

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

9.15.2019

CHAPEL SERVICE 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.

Families are asked to check-in children Pre-K through 5th grade in Commotion prior to the start of worship to participate in Sunday school. Sunday school will take place at 10:00 a.m.. All children participating must be checked in and out of Commotion. Families are always welcome to worship together in the service. Nursery care available during our 10:00 a.m. worship services.

Our service is live-streamed via internet, capturing the chancel & the congregation and may appear on social media.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Voluntary Op. 7, No. 7 in e minor John Stanley

Jill A. Truax, organ

COMMUNITY WORDS

Dr. Robert T. Baggott

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

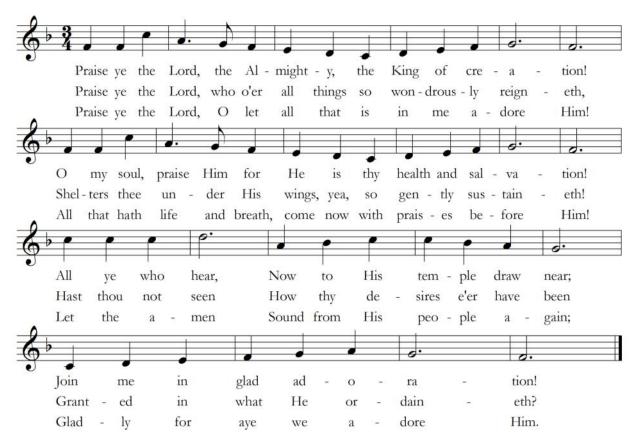
CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

Dr. Casey G. Baggott

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN AND ENTRANCE OF THE CHRIST LIGHT

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN



*LITANY Cassandra Coker

One: Seek God, and you will find the One who is searching diligently for you.

All: Here we find ourselves in the grasp of God's grace. Here we gather gratefully in God's presence, making our worship an occasion of shared joy.

One: God persistently seeks us, whether we are lost and despairing, or aimless and uncertain.

All: We will listen eagerly for God's voice, so that we might follow the One whose words offer assurance, hope, and peace.

One: Ours is a wondrous God! Give thanks for our God who finds the lost, restores the wanderer, and remains our enduring defender and friend. Let us pray...

*UNISON PRAYER

Vigilant God, we thank you for your ceaseless concern for us. Though we wander away from you to follow lesser aims, you draw us back to you, where we can recover from our losses, regain strength for the tasks ahead, and recommit our lives to one another and to you. Thank you for finding us, wherever we are, and leading us to safety by your side. Make us willing to seek the lost as you have done, and make them welcome in our midst. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Holly H. Adams

COMMISSIONING OF THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2020

Dr. Casey G. Baggott

Mary Catherine Amos	Bryce Ellen Forrest	Sophie Cate Leyda	Kailee Anne Snellgrove
Elizabeth Sidell Arden	Luke Brendan Franco	Mary Caroline Lloyd	Abigail Jane Sylvia
Hugh Trowbridge Downey	James Bennett Hassell	Savannah Ford Maynard	Jacqueline Claire Sylvia
William Robert Dunlap	Kate Alison Kedem	Keaton Landon Posk	Emma Nicole Wolf
Jacob Roger Emmons	Lila Elizabeth Legler	Tabitha Reynolds	

LITANY OF COMMISSIONING

Douglas W. Johnson

One: Confirmands, we are honored at your desire to take this step toward confirming your faith as a member of the Body of Christ. As we commission you to the tasks of the year ahead, we ask you: Will you promise to fully immerse yourself in this program with an open heart, mind, and spirit? Will you commit yourselves to worship, mission, learning, and to each other as you journey through this year of discovery?

Confirmands: We will, trusting in God's help and guidance.

One: Families, this year will grant you the privilege of accompanying these young people on a journey of faith. Do you promise to love and support them in their exploration and their growth? Will you encourage conversation that will help to deepen their faith? Will you commit to walk beside them, guiding their steps toward meaningful adult faith commitments?

Families of

Confirmands: We will, trusting in God's help and guidance.

One: Congregation, do you promise to pray regularly for these young men and women of our church as they navigate new territories of faith? Will you pray for their discernment, their wisdom, their knowledge, and that they will find times to have a little fun along the way? Will you encourage and support them as they transition to this adult phase of faith life? And at their confirmation, will you open your hearts to welcome them and their spiritual gifts to strengthen our congregation?

