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→ 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."

12.09.2018

CHAPEL 8:30 A.M.

C² SERVICE (COMMUNITY HALL) 10:00 A.M.

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:00 A.M.

WELCOME

Recognizing the wide welcome offered to all through Jesus Christ, Community Church opens its arms to all.

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

*We invite you to join our congregation in worship and in membership,
as we allow our lives to be shaped by the loving outreach of Christ.*

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

Please refrain from applause during worship until invited.

Teachers will lead children grades Pre-K through 5th grade to Sunday school after the Passing of the Peace.

Nursery care available during our C^o and Sanctuary worship services. Our services are live-streamed via internet, capturing the chancel & the congregation and may appear on social media.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”
arr. Jay Rouse

Jill A. Truax, piano

COMMUNITY WORDS

Dr. Robert T. Baggott

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

Dr. Casey G. Baggott

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN AND ENTRANCE OF THE CHRIST LIGHT

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

HYFRYDOL



Come, Thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple
Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and yet a
Proph - et's voice fore - told the stor - y, "Make a path - way for our
free; From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
King, Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
King. Bring the moun - tains down be - fore us, Let the vall - eys rise and sing."
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;
Nur - ture deep with - in our spir - its Vis - ions of the com - ing Son:
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.
Mer - cy, just - ice, love, com - pas - sion, Gifts of Christ to make us one.

*LITANY

Kay Hammond

One: Comfort, comfort ye, my people.

All: **By God’s grace, we find comfort in the midst of daily struggle and the promise of daily blessing.**

One: Comfort, comfort ye, my people.

All: **By God’s grace, we find comfort that in the fullness of time, God’s Son is born among us! Unto us a savior is given!**

One: Let us pray.

*UNISON PRAYER

Compassionate God, teach us how to prepare for the day of your coming. Remind us of prophets and preachers, saints and simple believers whose words and lives have called us to faithfulness. Instill in us, as you did in them, a joy at the Good News of your coming. Help us make ready our lives and our hearts. Prepare us to be witnesses to the dawning of your astonishing grace. Amen.

*ADVENT GLORIA AND LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. David W. Johnson

*Children grades Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to join us for Sunday School.
Parents of visiting children are asked to escort their child to their classroom in order to fill out contact information.
Children may be picked up after worship in Commotion.*

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

ANTIPHONAL READING

Cantor and Congregation

Antiphon: Congregation may join the cantor in singing the antiphon.

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13



Cantor and Congregation

One: God of hosts, turn again, we implore; look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted,

Cantor and Congregation

One: May your hand be on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have confirmed as your own. And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name.

Cantor and Congregation

One: Give praise to the Father Almighty, to his Son, Jesus Christ, the LORD, to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts, both now and forever. Amen.

Cantor and Congregation

RESPONSE

One: May God who commanded light to shine out of darkness enlighten our way today.

All: **Amen.**

One: God's message finds utterance in our midst.

All: **We wait and listen for God's word to us today.**

Isaiah 40:1-5

¹ Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵ Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

RESPONSE

One: God's promises of comfort have been spoken.

All: **The herald's voice has announced the coming of our God.**

*HYMN OF DEVOTION

"Comfort, Comfort You My People"

FREU DICH SEHR

Com - fort, com - fort you my peo - ple, tell of peace, thus says our God;
 For the her - ald's voice is call - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 Make you straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er plac - es plain;

com - fort those who sit in dark - ness bowed be - neath op - press - ion's load.
 bid - ding us to make re - pent - ance since the king - dom now is here.
 let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.

Speak you to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a - way;
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

tell them that their sins I cov - er, and their war - fare now is o - ver.
 Let the val - leys rise to meet - ing and the hills bow down in greet - ing.
 and all flesh shall see the tok - en that God's word is ne - ver bro - ken.

One: Silence in us, O God, any voice but your own.

All: **May your Word be proclaimed and received here today.**

Luke 3:1-6

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the LORD, make his paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’

RESPONSE

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

“Prepare the Royal Highway”
arr. Bradley Ellingboe

Chancel Choir

*Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley A level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory, Foretold in sacred story:
Hosanna to the Lord, For he fulfills God's Word!
Then fling the gates wide open To greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation Its tribute too may bring.
All lands will bow before him: Their voices join your singing:
Hosanna to the Lord, For he fulfills God's Word!
His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heav'n above
His rule is peace and freedom And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding For kindness so abounding:
Hosanna to the Lord, For he fulfills God's Word!
For he fulfills God's Word!*

SERMON

“Prepare the Way”
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” Luke 3:4c

Dr. Robert T. Baggott

MUSICAL REFLECTION

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Chancel Choir

*For lo, the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When with the evercircling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UNISON CALL TO OFFERING

Kay Hammond

God, as prophets through the ages have dedicated themselves to You, so today we dedicate ourselves and our gifts to You. May they bring Your surpassing comfort to those who need Your presence most. Amen.

