



**October 3, 2021**

*10:00 AM*

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms  
How Do I Know?  
Bigger Than Any Mountain  
Loving God, Loving Each Other

**SCRIPTURE**

Hebrews 1:1-4  
*NRSV*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Down to the River to Pray”  
*The Bridge Band*

**MESSAGE**

“Eat This Book”  
*Rev. Nathan Decker*

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**DATE**

October 10  
October 17  
October 24  
October 31

**SERMON TITLE**

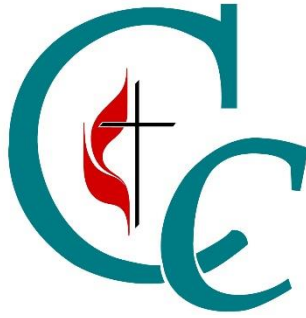
*The Word of God is a WHO*  
*The Word of God is not a Book*  
*The Word of God Spoken*  
*The Word of God is Interpreted Culturally*

**SCRIPTURE**

John 1:1-14 The Message  
2 Timothy 3:10-17 GNT  
Jeremiah 20:7-13 TLB  
Acts 2:1-12 NRSV

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*A Community in Christ*

## **Chester United Methodist Church**

*Rooted in God, Growing in Christ, Bearing Fruit in the Spirit*

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### **FRESH START SERVICE**

October 3, 2021—8:30 AM



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

#### **WORSHIP MUSIC**

Majestic  
Awesome is the Lord Most High  
We Believe  
Open the Eyes of My Heart

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Hebrews 1:1-4  
*NRSV*

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

You Are My King  
*Fresh Start Band*

#### **MESSAGE**

“Eat This Book”  
*Rev. Nathan Decker*

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October 3, 2021

A Service of Worship and Praise  
11:00 AM

World Communion  
Sunday

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

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Our Neighbor

Chimes

Prelude

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Pianist

\* Call to Worship

*Nathan Decker (CC) 2009*

Leader: Christ, our Lord, invites us to his table

**People: Who is this us? All of us? The poor, the blind, the lame, the outcasts?**

Leader: Christ, our Lord, invites us to his table

**People: The old, the young, the divorced, the married, the single, the LGBTQ?**

Leader: Christ, our Lord, invites us to his table

**People: The migrants, the homeless, the troubled, the unknowns?**

Leader: Christ, our Lord, invites us to his table

**People: Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Atheists?**

Leader: Christ, our Lord, invites us to his table

**People: The abused, the abusers, the oppressors, the oppressed?**

Leader: Christ, our Lord, invites us to his table

**People: Christ, our Lord, invites us to his table to learn to live in peace together,  
to learn to live repentant lives together, to learn to love God and neighbor  
together.**

**Church: Christ, our Lord, invites us to his table**

\* Opening Hymn No. 374

*Standing on the Promises*

Children's Message

*Just How Big Is This Table?*

Pastor Nathan

Offertory Anthem

*We Believe*

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. 601

*Thy Word*

Scripture Reading

*Hebrews 1:1-4*

*NRSV*

Sermon

*Eat This Book*

Pastor Nathan

\* Closing Hymn No. 599

*Break Thou the Bread of Life*

Holy Communion

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\* Benediction

by Elena Huegel published on Sep 25, 2018

May God prosper you.

May your days be long and your nights serene.

May your friendships honor you, and your family love you.

May you eat at your table, and

may you be gathered into God's embrace with a smile.

\* Choral Amen

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\* *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**  
**October 3-10, 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  
6:30 PM Who Will be a Witness-226  
Mon.: 7:00 PM Jean Craig F’ship-DFH  
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.:

**Next Sunday: October 3, 2021**

8:30 AM Nursery until 12:15 PM  
Fresh Start Worship-DFH  
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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  
UMW Salad Lunch-DFH  
2:00 PM Youth District Rally  
3:00 PM **Benefit Concert**-Sanc  
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.

**Need a Nametag?** Contact Terry ([cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org](mailto: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).

**Online Giving:** Scan the QR code with your smartphone to contribute online or visit [www.chesterumc.org](http://www.chesterumc.org) and click “Online Giving.”



*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** meet 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](mailto:carrie.coyner@gmail.com)).

**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!)

**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](mailto: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.

## **Community Christmas Shoebox Project Launch!** **Deadline, Sunday, November 14**

POC: Linda D'Agostino ([lindabella@comcast.net](mailto: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:** Judith Proper & family; Bobby Henderson; 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 26, 2020**

Online.....	34
Fresh Start .....	77
The Bridge.....	58
Traditions .....	115
<b>Total Worship Attendance.....</b>	<b>284</b>

**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.

**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  
Play Date with the Pastors at Point of Rocks
- October 19:** Charge Conference, 7 PM at Wesley Chapel UMC (River Road)
- October 22:** Movie Night on Annex Lawn, 6:40 PM
- October 31:** CUMC Community Trunk or Treat, 5 PM in Church Lot
- November 6:** Turkey Pot Pie Dinner by UMW, 6 PM, CUMC, \$12
- November 7:** All Saints Sunday
- December 11:** Tacky Light Walk/Run at Midlothian Mines Park
- December 12:** Christmas Cantata, 8:30 and 11 AM  
UMW Christmas Cookie Sale
- December 14:** Christmas Cantata, 7 PM
- December 19:** Blue Christmas Service, 3 PM

## 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](mailto:susanmpetrey@gmail.com))

### **Journey Sunday School Class**

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

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

Eric Hougland ([ehougland88@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:chadbeck@chesterumc.org)) **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN US!**

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

9:45 AM, Annex

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

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:vannstan34@gmail.com))



CHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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**MOVIE**  
*Night*



FRIDAY,  
OCTOBER 22, 2021  
**CHESTER UMC**  
ON THE ANNEX LAWN  
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You're invited to  
Chester United Methodist Church

# Trunk or Treat



12132 Percival St. Chester, VA

5:00 p.m. - Sunday, October 31, 2021