All: We will, trusting in God's help and guidance.

Presentation of Crosses Dr. Robert T. Baggott

PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING Rev. Holly H. Adams

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

READING FROM THE EPISTLES Dr. Casey G. Baggott

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

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

1 Timothy 1:12, 14-17

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen

RESPONSE

One: When we wander, lost and alone, God reaches out to us in mercy.

All: Surely God's heart overflows with grace for us.



CALL TO THE GOSPEL Elaine A. Matthes

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

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

Luke 15:1-10

¹Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

⁸ 'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Mack Wilberg

Chancel Choir

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace. Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above; Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I come, And I hope by thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above. Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God. He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above. O to grace, how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above. Seal it for thy courts above.

SERMON

"Lost and Found"

Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost. ~ Luke 15:9b

Dr. Robert T. Baggott

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UNISON CALL TO OFFERING

Cassandra Coker

Gracious God, how astonishing is the scope of your care! Though we may travel the length of the earth, we are never beyond its reach. How extensive is your vision for reconciling the world to yourself! Though we may squander our lives and our love, still you hope to restore us to you. Keep us ever mindful of these, your gifts to us. Through our gifts today, help us to reach out to others with spirits as hospitable and generous as yours. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Tatra Album, Op. 12 No. 1, Allegro con brio Ignacy Jan Paderewski

Jill A. Truax, piano Andrew R. Galuska, piano

*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.**

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

"O Come, Let Us Pray"

Emma Lou Diemer

Chancel Choir

PRAYER 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



*BENEDICTION

Dr. Robert T. Baggott

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on "Duke Street"

Andrew R. Galuska, organ



IN WORSHIP TODAY

DEACON: Cassandra Coker

ACOLYTE: Eli Weatherly

TODAY WE REMEMBER...

Rev. Elizabeth Hart Frazier who died on September 4, 2019. A service will be held in Connecticut. Bradley Jones who died on August 31, 2019. A service will be held in the Chapel on October 5th at 11:00 a.m.

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

by Penny Odiorne in loving memory of her husband, Ray. By Joan Ohl, "Celli", and "Charlie" in celebration of her sister, Barbara Ruddy's birthday.

Please join us outside Community Hall for refreshments and conversation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

<u>SUNDAY SERVICES TIMES CHANGE</u>: We will be gathering on Sunday mornings for worship at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel and at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and in C² beginning TODAY Sunday, September 15th. Please mark your calendars with these new service times and join us for the service most convenient for you. All are welcome.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND: The sermon "Peter, Paul, and Me" will be given by Dr. Casey G. Baggott at the 8:30 a.m. Chapel service, the 10:00 a.m. C² service in Community Hall, and the 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary service. All are welcome.

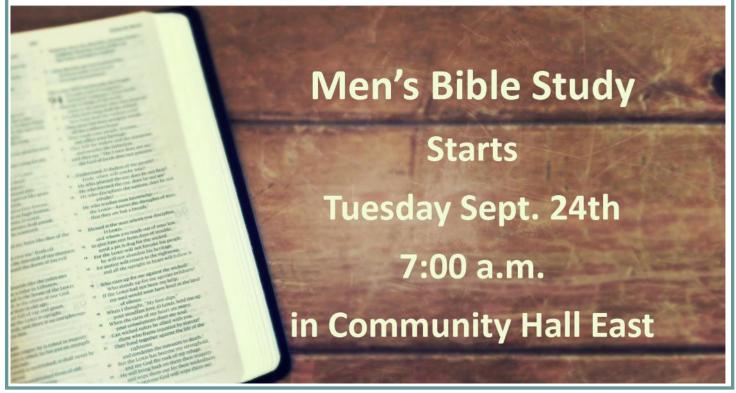
THANK YOU TO OUR GREETERS: A Big Thank You to Kathy and Richard Dunlop and the Thompson Family for warmly welcoming everyone on Sunday!

<u>LIFELONG FITNESS CLASSES</u>: Lifelong Fitness classes are held each Monday and Wednesday. Classes are from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in Commotion. Led by Elaine Matthes, we work on balance, flexibility, strength training, and endurance. All are welcomed.

