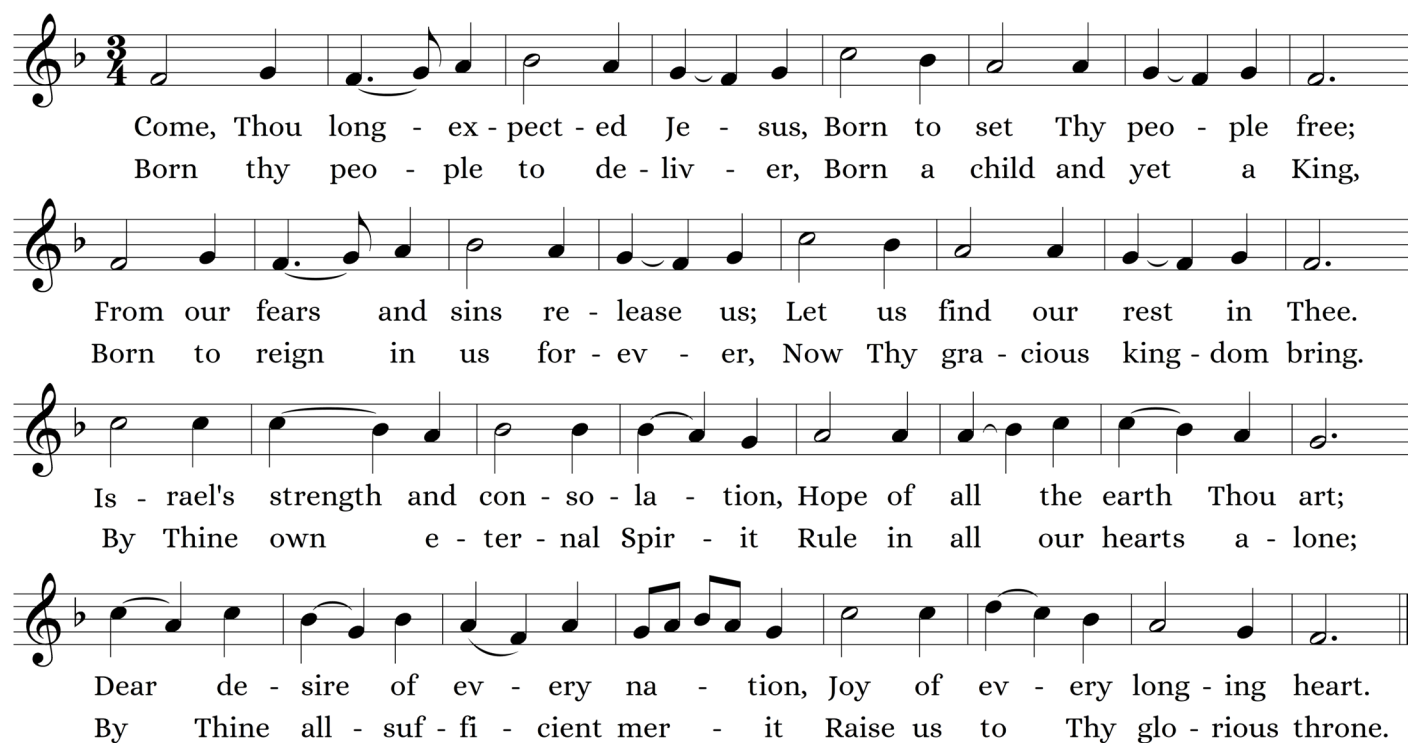
We have seen the God of glo - ry in the face of Je - sus Christ,
whol-ly hu-man, tru - ly ho - ly, source and sum - mit of our life.
God, who sum-moned light from dark - ness, shin-ing in our hearts to - day,
we will praise your name for - ev - er. A - men.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Beverly A. Zell

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.² In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.³ Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!



Come, Thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and yet a King,
From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;
Dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

Matthew 24:36-44

Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

³⁶"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

UNISON RESPONSE

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



ANTHEM

"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"
Matthew Culloton

Community Quartet

MESSAGE

"Re-Gifting Hope"

Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

MUSICAL REFLECTION

"Redeemer of the Nations, Come"
Charles Callahan

Jill A. Truax, organ

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Anthony Venturini

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Keep Your Lamps!"
Andre Thomas

Community Quartet

*DOXOLOGY

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta tion!

Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!

Glo - ry to God, all Glo - ry in the high - est!

O come let us a - dore him, O come let us a - dore him,

O come let us a - dore him Christ the Lord!

