

# Sermon Notes

Speaker:

Date:

Week of 4-12-2026

Worship Attendance

614

Discipleship

260

Tithes and Offerings:

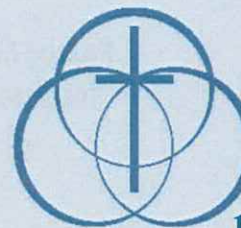
	4/12/26	YTD
General	\$ 36,020	\$578,962
Reserve	\$ 95	\$ 1,620
Missions (FY 3/2025 - 2/2026)	\$ 6,155	\$ 61,569

	February	YTD
Income	\$187,141	\$327,930
Expenses	\$120,980	\$226,055

April 19, 2026

CELEBRATING  
50 YEARS

Welcome to  
**WORSHIP**



**CHRIST  
VENICE CHURCH**

1475 Center Road, Venice FL 34292

# Welcome to SUNDAY WORSHIP

\*OPENING SONG Michele Pruyn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Megan Grabo

\*GREETING TIME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Bob Haley

\*SONG OF WORSHIP

“When Love Is Found”

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Pastor Eric Ruoff

Apostles' Creed

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

Instrumental (8:00am)

Choir Anthem “Didn't I See My Lord” (11:00am)

\*DOXOLOGY & OFFERING BLESSING

SERMON SERIES: Faith Works Pastor Will Cravens

“Faith That Loves” James 2:14-26

\*HYMM

“Blessed Be The Tie That Binds”

\*BENEDICTION & BLESSING Pastor Eric

CCLI #489431

\*Congregation stand if you are able.



## SUNDAY 4/19 Blood Donation Bus On-Site

8:00a Early Riser Worship (S)  
8:30a Coffee & Donuts (Gathering Grounds)  
9:30a Contemporary Worship (MH)  
9:30a Children's Church (MH - 22)  
9:30a New Kingdom Class (Yerxa) FLC  
10:45a Sermon Discussion Class (MH - 13)  
11:00a Traditional Worship (S)  
11:00a Children's Church (MH - 22)  
1:00p Leadership Board (FLC - 28)  
5:00p Middle & Senior High Youth Group (MH)  
5:00p Parents Bible Study (MH - 22)

## MONDAY 4/20

9:30a Monday Morning Bible Study (FLC - 16)  
10:30a Church on the Go (Windsor)  
1:30p How God Deals with Relationships (MH - 13)  
7:30p AA 12-Step Coed Mtg. (FLC)

## TUESDAY 4/21

9:00a Home School Field Day - Cravens (MH)  
9:00a Home School - Katie M (FLC 4 & 8)  
9:00a Moms Prayer Group (Gathering Grounds)  
9:30a Shawls of Prayer (FLC - 28)  
1:00p Revival Prayer Group (S - PR)  
6:30p Abide Study of Acts & Soup Supper (MH)  
7:00p Youth & Children's Small Groups (M -22, 23)

## WEDNESDAY 4/22 Pathways Deadline

9:00a Home School - Katie M (FLC 4 & 8)  
2:30p GriefShare (FLC - 28)  
3:00p Church on the Go (Advinia)  
3:30p Intercessory Prayer Group (S - PR)  
5:00p Pastor's Bible Study (S)  
6:00p Wednesday Night Dinner (MH)  
6:00p Welcome Desk Team Mtg. (MH - 25)  
7:00p Choir Rehearsal (S - CR)

## THURSDAY 4/23

7:30a Early Riser Bible Study of Proverbs (FLC - 2)  
9:00a Home School - Katie M. (FLC 4 & 8)  
10:30a McCain Soul Sisters (MH-Gather Grounds)  
11:00a Memorial Service/Reception-Curt Flora (MH)  
6:30p Study of Luke (Gathering Grounds)  
7:00p G.A. Support Group (FLC - 28)

## FRIDAY 4/24

7:30a Lawn & Garden Crew  
10:00a Breakfast Church Ministry at the Train Depot  
12:00p Al-Anon Support Group (FLC - 28)  
7:00p AA Men/Women (FLC & 28)

## SATURDAY 4/25

10:00a Church on the Go (Venice Palms)  
10:00a Friendship Brunch (FLC)

## Congregational CARE

### Prayer Opportunities

For the Prayer Chain,  
requests contact Chen Bell  
at 508-341-1066  
or chenery79@gmail.com

### Revival Prayer Gathering

Every Tuesday 1:00pm  
Sanctuary Prayer Room

### Intercessory Prayer Gathering

Every Wednesday 3:30pm  
Sanctuary Prayer Room

### Recovery Groups

- Alcoholics Anonymous every Monday, 7:30pm & every Friday, 7:00pm
- Gamblers Anonymous every Thursday, 7:00pm
- Al-Anon Support every Friday noon

We extend our deepest Christian sympathy to Sue Flora in the death of her husband, **Curt Flora.**



A Memorial Service and Reception will be held this Thursday, April 23 at 11am in the Memorial Hall Worship Center.

