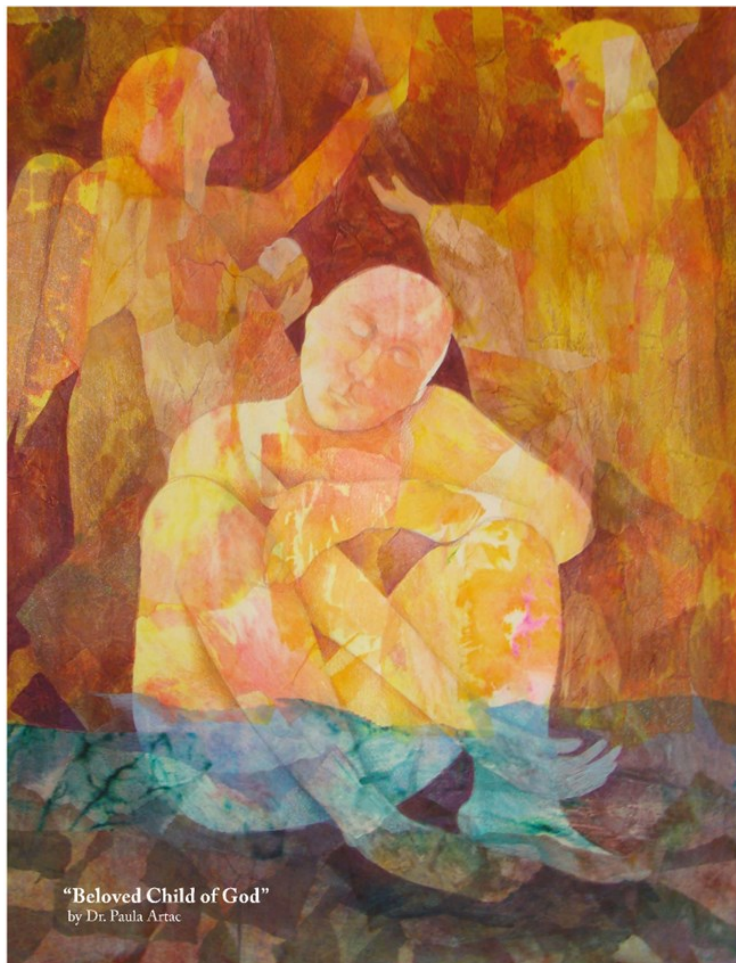


WELCOME TO YOUR COMMUNITY CHURCH OF VERO BEACH

Founded in 1924 in the belief that

"There is more that binds us together than separates us in the worship of God."



"Beloved Child of God" by Dr. Paula Artac.

Sourced from myottawa.ottawa.edu Faith and Church Vitality blog.

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 12, 2025

8:30 a.m. Worship in Grace Chapel

10:15 a.m. Sanctuary and Livestream Worship



COURAGEOUS • CURIOUS • CREATIVE • COMPASSIONATE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Please rise in body or spirit. **Bold text indicates congregational participation. 10:15 a.m. worship is streamed online, capturing the chancel and congregation. Images may appear on our website and social media. Families are always welcome to worship together. The Garden Room (in the Sanctuary Narthex) is available to parents during 10:15 a.m. worship.*

PRELUDE

"Air" from *Water Music* HWV 349
George Frideric Handel

Logan Koller, organ

COMMUNITY WORDS

Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Beverly A. Zell

*OPENING HYMN

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

NETTLETON

Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing in the ho - liest realms of light;
Ho - ly Spri - it, ev - er breath - ing on the church the breath of life;
Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing through the church - 's min - is - try
Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing o'er a world of gloom and blight;
Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through your peo - ple's cease - less strife;
Quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free;
Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er rais - ing earth - bound souls to glo - ry high;
Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er form - ing in the church the mind of Christ;
Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er bind - ing age to age and soul to soul,
Liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it; you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
In our wor - ship we will praise you for your fruit and gifts un - priced.
In com - mu - ni - ty un - end - ing you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

*OPENING LITANY

Jane Clower

One: Creator God, You formed us at the beginning of time.