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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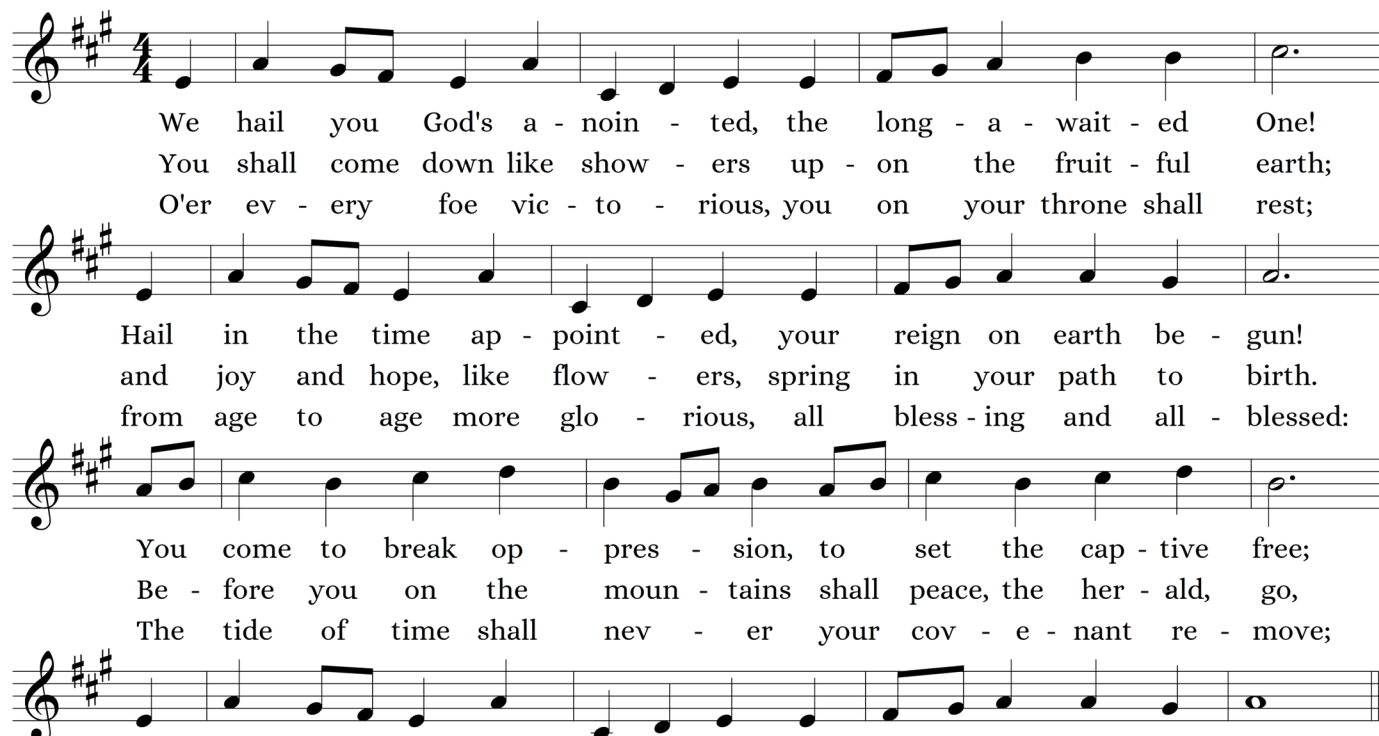
Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen

THE SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

"We Hail You God's Anointed"

ELLACOMBE



We hail you God's a - noin - ted, the long - a - wait - ed One!
You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, you on your throne shall rest;

Hail in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!
and joy and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.
from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blessed:

You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go,
The tide of time shall nev - er your cov - e - nant re - move;

to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
and righ - teous-ness, in foun - tains, from hill to val - ley flow.
your name shall stand for - ev - er, your change - less name of Love.

*Benediction

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ADVENT ALLELUIA

from "Christmas Oratorio"
Camille Saint-Saëns

Community Quartet

Postlude

variations on
"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"
arr. Diane Bish

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

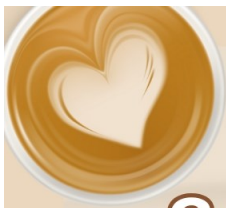
DEACON: Anthony Venturini

TODAY WE REMEMBER...

Patricia (Pat) Corrigan who passed away on November 22, 2025.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN...

in celebration of the Advent Season.



SEEKING SANCTUARY STEWARDS

Thank you for your generosity of time in October
and the gracious offering of your time
this November & December!

Check your calendars because
January Dates are Open!

Sign up for a Sunday (or two) and help keep coffee
hour going **after** Sanctuary (10:30 a.m.) worship.

Contact Us

info@ccovb.org
772-562-3633

Or Visit Us

Monday-Thursday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



We extend Christ's welcome to all people, regardless of creed, age, race, or sexual identity.