OFFERTORY

“Thoughts and Remembrances”

Jackson Berkey

Community Singers and
Deborah Wendt, harp

*I will pour water on those that are thirsty; I will pour floods upon the dry ground;
I will pour my spirit upon your seed: And my blessing upon your offspring.*

*DOXOLOGY

CALL TO PRAYER

Dr. Casey G. Baggott

One: God be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

One: Let us pray. O LORD, show us your mercy.

All: **And grant us your salvation.**

One: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

All: **And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Now Bless The God of Israel”

FOREST GREEN



Now bless the God of Is - ra - el, who comes in love and power,
Re - mem - ber - ing the cov - e - nant, God res - cues us from fear,
In ten - der mer - cy, God will send the day - spring from on high,
who rais - es from the roy - al house de - liv - erance in this hour.
that we might serve in hol - i - ness and peace from year to year;
our ris - ing sun, the light of life for those who sit and sigh,
Through ho - ly proph - ets— God has sworn to free us from a - larm,
and you, my child, shall go be - fore to preach us from a - larm,
God comes to guide our way to peace, that death shall reign no more.
to save us from the heav - y hand of all who wish us harm.
that all may know the ten - der— love, the grace of God most high.
Sing prais - es to the Ho - ly One! O wor - ship and a - dore!

*BENEDICTION

Dr. Robert T. Baggott

POSTLUDE

“Sleepers, Wake!”
Johann Sebastian Bach

Andrew R. Galuska, organ

If you desire anointing and prayer for yourself or a loved one, please meet Diana Mrotek and Ferguson Taylor, Called to Care Ministers, at the chancel steps following the 8:30 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. services today.

IN WORSHIP TODAY

DEACON: Kay Hammond

ACOLYTE: Morgan DeSchouwer

TODAY WE REMEMBER...

Barbara D. Simpson who died on November 16th. A service will be held this summer in New Canaan, CT with internment to be at Kensico Cemetery in Valhalla, NY.

Eva Bryan who died on December 1st. A service will be held in Alabama.

THE FLOWERS TODAY ARE DEDICATED TO THE GLORY OF GOD GIVEN...

in honor of Char and Steve Higgins in celebration of their 20th anniversary.

Please join us outside Community Hall for refreshments and conversation.



CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

December 9, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 a.m. Grace Chapel, 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary, 10:00 a.m. C² Service, in Community Hall. Dr. Robert T. Baggott will be preaching.
(Sunday School and Nursery Care will be available at the 10:00 a.m. Services)

A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary: "NOEL, NOEL" Celebrate the sounds of Christmas with the Community Church Chancel Choir, Community Singers, Vero Beach Choral Society, Tapestry Brass, Atlantic Ringers, and pianists Rochelle Sallee and Jacob Craig as we ring in the holiday season.

December 13 and 20, 2018

ADVENT ORGAN & POETRY SERIES

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary: Join organist Andrew R. Galuska and local poets to hear the spoken word in poetry and organ literature lifting up the many moods of Advent.

December 14, 2018

HOLLY JOLLY TROLLEY

5:00 p.m. Meet at 4:45 p.m. in the Choir Room for caroling out in the community followed by cookies and cocoa.

December 16, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 a.m. Grace Chapel, 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary, 10:00 a.m. C² Service, in Community Hall. Dr. Robert T. Baggott will be preaching.
(Sunday School and Nursery Care will be available at the 10:00 a.m. Services)

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

2:00 p.m. Chapel: A service of communion, anointing, remembrance, and healing.