All: We are fearfully and wonderfully made.

One: We are your children, the work of your hands,

All: unique and beloved by you.

One: Awaken us to you your love,

All: which defines us, begins us and completes us.

One: Please join me in prayer...

May Your Spirit move in our hearts and minds as we worship together—examine our attitudes and actions, challenge us with Your Word, and guide us on to paths that lead to life. For we are Your people, called by your name. Amen

*GLORIA PATRI

"Glory Be to the Father"

GREATOREX

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the
 be - gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, World with-out end. A - men. A - men.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Beverly A. Zell

At this time, children pre-k to fifth grade are excused to Sunday School (10:15 a.m.)

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Rev. Jacob W. Kines

Luke 3:21-22

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "**You are my Son**, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Luke 4:1-12

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "**If you are the Son of God**, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "**If you are the Son of God**, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you', and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from [Jesus] until an opportune time.

Response

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

ANTHEM "My Son the Beloved" Chancel Choir
David Blackwell

*In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.
And as He came out of the water,
He saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.
And a voice came from heaven,
"You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."
"My Son, the Beloved."*

SERMON "Recognizing Who(se) We Are" Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER "Set Thy Love" Chancel Choir
John Horman

*Set thy love to dwell within me. Fill my song with notes divine.
Let the Spirit thou hast promised dwell within this heart of mine. Amen*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Beverly A. Zell

**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**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO OFFERING Jane Clower

MUSICAL OFFERING "New Life" Community Quartet
Robert A. Hobby

*New life you grant, O God, at birth to every creature on the earth.
As eyelids wake and breath takes air, each miracle of life you share.
New life again you freely give that all baptized in you may live.
Through water, Spirit, Word divine, the cross of Christ will be our sign.
As life unfold throughout our years, your grace sustains in joy and tears.
May we be faithful to your call by reaching, serving, loving all.
As when these days on earth shall cease, our eyelids close, breath finds release,
You greet us at this journey's end, and offer yet new life again.*

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION Jane Clower

Generous God, we thank you for the very gift of giving. May the gifts generously offered today further the work of your ministry in this time and in this place. Amen

THE SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

"O Christ, the Great Foundation"

AURELIA



O Christ, the great foun - da - tion on which your peo - ple stand
Bap - tized in one con - fes - sion, one church in all the earth,
This is the mo - ment glo - rious when Christ who once was dead



to preach your true sal - va - tion in ev - ery age and land:
we bear Christ's own im - pres - sion, the sign of sec - ond birth:
shall lead the church vic - to - rious, their cham - pion and their head,



Pour out your Ho - ly spir - it to make us strong and pure,
One ho - ly peo - ple gath - ered in love be - yond our own,
The Sov - ereign of cre - a - tion a new do - min - ion brings,



to keep the faith un - bro - ken as long as worlds en - dure.
by grace we were in - vit - ed, by grace we make you known.
the fi - nal con - sum - ma - tion, the glo - ry of all things.

*Benediction

Rev. Beverly A. Zell

Postlude

"Grand Choeur"
Théodore Salomé

Jill A. Truax, organ

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Deacon: Jane Clower

TODAY WE REMEMBER...

Sandy Randolph who passed away on November 28, 2024.

Mary Bowden, who passed away on December 13, 2024.

Mary Ann Hicks, who passed away on January 3, 2025.

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

by Terry Turner in loving memory of her parents Harold and Eileen Joines.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Information & Membership Invitation Today:

To learn more about Community Church and membership, join Rev. Jacob today after 10:15 a.m. worship in the Garden Room. Associate Memberships are available if you are a seasonal resident of Vero Beach. New members will be welcomed on Sunday, January 26. For more information, call Suzanne Rice in the Church Office at 772-469-2303.