PERSONAL COUNSELING: Individual or couples counseling for personal anxiety, depression, or relationships, etc. is available at NO cost from Dr. Donald White on Wednesdays. We are fortunate to have this highly qualified professional who is willing to offer his expertise and guidance. Call Suzanne Rice to schedule an appointment at 772.469.2303.

SACRED PAUSE: Please join us beginning this Monday, September 16th. We will be offering "Sacred Pause" at 7:45 a.m. each week in Grace Chapel. Join us for 15 to 20 minutes of guided meditation to focus your day and week. This will be a weekly opportunity and will be led by different staff and volunteers.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: If you are interested in learning more about our church and want to consider becoming a member, please join us on Sunday, September 29th at 11:05 a.m. in the Garden Room for conversation, coffee, and cookies. For more information you may call Elaine Matthes at 772.469.2309.



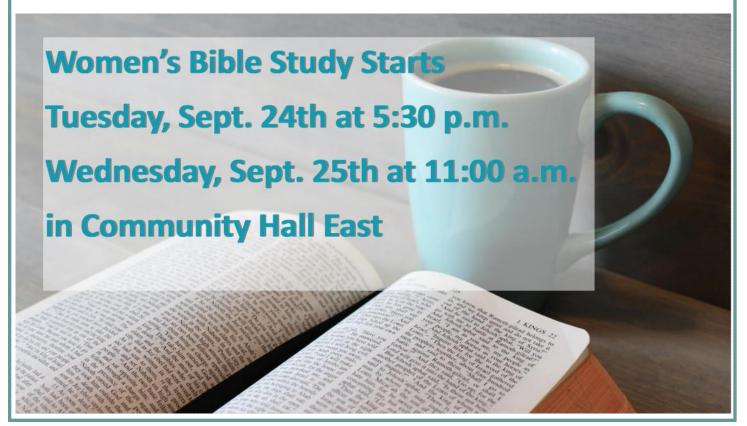
ANNOUNCEMENTS...

<u>Women of Community Church</u>: Women of the church, join us for our fall retreat on Friday, November 15th and Saturday, November 16th. Invite your friends to come along as we focus on "What's Love Got To Do With It?" We'll start with a movie Friday night that will lead us into Saturday's discussion on the importance of responding in love to all that happens in our lives. Love has EVERYTHING to do with it! So come learn how to express love in our church, our community, our nation and our world. Led by Elizabeth Hipp and Elaine Matthes.

ADULT EDUCATION

BIBLE STUDY: Please join us as our Bible Study groups resume beginning the week of September 16th. 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 Classes will resume on Tuesday, September 24th. Tuesday classes are from 5:30 6:30 p.m. Please note the **NEW TIME** for Tuesday classes. The 11:00 a.m. group is held on Wednesdays and will begin on Wednesday, September 25th. Both classes are led by Elizabeth B. Hipp and meet in Community Hall East.
- **Men's Bible Study** Classes will resume this Tuesday, September 17th and will be held at 7:00 a.m. (donuts and coffee provided) in Community Hall East and is led by Rev. David W. Johnson.
- Monday evening Bible Study: Men and women are welcome to join Rev. David W. Johnson in the Garden Room at 7:00 p.m. Classes will resume on Monday, September 23rd.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

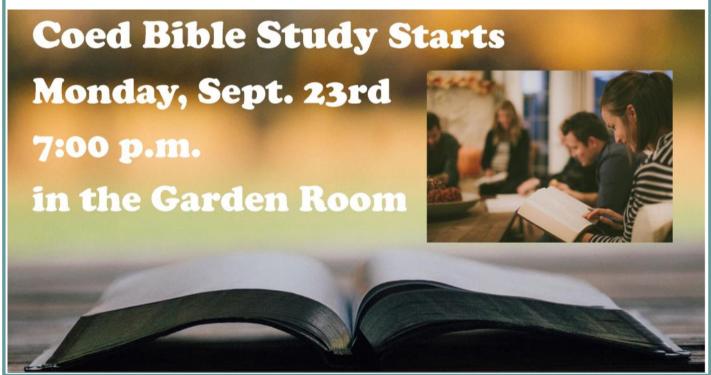
NURSERY CARE: We offer nursery care (infants - 3 year olds) during the 10:00 a.m. worship services. Parents are asked to please bring their children to the 2nd floor of our Education Building prior to service. Infants - 23 months meet in Rm. 221, and toddlers (2-3 year olds) meet in Rm. 222.