We further extend our deepest Christian sympathy to Larry and Edith Hilbert in the death of their daughter, **Anita.**

We join together in an expression of love at this time.

April 19, 2026

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Sunday Worship Services

8:00am Traditional (Sanctuary)

9:30am Contemporary (Memorial Hall)

11:00am Traditional (Sanctuary)

## Today! Blood Drive - 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Donors receive \$20 eGift card, umbrella, and wellness checkup.

## Monday Morning Bible Study

9:30-10:30 am, FLC-16

This study uses the SOAP method: Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer. Join anytime for discussion and fellowship as we compare Old Testament Scriptures with New Testament fulfillment. Study contact Gail Finney [craftygahf@gmail.com](mailto:craftygahf@gmail.com) or text 913-424-3027.

## Friendship Brunch, Sat, April 25, 10 am

Christ Venice is hosting a breakfast in the Family Life Center. Sign up for this opportunity to enjoy time with your church family, and your "best friend." Contact Rich Hutter at 216-533-9382, should you have any questions.

## Cancer Talks Support Group, Thurs, April 30

10 am in Memorial Hall, Room 13. Join Pastor Bob in this small group setting that communicates comfort toward encouragement, shares tools to cope, and reminds all that the Lord abides in our circumstances, even with cancer.

## Pathways Deadline this Wednesday, April 22

Articles for May's *Pathways* are due to the church office no later than Wednesday, April 22. Share your ministry news with the church! Email articles, and photos if you have them, to [Michele@ChristVenice.com](mailto:Michele@ChristVenice.com)

# Baptisms

The Waters of New Life

Sunday, May 3, 12:30 pm

## Church Picnic & Baptisms

All are invited to this on-site celebration to share in the sacrament of baptism and a picnic lunch together. If you have never been baptized and would like to make this public profession of faith or if you would like to reaffirm your baptism, please contact Pastor Eric or call the church office.

## Every Stitch Tells a Story!

Embrace your creative journey and support Missions by participating in the Saturday, November 14 Holiday Craft Fair in Memorial Hall. An organizational meeting for all interested crafters and event volunteers is set for Monday, April 27, 6 - 7:30 pm in the Gathering Grounds. Contact Lynn Barrett (941-445-4873) or Ann Wheat (941-468-9878) with questions.

In support of **Family Promise of South Sarasota County** ([FamilyPromiseSSC.org](http://FamilyPromiseSSC.org)), Christ Venice provides food April 19 - 25 for three families, each with three children. Food or gift cards support this effort. Contact Cheryl Whidden (941-416-5054) or Karen Wolf (843-340-3551).

**Breakfast Church** provides an opportunity to serve the disadvantaged and homeless. Join our Friday meeting from 9:00 am to noon at the Venice Train Depot for a church service, breakfast, and distribution of basic necessities including clothing and toiletries. Specific summer volunteer help includes Friday kitchen setup at Christ Venice (8:15 - 9:15 am), and Train Depot site service workers to aid with greeting, set up, and clothing donations. Contact Gail Finney for details and/or to volunteer: [craftygahf@gmail.com](mailto:craftygahf@gmail.com) or 913-424-3027.

## Kids Ministry Series

has accepted a new Mission Possible assignment. In this life changing series, kids are learning how Jesus' resurrection gives us power to obey Him—even when no one notices.



## Youth - Megan Grabo

Middle & Senior High Youth, Sundays 5pm  
Our mission is to help students experience real life through Jesus and build a grace-filled community that is "Loved by God, Saved by Grace and Made alive in Christ."



## Connection - Traeclyn Albright

We exist to help you take your next step in the life of our church. From groups to serving opportunities, we'd love to help you find where you belong.



## Prayer Opportunities

Revival Prayer Gathering every Tuesday 1:00pm

Intercessory Prayer Gathering every Wednesday 3:30pm

## Recovery Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous every Monday 7:30pm  
& every Friday at 7:00pm

Gamblers Anonymous every Thursday 7:00pm

Al-Anon Support every Friday noon

SCAN THIS CODE TO SEE THE FULL DAILY CHURCH CALENDAR