Earth Care Ministry will meet today at 11:30 a.m. in rooms 113 & 114. Can't make the meeting today? To learn how you can join the Annual Lagoon Clean-Up on January 17, contact Dan Lamson at dan.lamson@ccovb.org.

Spiritual Direction: Offered by Rev. Beverly Zell Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. by appointment. Brochures are available in the Church Office. For questions or to make an appointment, call Suzanne Rice in the Church Office at 772-562-3633.

Life Long Fitness: Join Char Higgins on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Community Hall. For more information contact 772-559-2210.

Men's & Women's Bible Studies: Join Rev. Jacob for a time of study and discussion featuring our weekly scriptures. Men will meet at 7:30 a.m. and Women will meet at 10:30 a.m. in Community Hall and on Zoom.

Middle School Youth are invited for an evening of fun and fellowship at Safari Golf and Games this Wednesday, January 15 at 6:00 p.m. (455 Oslo Road, Vero Beach, FL 32962)

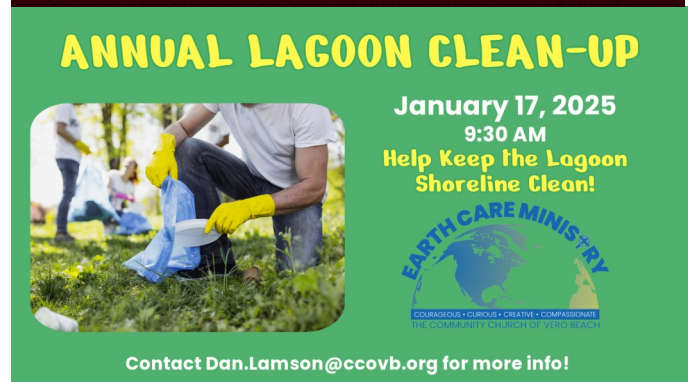
Grief Groups at Community: Grief is often life-changing. Whether it's a loss you anticipate or one that blindsides you, finding a path to hope and healing can be a challenge. The next two classes will be January 17 at 10:30 a.m. with Peter Ferrell and January 22 at 3:30 p.m. with Rev. Beverly Zell. For more information, contact Suzanne Rice in the Church Office at 772-562-3633 or contact Rev. Beverly Zell, Minister of Congregational Care. Both groups meet in the Garden Room.



Membership & Information Meeting
TODAY, JANUARY 12
after 10:15 a.m. Worship
INFO: 772-562-3633



MAHJONG
Moves to Mondays
Beginning January 13
2:00 p.m. in the Loft (rm. 204)
Info: Joy Lambert
772-559-3193
joyalam@comcast.net



ANNUAL LAGOON CLEAN-UP
January 17, 2025
9:30 AM
Help Keep the Lagoon
Shoreline Clean!
EARTH CARE MINISTRY
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Contact Dan.Lamson@ccovb.org for more info!



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH
Fun & Fellowship @ Safari Mini Golf
Wednesday, January 15 @ 6 p.m.
455 Oslo Road



Grief Groups
In the Garden Room at Community
January 17 at 10:30 a.m. with Peter Ferrell
January 22 at 3:30 p.m. with Rev. Beverly Zell
Info: 772-562-3633

COMMUNITY ON THE CALENDAR

Community @ Community: We have the ability here at CCOVB to have an incredible effect on the future of our community and extended family as we begin the next 100 years! On Wednesday, January 15, during Community @ Community we will begin to form small groups of people who are hungry for care and relationship with God and our community. Dinner will be at 5:00 p.m. and our program will begin at 6:00 p.m. in Community Hall. Save your Wednesdays to join us for Community @ Community! To help us prepare, contact the Church Office at 772-562-3633.

Calling All Artists-Registration Open! All members, friends, and attendees of Community Church are invited to submit one piece of art for our annual Celebration of Creativity! Registration is open and drop off is Friday, January 17. Visit the Church Office to register in person or visit www.ccovb.org/coc to register online.