December 23, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 a.m. Grace Chapel, 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary, 10:00 a.m. C² Service, in Community Hall. Dr. Casey G. Baggott will be preaching.
(Sunday School and Nursery Care will be available at the 10:00 a.m. Services)

December 24, 2018

CHRISTMAS EVE

3:00 p.m. Chapel: Service with soloist and homily.
4:30 p.m. Sanctuary: Family Service.
7:00 & 9:00 p.m. Sanctuary: Lessons and Carols with orchestra, and chancel choir.
11:00 p.m. Community Hall: C² Rock the Manger.
(Nursery Care will be available at the 7:00 p.m. Service only)

December 30, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary. Rev. David W. Johnson will be preaching.
(Sunday School and Nursery Care will be available)

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH: The sermon, "You Brood of Vipers" will be given by Dr. Robert T. Baggott at the 8:30 a.m. Chapel service and the 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary service and E-cast at the 10:00 a.m. C² service in Community Hall. All are welcome.

CALLING ALL GREETERS: A Big Thank You to the Cetrulo family, Kathy and Richard Dunlop, and Dorie Moore for welcoming everyone on Sunday!

LIFELONG FITNESS CLASSES: Come join our Lifelong Fitness classes every Monday and Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. in Commotion. Led by Elaine Matthes, we work on balance, flexibility, strength training, and endurance. Call Elaine at 772-469-2309 for more information.

GOT PRAYERS? GOT PRAYERS TO SHARE?: Come join us for prayer at a new time and in a new way. Tuesdays from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Library. We "pray about everything in every way [we] know how!" Ephesians 6:18

MISSION MINISTRY

MISSIONS WATCH - CAMP HAVEN: As an Indian River County transitional home, Camp Haven provides supportive living opportunities and education to adults committed to rising out of homelessness. They seek to transform the lives of homeless men by providing a safe environment that will help them break free from destitution and despair. With an emphasis on accountability, residents are mentally and physically trained to find jobs and re-enter society, becoming contributing members of the community. Community Church mission dollars help homeless men transition into a new life.

GLOBAL PRAYER PARTNER: Israel and Palestine. "In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius... (Luke 3:1-2)." Luke isn't locating the ministries of John the Baptist and Jesus on the calendar. He is signaling, that the life and ministry of Jesus will challenge the politics and the religion of his day. In 2009, Palestinian Christians across a wide theological continuum released the document, Kairos Palestine, a document that describes the challenging reality on the ground in Palestine. **Prayer:** *God who bears the cries of the oppressed, bring relief to all in the world who suffer the political ruthlessness of a Tiberius, Pilate or Herod, to all who suffer the self-serving religious indifference of an Annas or Caiaphas. Move the faithful in churches, synagogues, and mosques, along with people of good will, to prepare your way, to fill every valley with justice, to level every mountain of greed, to make straight the crooked and to smooth the rough places in the world - and in us. God, there are times when conditions are so complex that we are left without words to pray. But do not let our lack of words keep us from rising up to love and serve you by loving and serving others. In the name of the One who, for our sake, kept faith, hope and love under occupation. Amen.*



Friday, December 14th, 5:00 p.m.



Space limited



\$10 per person

Come spread the Christmas Joy!

Caroling, Cookies & Cocoa

RSVP by Monday, Dec. 10th to 772.562.3633

ANNOUNCEMENTS...



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS: If you would like to help decorate for the holiday season by donating a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone special, please complete this form, drop off your payment of \$25 made payable to Community Church to the church office or place both in the offering plate. **PLEASE PRINT:**

I would like to donate a Poinsettia...

In Memory of: _____ **or In Honor of:** _____

My Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Deadline is Sunday, December 16th. For more information please call 772-562-3633 or email: suzanne.rice@ccovb.org

THANK YOU!

ADULT EDUCATION

BIBLE STUDY: Come to learn about sacred texts of our faith, and to let them speak to us in ways that challenge, affirm, comfort, and support us. Participants enjoy learning with and from one another as they gather to discuss this week's lectionary scripture. All are welcome.

- **Women's Bible Study** - Is held on Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00 p.m. The 11:00 a.m. group is held on Wednesdays. Both classes are led by Dr. Casey G. Baggott and meet in Community Hall East.
- **Men's Bible Study** - Is held on Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. (donuts and coffee provided) in Community Hall East and is led by Dr. Robert T. Baggott. The 11:00 a.m. class will resume in January.
- **Monday evening Bible Study:** Samson's strength and Gideon's trumpet. David and the giant and Solomon's wisdom. All this and more is found in the historical books of the Hebrew Scriptures. This week we take a look at this material and why it matters. Men and women are welcome to join us in the Garden Room at 7:00 p.m.. The class is led by Rev. David W. Johnson.

