



September 26, 2021
10:00 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

I'll Fly Away
Glory to His Name
He Knows Just What I Need
Great Adventure

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:21-35
NRSV

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Down to the River to Pray”
The Bridge Band

MESSAGE

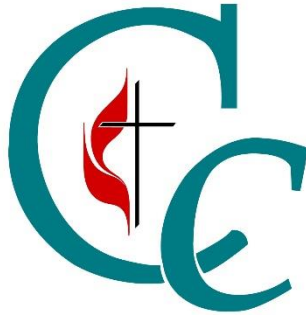
“Forgive Us Our Unforgiving”
Rev. Nathan Decker

Sunday Worship Schedule:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
October 3	<i>Eat This Book</i>	Hebrews 1:1-4 NRSV
October 10	<i>The Word of God is a WHO</i>	John 1:1-14 The Message
October 17	<i>The Word of God is not a Book</i>	2 Timothy 3:10-17 GNT
October 24	<i>The Word of God Spoken</i>	Jeremiah 20:7-13 TLB

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FRESH START SERVICE
September 26, 2021—8:30 AM



Please sign the teal attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor.

WORSHIP MUSIC

Let God Arise
I Am Free
Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone
Take My Life

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:21-35
NRSV

SPECIAL MUSIC

Here I Am to Worship
Fresh Start Band

MESSAGE

“Forgive Us Our Unforgiving”
Rev. Nathan Decker

September 26, 2021

A Service of Worship and Praise

11:00 AM

18th Sunday
after Pentecost

Please sign the red attendance pad, register for activities, and pass it to your neighbor.

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Our Neighbor

Chimes

Prelude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Organist

* Forgiveness Call to Worship (C)2021, Nathan Decker, worshipwake.wordpress.com

Leader: God, how many times must I forgive my brother or sister? Seven times?

People: Seven...try seventy times seven.

Leader: So, seventy times seventy...that's four hundred-

People: You're not hearing me. My forgiveness knows no limits.

Leader: But mine does. Don't you realize what they did to me?

People: Don't you realize how much I love them? How much I love you?

Leader: So, you'll forgive the murderers?

People: Like Moses?

Leader: And the drunks?

People: Like Noah?

Leader: What about those who turned against you and denied your name?

People: Like Judas and Peter?

Leader: God of Mercy and Grace Help Us All

People: Realize just how Beloved, Forgiven, and called to forgive we all are.

* Opening Prayer (Michael J. O'Donnell, U.S.A., 20th Cent.)

We are reluctant, O Author of Love, to set aside our hurt, our anger, our disappointment. Heal us with your tender touch, that we might be cleansed of all unclean thoughts, all schemes of revenge, all hope of vindictive retribution. Open our eyes to the power of love, shown to us in the unselfish sacrifice of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

* Opening Hymn No. 370 *Victory in Jesus*

* A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada No. 883

* Gloria Patri No. 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Children's Message

God's Forgiveness is Bigger than our Hurts

Pastor Nathan

Offertory Anthem

He's Always Been Faithful

Chancel Choir

* Doxology No. 94

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

Hymn No. 399

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

NRSV

Sermon

Forgive Us Our Unforgiving

Pastor Nathan

* Closing Hymn 389

Freely, Freely

* Benediction

* Choral Amen

* *Please stand as you are able.* **Bold print indicates a response in unison.**

Hearing Assistance Devices, Large Print Hymnals, and Braille Hymn Sheets are available for use in the Sanctuary. Please ask an usher.

Altar Flowers for the Sanctuary: To donate Altar flowers, please sign up on the flower chart outside the Church Office and complete an Altar Flower Form. Individuals may make arrangements with the florist of your choice, including delivery to the church and payment to the florist. (The suggested price is \$55-\$65.) Special pricing and free delivery to the church have been arranged with **River's Bend** and **Petals & Bows Florists**. Thank you for helping to beautify the Altar for worship.

CALENDAR
September 26 – October 3, 2021

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 AM–2:00 PM

Today: 8:30 AM Nursery until 12:15 PM
Fresh Start Worship-DFH
9:30 AM Children's Sun Sch-DFH
9:45 AM Adult Sunday School
Youth Sun Sch.-Annex
10:00 AM The Bridge-Sanc
Online Worship–Facebook
11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc.
12:00 PM CONNECTIONS-Annex
4:00 PM NO Youth
5:30 PM Kid's Play Date-Pt of Rocks
6:30 PM Who Will be a Witness-226
Mon.: 2:00 PM Staff Meeting
Tues. 10:30 AM **JOY SINGERS**-Music Suite
Wed.: 12:00 PM Who Will Be a Witness–
Online
7:00 PM Chancel Choir-Music S.