Jazz Brunch Signup Today: Today is the last day to reserve your seat for our popular Jazz Brunch on January 19! Join us in Commotion immediately following the 10:15 a.m. worship. There will be no evening Jazz Vespers in January or February, so this is your opportunity to enjoy music by our Jazz Trio, a meal, and fellowship. Tickets are \$20 and available in the Courtyard or in the Church Office.

"Let's Flamingle!" Angels' Attic Stylish Show: Tickets are on sale now for our Annual Rummage Sale Luncheon and Stylish Show on Thursday, March 6 at 12:00 p.m. in Commotion. Your \$30 ticket includes the luncheon, stylish show, and exclusive access to shop before the sale opens to the public! For more information or to volunteer contact Susan Kramer at 772-480-4567.

With Gratitude: The Community Church of Vero Beach has renamed the Sanctuary organ in gratitude for the generosity of James and Sally Toffey. The new plaque made by the Lively-Fulcher Pipe Organ Builders, has now been installed on the back of the organ.



Community @ Community
"Small Group Formation"
Forming Relationships with God and our Community
January 15 & 29
5:00 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Program



THE VINER SERIES FOR THE VISUAL ARTS
CELEBRATION OF CONGREGATIONAL ART SHOW CREATIVITY
ART DROP-OFF: JANUARY 17
SHOW: JANUARY 19-26
ART PICK-UP: JANUARY 27
Info: rachel.carter@ccovb.org



January 19
11:30 a.m.
RESERVATION Deadline Today
Cost: \$20



TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!
Fashionistas of Community Church
LET'S FLAMINGLE!
LUNCHEON & STYLISH SHOW
Thursday March 6
12:00 p.m. in Commotion
Tickets: \$30
Courtyard Sales: Sundays After Worship
Church Office Sales: Monday-Friday
772-562-3633



"In our Music, God is Glorified"
The Toffey Family Organ
Dedicated to the Glory of God
In honor of and with love for the congregation of
The Community Church of Vero Beach
2024

SAVE THE DATES!

Food Drive Feb. 2: Following worship on Sunday, February 2, grocery bags will be distributed to collect unopened, non-perishable foods. Collection will be on Sunday, February 16.

Souper Bowl Feb. 9: Get ready to collect your spare change and bring it in for the annual Souper Bowl of Caring. Youth will collect your donations to benefit local organizations dedicated to food insecurity.

Concert Series-Melbourne Municipal Band Feb. 25: Our concert series continues with Melbourne Municipal Band and their Diamond Anniversary Concert! This free concert offers an evening of drama and emotion, with music from *Les Miserables*, the works of Puccini, and more! Join soprano Rachel Carter Murphy, conductor Staci Rosbury, and welcome tenor Fred Kilgallin to our concert stage on Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A free-will offering will be accepted.

Concert Series-Brevard Symphony Orchestra Mar. 14: In collaboration with the Indian River Symphonic Association we present BSO's "Organ Spectacular," featuring Saint-Saëns' Symphony No. 3 with organist Andrew Galuska, and more on March 14 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$90 and can be purchased at irsymphonic.org or by calling 772-778-1070.

16th Annual Community Cup Golf Tournament Mar. 15: Mark your calendars and gather your team for our annual High School Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser on Saturday, March 15. Keep an eye out for registration details to come!

Women's Retreat is Coming! This year's theme is "Finding Our Way Home" facilitated by Lori Ferrell at the San Pedro Retreat Center from March 20 to March 30. Space is limited, so keep an eye out for sign up details!



RESPONDING TO GOD'S GENEROSITY		
 Scan the Code or Visit www.ccovb.org/give 	 Text 772-222-3393 to give by phone.	 Mail The Community Church of Vero Beach 1901 23rd St. Vero Beach, FL 32960

*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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