



**October 10, 2021**

*10:00 AM*

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

Unclouded Day  
Goodbye World, Goodbye  
Peace Like a River  
Jesus Built this Church on Love

**SCRIPTURE**

John 1:1-14  
*The Message*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Ancient Words”  
*Joshua Wortham*

**MESSAGE**

“The Word of God is a WHO”  
*Rev. Nathan Decker*

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**DATE**

October 17  
October 24  
October 31  
November 7

**SERMON TITLE**

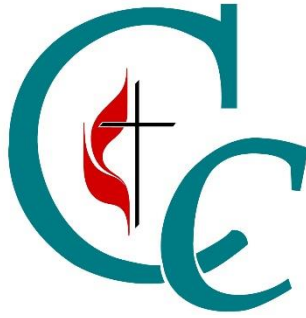
*The Word of God is not a Book*  
*The Word of God Spoken*  
*The Word of God is Interpreted Culturally*  
*The Word of God is Us*

**SCRIPTURE**

2 Timothy 3:10-17 GNT  
Jeremiah 20:7-13 TLB  
Acts 2:1-12 NRSV  
Matthew 25:31-40 CEV

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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 10, 2021—8:30 AM



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

#### **WORSHIP MUSIC**

What A Friend  
This Is Amazing Grace  
How Great Is Our God  
I Will Follow

#### **SCRIPTURE**

John 1:1-14  
*The Message*

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Ancient Words  
*Mette Shultz & Joshua Wortham*

#### **MESSAGE**

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October 10, 2021

A Service of Worship and Praise  
11:00 AM

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after Pentecost

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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

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Organist

\* Call to Worship *Flames of the Spirit*, p.60 # 10

Leader: God has been acting in our lives and in the world around us this past week.

**People: We have come for this hour of worship to make ourselves more aware of God and to give thanks for God's presence with us.**

Leader: God is here even now, ready to strengthen us and to urge us to greater faithfulness.

**Church: Fill us with your goodness, O God. Draw us into the orbit of your activity in the world that we might fulfill the purpose for which you created us. Amen.**

\* Opening Hymn No. 600 *Wonderful Words of Life*

\* Opening Prayer

**Grandfather, Great Spirit, you have always been, and before you nothing has been. There is no one to pray to but you. The star nations all over the heaven are yours, and yours are the grasses of the earth. You are older than all need, older than all pain and prayer. Grandfather, Great Spirit, fill us with light. Give us strength to understand and eyes to see. Teach us to walk the soft earth as relatives to all that live. Help us, for without you we are nothing. Amen.**

\* Affirmation No. 889

\* 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

Pastor Chad

Offertory Anthem

*Ancient Words*

Chancel Choir

*Mette Shultz, soloist*

\* 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. 395

*Take Time to Be Holy*

Scripture Reading

*John 1:1-14*

*The Message*

Sermon

*The Word of God is a WHO*

Rev. Nathan Decker

\* Closing Hymn No. 547

*O Church of God, United*

\* Benediction

\* 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 10-17, 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-ATRIUM  
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

Mon.:

Tues. 10:30 AM Joy Singers-Music Suite  
12:00 PM XMAS Mother- DFH

Wed.: 12:00 PM Who Will Be a Witness–  
Online

7:00 PM TRUSTEES-Annex

7:00 PM Chancel Choir-Music S.  
Thurs.: 7:30 AM Men's Group-First Watch  
10:30 AM Feed More-Greenleigh  
1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Offsite

Fri.:

Sat.:

**Next Sunday: October 17, 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

5:00 PM Playdate wt Pastors-POR

6:30 PM Who Will be a Witness–226

**Children's Sunday School and Choir** meets at 9:30 AM in the 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. To volunteer, please contact Carrie Coyner ([carrie.coyner@gmail.com](mailto:carrie.coyner@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.

**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!*

**Media Upgrade Benefit Concert:** TODAY at 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!)

**Volunteers Needed for Feed More Food Distribution** in the Greenleigh Community (14006 Stevenhurst DR, Chester, 23831). Tasks for volunteers include: unload the food truck, set up tables, organize the food, traffic control, collect/ breakdown boxes, take boxes to an offsite dumpster, and clean up. Register in the pew pad. POC: Eric Hougland [ehougland88@gmail.com](mailto:ehougland88@gmail.com)

**CUMC Movie Night on the Annex Lawn:** Friday, October 22, 6:40 PM. Invite your friends and neighbors! Bring a blanket/lawn chair and some snacks to share as we watch *Coco* under the stars. POCs: Bobby Henderson ([rhenn6020@gmail.com](mailto:rhenn6020@gmail.com)), Charlotte Brummette ([charL208@yahoo.com](mailto:charL208@yahoo.com)).

**CUMC Community Trunk or Treat:** Sunday, October 31, at 5:00 PM in the church parking lot. Invite your friends and neighbors! *Please register in the pew pad to volunteer to decorate your car and provide treats for the children.*

**Join the CUMC Better Together Elf Crew** for the Saturday, December 11, Sports Backers family 6K Tacky Light Walk/Run. Registration at <https://www.sportsbackers.org/events/tacky-light-run/pricing-schedule/>. Cost : \$32/adult and \$14/ ages 4-12. POC: Natalie Galarza ([familygalarza05@gmail.com](mailto:familygalarza05@gmail.com)). *Please register in the pew pad to let us know you plan to join us.*

**Turkey Pot Pie Dinner:** Saturday, November 6, 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall. All are invited for turkey pot pie and all the trimmings plus musical entertainment by Chester guitarist and singer, Susan DePhillip. Proceeds will help support the mission projects of the United Methodist Women. Tickets (\$12) are required (checks payable to Chester UMW). POC: Susan Petrey (938-5396)

**United Methodist Women (UMW) Salad Luncheon:** Sunday, October 10, at noon. 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. POC: Susan Petrey (938-5396)

**KEEP IN PRAYER:** Merlin Mitchell; Alease Black (mother of Trish Black); Dr. Floyd Moore; Judith Proper & family; Earl [Betty] Tatum; Janean Trimble; Carol Koon; Sue Thompson; Joe Welchel, Sr.; Marylou Cumby; Forrest [and June] Garrett; Clara Dyson (mother of Jim Dyson); Judy Dyson; Doug and Clara Gestwick.

**Our Presence October 3, 2020**

Online.....	33
Fresh Start .....	77
The Bridge.....	72
Traditions .....	111
<b>Total Worship Attendance.....</b>	<b>293</b>

**Cards for Veterans** for McGuire Hospital. Due date is November 7. Let’s let our veterans know that we are praying for them and that we appreciate their sacrifices and service to our country. Place your cards in the labeled box in the Sharing Bin in the main parking lot. Do not seal the envelopes and only sign your first name. See more details in the October newsletter. Surplus 2022 calendars are appreciated too. POC: Barbara MacIntyre (748-0775)

**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 Park, 5 PM
- October 15:** Feed More at Greenleigh with CUMC volunteers; 10:30-12:30 PM
- 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
- November 17:** BLOOD DRIVE, Fellowship Hall, 10 AM - 3 PM
- 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 Online Study Group:** *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; 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  
INVITES YOU TO

**MOVIE**

*Night*



FRIDAY,  
OCTOBER 22, 2021  
**CHESTER UMC**  
ON THE ANNEX LAWN  
4227 OLD HUNDRED RD





## **Community Christmas Shoebox Project**

**Deadline, Sunday, November 14**

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.