*The invitation to join our congregation in worship and membership is
always open*

as we receive and extend the loving outreach of Christ.



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COMMUNITY LIFE

The First Sunday in Advent, November 30, 2025

THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

Young Adult Sunday Bible Study Group

Weekly after C2 Worship in Community Hall

Sacred Pause Mondays at 8:30 a.m. on Zoom

info: jlhoffman1950@gmail.com

Life-Long Fitness: Mondays & Wednesdays

We're Back! 9:30 a.m. in Community Hall

Wednesday Bible Studies w/ Rev. Jacob

We're Back! 7:30 a.m. Men | 10:30 a.m. Women
Community Hall and Zoom

Community @ Community December 3

5:00 p.m. Supper | 6:00 p.m. Film "Found"

Wednesday Grief Group **Will Not Meet**

Middle School Youth December 3

Festive, Faith-Filled Fellowship
@ 5:30 p.m. in Commotion

Chancel Choir Rehearsals Resume December 3

6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room

Spiritual Direction **Will Not Meet**

Counseling with Peter Ferrell

By appointment only. suzanne.rice@ccovb.org

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

SUNDAY:

8-11:30 A.M.

MONDAY-THURSDAY:

9 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?

Thank You!



Because of your generosity and dedication, the Samaritan Soup Bowl at The Community Church of Vero Beach was an incredible success:

- **22** gallons of soup sold on Nov. 2
- **60+** guests served, **22** gallons sold, and 10 bowls purchased at the Nov. 6 event
- **8** additional quarts sold on Nov. 9

Together, we raised **\$2,725** for the Samaritan Center, which provides transitional housing and guidance to homeless families in Indian River County. Your efforts show how our community can come together to make a real difference. Thank you for your continuing support!

A heartfelt thank you to our amazing volunteers who cooked, served, cleaned, and shared their time and talents to make this event possible. Your efforts show how our community can come together to make a real difference.

JINGLE &
Mingle

RESERVATION DEADLINE TODAY, NOVEMBER 30

Today is the Day! Reserve your spot for dinner on December 14 at 5 p.m. in Community Hall visit the table in the Courtyard after worship or visit Church Office to make a reservation. Questions? Contact Susan Kramer at kramerst434@gmail.com.



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH DECEMBER 3 AT 5:30 P.M. IN COMMOTION

Get into the holiday spirit with some festive, faith-filled, fun and fellowship on Wednesday, December 3 at 5:30 p.m. in Commotion. Email Char.Higgins@ccovb.org.



COMMUNITY @ COMMUNITY TO PRESENT SHORT FILM "FOUND" DECEMBER 3

Inspired by the story of countless restavek children in Haiti, FOUND follows the journey of one child, Natascha, out of captivity and into freedom in a safe and loving home. After being separated from her family and sold into slavery, Natascha's story is rewritten by a message of hope: that the love of Jesus truly has the power to transform lives.

Supper is at 5 p.m. and the film will be presented at 6 p.m. in Community Hall.



ADVENT POETRY & MUSIC SERIES DECEMBER 4 AT 11 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

Take some time on Thursdays in Advent to reflect on the themes and emotions that Advent can evoke through the spoken word by nationally-recognized poets, and musical selections. Our first poet is Sarah Carey, with organist Logan Koller.



CHRISTMAS WISH TREE GIFTS DUE DECEMBER 7

Your generosity is pouring through the Church Office! Gifts are coming in and we are so excited to see the fulfillment of this annual tradition of giving. There is still time! We have just one more week, so grab those tags and bring your unwrapped gifts to the Church Office by December 7 so we can sort and distribute them quickly.



SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS: A CELEBRATION CONCERT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 AT 7 P.M.

Our annual Christmas Concert is sure to delight all ages with traditional music, old favorites, and some surprises along the way! You'll hear our Chancel Choir, Community Ringers, Tapestry Brass, Jazz Combo, and more! This free concert is open to everyone with a suggested donation of \$10.



RINGERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

Continue the Salvation Army's annual tradition of hope by ringing the bell at the miracle mile Publix to raise funds for shelters, disaster relief, children's services, rehabilitation, and more.

- Sign up at the Mission Table during coffee hour.
- Or online at registertoring.com: Select "I'm ringing with a group" - use the code CCOVB1



"JOLLY GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING" SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT 3 P.M.

The Children's Ministry invites all children ages 2 to 92! All you need is your creativity and holiday spirit. Bring the kids or come on your own to get away from the hustle and bustle for a time of festive fun in Commotion from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Beautify our worship spaces 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 14. Info: 772-562-3633 Email: suzanne.rice@ccovb.org



Your Name (Please Print Clearly): _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

QTY. _____ In Memory of: _____

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