Thurs.: 7:30 AM Men's Group-First Watch
1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Offsite
Fri.:
Sat.: 9:30 AM **Cantata Workshop-Sanc**

Next Sunday: October 3, 2021

8:30 AM Nursery until 12:15 PM
Fresh Start Worship-DFH
9:30 AM Children's Sun Sch-DFH
9:45 AM Adult Sunday School
Youth Sun Sch.-Annex
10:00 AM The Bridge
Online Worship
11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc.
12:00 PM CONNECTIONS-Annex
4:00 PM NO YOUTH
6:30 PM Who Will be a Witness–226

Joy Singers Choir for Retired Folks Continues on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM in the Music Suite. Singers of all skill levels are invited to participate.

Sunday USHERS Needed: ♥ It takes a village, Friends! ♥ Please volunteer to serve at Fresh Start (8:30 AM), The Bridge (10:00 AM); or Traditions (11:00 AM). Register in the pew pad or contact Jones (243.3513 /jonesgj215@gmail.com).

Fresh Start Breakfast Volunteers Needed: It's easy, easy, easy; promise Responsibilities include picking up the donuts, coffee prep, minor setup of beverages, and simple clean up. You will be scheduled to serve monthly and will need to arrive by 8:00 AM. ! Many hands would allow a less frequent schedule. *Register in the pew pad or contact Jeanne Shelburne (245-2720).*

Need a nametag? contact Terry (cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org) or register in the pew pad . Indicate how you want your name to appear on the tag, and drop a check in the offering plate (\$10 per nametag, payable to CUMC, Memo: Nametag).

Your 2021 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in the Atrium. Notify the Church Office if you need envelopes for the remainder of 2021.

*We are truly blessed if you are a guest who has chosen to worship with us today!
First-time guests are invited to pick up a blue Welcome Bag from the Atrium or
Narthex. Thank you for celebrating the Lord with us today!*

Children's Sunday School and Choir Rehearsals kicks off TODAY immediately following Fresh Start Worship in Davis Fellowship Hall. We will offer a time of games (until about 10:00 AM), a Bible lesson, music, and prayer for children in grades PK-5. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Carrie Coyner (carrie.coyner@gmail.com).

Playing Around the Playground with our Pastors: TODAY, 5:30 PM at Point of Rocks Park (201 Enon Church RD, Chester). All children and their families/friends are invited to have fun with Pastor Nathan and Pastor Chad and their families. DON'T BE SHY—give it a try!

Media Upgrade Benefit Concert: Sunday, October 10, 3:00 PM. Joshua Wortham presents a concert of worship featuring your favorite hymns, worship songs, and much more. A free-will offering will be received to support our campaign to replace the existing sound equipment in the Sanctuary and Davis Fellowship Hall and add video equipment to improve our online ministry. Make checks payable to CUMC (Memo: Media). Donations of all sizes are welcomed at any time toward this \$93,000+ project. (About 50% of the expense will be covered by memorial donations!)

Sunday Nursery Needs Volunteers! Won't you please volunteer to serve on a rotation basis in the church nursery with our paid nursery specialist, Alistia Mabry? You may select the time slot you prefer: Fresh Start (8:15 AM); Sun. Sch./The Bridge (9:30 AM); Traditions (10:45 AM). All volunteers will be background checked. *Register in the pew pad or contact the Church Office* (cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org). JUST DO IT...for our little cherubs♥

Community Christmas Shoebox Project Launch!

POC: Linda D'Agostino (lindabella@comcast.net)

GET ON BOARD as we serve the **Greenleigh Mobile Home Community** by providing Christmas gift boxes to approximately 180 children in need. Our focus is boys and girls ages 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. Age-appropriate small toys may be put in each box i.e., dolls, balls, stuffed animals, puzzles, yoyos, bubbles, cars, etc. Other good options are hair accessories, toothbrushes, ChapStick, school supplies, socks, and jewelry. (Please, no candy or toy weapons.)

1. Get a shoebox 2. Wrap the top and bottom separately with gift wrap. (Do not seal the box.) 3. Shop! 4. Label your box: Boy or Girl and age group 5. Deliver to the church.

KEEP IN PRAYER: Earl [Betty] Tatum; Janean Trimble; Carol Koon; Sue Thompson; Joe Welchel, Sr.; Beth Powner; Marylou Cumby; Forrest [and June] Garrett; Clara Dyson (mother of Jim Dyson); Judy Dyson; family of Kate Kelley Ewalt; Doug and Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence September 19, 2020

Online.....	41
Fresh Start	78
The Bridge.....	74
Traditions	112
Total Worship Attendance.....	305

Join the CUMC Better Together Elf Crew for the Saturday, December 11, **Sports Backers 6K Tacky Light Walk/Run** near Midlothian Mines Park. Registration reopens on October 5 at <https://www.sportsbackers.org/events/tacky-light-run/pricing-schedule/>. Cost will be about \$25/adult and \$12/youth, and the minimum age to walk or run is 5. POC: Natalie Galarza (familygalarza05@gmail.com).