<u>SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</u>: Sunday morning programs have begun! We are in need of helpers for both Sunday school and confirmation. For our Godly Play Sunday school, we will need story tellers and door keepers. For confirmation, we are looking for small group leaders as well as people to pray for our confirmands during the year, which we are calling Prayer Partners. Sign-ups will be posted online soon! If you are interested contact Doug Johnson at doug.johnson@ccovb.org.

ATTENTION MIDDLE AND HIGH SSHOOL YOUTH! This is your chance to get together and have some fun! You will be travelling to Aquatica Waterpark in Orlando on Saturday, September 21th. The cost is \$30.00 per student. Bring extra money for snacks and lunch. Meet Elizabeth Hipp in the north parking lot at the Church at 10:00 a.m. The group will return at 5:00 p.m. Please email charlene.applegate@ccovb.org or call 772.469.2322 to sign up by this Wednesday, September 18th so we will have enough tickets reserved.

<u>MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP</u>: MS Youth Group (6th – 8th grades) meets each Wednesday from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. in Commotion. Pizza and snacks will be available for puchase. All middle school youth are welcome to join us for this fun evening. Feel free to bring a friend! If you have any questions, please contact Doug Johnson at doug.johnson@ccovb.org or Charlene Applegate at charlene.applegate@ccovb.org or call the Church Office at 772.562.3633.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN TODAY!: Please meet Doug Johnson at 11:15 a.m. in the Loft (2nd floor of the Education Building). Our confirmands will learn about how our church was formed, what we believe, and why they are so important to the church, their family, and more importantly, to God. Next Sunday, September 22nd Dr. Casey G. Baggott will be sharing "The History of our Church" with the confirmands. For more information regarding confirmation classes, please contact Doug Johnson at doug.johnson@ccovb.org or call 772.469.2323.



MUSIC AND FINE ARTS

<u>SUMMER SUNDAY CHAMBER SERIES</u>: Please join us TODAY for the final concert in our Summer Sunday Chamber Series. The Atlantica Trio will present music by Haydn and Mendelssohn in Grace Chapel and will begin at 4:00 p.m.. Tickets may be purchased for \$10 per adult and \$5 per student by telephoning 772.778.1070.

<u>CHANCEL CHOIR</u>: Calling all singers! No audition is required. All voice types and levels of musical experience are welcomed and encouraged! Choir rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Andrew Galuska at andrew.galuska@ccovb.org or by telephone at 772.469.2306.



"THE ATLANTICA TRIO"

HAYDN MENDELSSOHN

TODAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 4:00 P.M.

PRESENTED IN GRACE CHAPEL

FEATURING:

SASHA KORCZYNSKI, VIOLIN ADRIANA STENVIK, CELLO JOHN KORCZYNSKI, PIANO

\$10 ADULT TICKET

\$5 STUDENT TICKET

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR. CASH AND CHECK ACCEPTED

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF VERO BEACH 1901 23RD St., VERO BEACH, FL 32960 772-562-3633

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF VERO BEACH AND PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL OF MIAMI BEGIN PARTNERSHIP FOR BAHAMAS RELIEF!



NEW VISION MINISTRIES SANCTUARY, MARSH HARBOUR, BAHAMAS
POST DORIAN

Thanks to your generosity last Sunday's offering for hurricane relief in the Bahamas was exceptionally generous! As of this printing, over \$38,331 has been collected. Of that total, \$20,000 has already been sent for distribution by our partner churches in Coconut Grove, FL, whose connections on Marsh Harbour and Grand Bahama Island are allowing those funds to make an immediate impact among those most in need. Our partner churches are Plymouth Congregational Church as well as two churches with Bahamian roots - Christ Episcopal Church and the Greater A.M.E. Church. Following this early distribution of funds, all remaining funds from our church's offering and any additional funds we collect for this important relief effort will be used in conjunction with our partner churches and other organizations to support long term relief in the Bahamas. Plans are being made for rebuilding New Vision Ministries in Marsh Harbour, for helping disadvantaged Bahamian students pursue higher education in Florida, and for sending mission groups to the Bahamas for hands-on ministries. Our church's efforts will be reported regularly and as thoroughly as possible through our church emails and on social media. Please watch to see how you can help as the needs and opportunities become clearer. Together we hope to make a significant difference in the lives of our sisters and brothers in the Bahamas now and in the future.