THE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING: "How Do The 10 Commandments Apply Now". Join us this Monday, December 10th, to explore the second and third commandments using the video series by Joan Chittister, OSB and discussion led by Dr. Robert Baggott. We meet in Community Hall West from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Contact Elaine Matthes, Ministry Associate, for more information at elaine.matthes@ccovb.org or 772-469-2309.

MEN'S RETREAT: The annual Men's retreat will be January 31st through February 1st, 2019. The title of the retreat is "Male in a Whale: Jonah's Story and What it Means for Men Today." This retreat is designed to help men reflect on their lives, connect with what matters most to them, and discover God's call for daily life. The retreat will once again be led by Douglas Wysockey-Johnson of Richmond, VT who is the Executive Director, Lumunos Inc. Call Dave Mrotek at 203-829-4254 for more information.

COMMUNITY@COMMUNITY: "At Christmas, God was born into our world." We hear this phrase repeated during the Christmas season, but what does it mean? This week in our Saving Jesus series, we explore the meaning and theology of Jesus' birth to better understand its significance for the Christian faith, and for us. Dinner, prepared by the Culinary Institute at The Source, will be beef stroganoff over egg noodles and a vegetable. It will be served at 5:00 p.m., vespers will be at 5:45 p.m., and the program will begin at 6:00 p.m.. Reservations can be made by stopping in or calling the church office by Monday at 5:00 p.m.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

NURSERY CARE: Today we offer nursery care (infants - 3 year olds) during the C² and Sanctuary worship services. Parents are asked to please bring their children to the 2nd floor of our Education Building prior to service. Infants - 23 months meet in Rm. 221, and toddlers (2-3 year olds) meet in Rm. 222.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH: Our Middle School Youth Group (6-8 grade) meets every Wednesday from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. You are encouraged to bring friends. Pizza and snacks will be available for purchase.

PANDEMONIUM: All Middle School youth (6-8 grade) are invited to join Doug Johnson for Mystery Dinner Party night for December's Pandemonium. It will be in Commotion, today, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The cost is \$7.00 per person and includes dinner.

JINGLE JAM THANK YOU: Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped with the Jingle Jam yesterday. They worked with children and families to make Christmas ornaments and Advent crafts. Santa also attended to take pictures with the little ones. Fun was had by all!

MUSIC AND FINE ARTS

HOLY CHAOS AND C³: Music and Fine Arts opportunities for children and youth continue after church in Commotion. This is a musical opportunity to offer development for a child in the area of fine arts. It will be offered around 11:00 a.m. for those interested in sharing their musical talents in worship. Families are invited to gather for coffee, child friendly snacks, games, and fellowship after the 10:00 a.m. services. Children are invited to check out a book from our new library cart. Please join us for a time of fellowship as we begin to rebuild our children's music program. We hope to see you there!

C³-N - HARMONY: A season of chiming has begun. Children ages 8-13 are invited to join Rachel Carter and Jill Truax for this fun and creative experience. Rehearsals are on Tuesday and Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. Participants may choose one or both days for their attendance.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!!!: Join us for the Celebration of Creativity January 19th-20th. This is an opportunity to share with each other the amazing gifts we have been given in the visual arts. We invite you to submit your artwork. Submissions may be in all mediums as well as photography, textiles, needlework, sculpture and ceramics. We limit one entry per person. This art display is open to all members and friends. The more the merrier. For details you may call Teryl Viner at 772-589-3060 or Glenda Taylor at 772-473-0624. The schedule and additional information will be available at the front office. **If you are planning on participating please respond to Teryl Viner at teryl@earthlink.net by December 15th.**

COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES: Join us for our Advent Organ and Poetry series. Our organist and Director of Music and Fine Arts, Andrew Galuska and nationally-recognized poets will illuminate the many moods of Advent as they present music and the spoken word together. Cheryl Clark of Sebastian, FL will be the featured poet this Thursday, December 13th at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

NOEL! NOEL!: Please join us this evening, in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. for a Christmas gift to the community. Celebrate the sounds of Christmas with the Community Church Chancel Choir, Community Singers, Vero Beach Choral Society, Tapestry Brass, Atlantic Ringers, and pianists Rochelle Sallee and Jacob Craig as we ring in the holiday season. Free-will offering.



Noël! Noël!

A Christmas Celebration

Sunday, December 9, 2018

7:00PM

Featuring:

The Community Church Chancel Choir
The Vero Beach Choral Society
Tapestry Brass

With Rochelle Sallee and
Jacob Craig, pianists

Free-will offering



Concert Series

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