Ladies of Faith Fellowship Whaley Pecans Annual Sale: Pre-orders are being now. Harvesting will be late October-delivery in early November. Register in the pew pad or contact Betty Labin (804-748-3516) or Lorraine Young (804-748-6852) to order (\$12.00 per pound for halves or pieces). Please make checks payable to Ladies of Faith.

United Methodist Women (UMW): POC: Susan Petrey (938-5396)

- The **Jean Craig Fellowship:** Monday, October 4, 7:00 PM, Room 205. We will stuff Halloween Treat Bags for UMFS (United Methodist Family Services). We welcome any women who are looking for an evening circle. Call Susan Petrey for details.
- **Sunday, October 10, noon—Salad Luncheon—All Women of the Church** are invited to a luncheon meeting of the UMW immediately following 11 o'clock worship. Rev. Dr. Marg Kutz, retired, will join us to present her recently published book “Nevertheless She Preached” about early female ministers in the Methodist Church. The Jean Craig Fellowship will host. Bring a salad or dessert to share.

Afghanistan Troops & Refugees: Please join your Pastors in praying for the men and women who served our nation in Afghanistan, and for those families of refugees who have fled the Taliban to make their home in a far-off land. To donate to assist arriving families, make checks payable to CUMC (Memo: Afghan Refugees). This donation will be sent to the United Methodist Committee on Relief where 100% of your donation goes to relief efforts. See more information on how you can help at <https://vaumc.org/refugeeresponse/>.

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

Fresh Start Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Room 205

Reading the Old Testament through Jewish Eyes by Rabbi Evan Moffic.

POC: Susan Petrey (susanmpetrey@gmail.com)

Journey Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Davis Fellowship Hall and Google Meet (*hybrid class*)

POCs: Carolyn Landis (landisfamily05@gmail.com);

Eric Hougland (ehougland88@gmail.com)

Seekers Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Room 226

The Message of the Holy Spirit by K. Warrington

POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

Senior Singles Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Parlor

Beginning soon, *Think Like Jesus*, by Randy Frazee

POC: Cynthia Corley (cacorley@ctsi.net)

Joy Unspeakable Small Group

New study begins **September 12** at 6:30 PM (*Who Will Be a Witness*, info below)

POC: Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org) **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN US!**

Please register in the pew pad.

Middle and High School Youth Sunday School (BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12)

9:45 AM, Annex

POC: Dale (fungoboy77@gmail.com) and Karen Clark (klslark51@gmail.com)

WEDNESDAY Virtual Study Group will resume on September 8: *Who Will Be a Witness: Igniting Activism for God's Justice, Love, and Deliverance* by Drew G. I. Hart (published by Herald Press, 2020, ISBN-13 978-1513806594)

12:00 PM, Google Meet (*virtual*)

POC: Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

THURSDAY Morning Men's Group: All men are invited to join us EVERY Thursday at 7:30 AM at First Watch Restaurant (9949 Iron Bridge RD, Chesterfield, VA 23832) for prayer, study, and fellowship. POC: Vann Stanfield (vannstan34@gmail.com)

CHESTER UMC ONLINE RESOURCES

- **Website:** www.chesterumc.org.
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/ChesterUnitedMethodistChurch/>.
- **Facebook Closed Group:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChesterUMC/>.
- **Daily Email News:** Visit <http://eepurl.com/blV9TV> to subscribe.
- **Daily Devotionals from Pastor Nathan:** <https://www.facebook.com/BetterTogether.Devos/>.
- **YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/c/ChesterUMC>.
- **Prayer Chain Email:** to subscribe or to submit a prayer request, email Terry at cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org with “Prayer Chain” or “Prayer Request” in the subject line.
- **CUMC Library Catalog:** <https://16538.rmwebopac.com> (password: CUMC). Search for titles, peruse our inventory, and much more. POC: Ron Dombrowski (rmachachi@aol.com).
- **The Chimes**, monthly newsletter: Submit items to communication@chesterumc.org by the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Online Giving: Scan the QR code with your smartphone to contribute online or visit www.chesterumc.org and click “Online Giving.”



LOOKING AHEAD

- October 10:** UMW Salad Luncheon; District Youth Rally @ Bethia UMC
Media Benefit Concert featuring Joshua Nash Wortham (3 PM)
- October 17:** Children’s Sabbath
- October 19:** Charge Conference
- October 22:** Movie Night on Annex Lawn, 6:40 PM
- October 31:** CUMC Community Trunk or Treat, 5 PM
- November 6:** Turkey Pot Pie Dinner by UMW, 6 PM, CUMC, \$12
- December 11:** Tacky Light Walk/Run at Midlothian Mines Park
- December 12:** Christmas Cantata, 8:30 and 11 AM
- December 14:** Christmas Cantata, 7 PM
- December 19:** Blue Christmas Service, 3 PM