



October 24, 2021

10:00 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Glory to His Name
Sun's Gonna Come Up
Loving God, Loving Each Other
I Refuse

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 20:7-13

SPECIAL MUSIC

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone
Charles & Cheryl Green
Jill & Craig Seal

MESSAGE

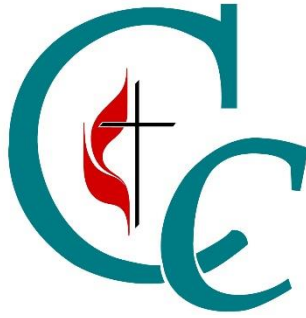
“The Word of God Spoken”
Rev. Nathan Decker

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
October 31	<i>The Word of God is Interpreted Culturally</i>	Acts 2:1-12 NRSV
November 7	<i>The Word of God is Us</i>	Matthew 25:31-40 CEV
November 14	<i>The Word of God Liberates</i>	Exodus 3:1-15 NRSV
November 21	<i>The Word of God Gives in Thanks</i>	Proverbs 31:10-21 NRSV

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FRESH START SERVICE

October 24, 2021—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Let God Arise
Father, Spirit, Jesus
Here I Am to Worship
We Believe

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A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

22nd 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

Wonderful Words of Life

Jean Wallace, organist

* Call to Worship from *The Africana Worship Book*

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, speak to us in parables and rhyme.

People: For you are an intergenerational Savior.

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, let us again hear some *old-time religion*.

People: For you are the Savior of all the ages.

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, speak quietly to us.

People: For your Spirit speaks through the wind.

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, speak loudly to us.

People: For your Spirit speaks through the thunder.

All: Savior of all ages groups, languages, and cultures, we await your voice.

* Opening Hymn No. 577 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

The Time of Centering

from *Flames of the Spirit*

We use this time to make the transition between “getting here” and “being here.” Take these few minutes of quiet time to get in touch with the calm places, the still, deep places in you; the spirit. Relax your body; quiet the inner dialogue of your mind. Focus on feeling, on being. Be reception to your center—your reservoir of inner peace, strength, love. Be aware of being with others. Feel the spirit of community.

Offertory

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

Chancel Choir
Cheryl Green, 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. 349

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Sing twice.

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Sermon

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Holy Communion

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* Closing Hymn No. 156

I Love to Tell the Story

* Benediction

* Choral Amen

* *Please stand as you are able.* **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. Please 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 24-31, 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
4:00 PM Youth-Annex Loft
6:30 PM Who Will be a Witness-226

Mon.:

Tues. 10:30 AM Joy Singers-Music Suite
3:30 PM Rest Stop-Annex

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

7:00 PM SPRC-226

7:00 PM Chancel Choir-Music S.

Thurs.: 7:30 AM Men’s Group-First Watch

Thurs: 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Offsite
5:00 PM Greenleigh CDC-Online
6:00 PM EXEC Team-116
7:00 PM CHURCH COUNCIL-226

Fri.:

Sat.:

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Online Worship
11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc
5:00 PM Trunk or Treat-Parking Lot
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 Coynor (carrie.coynor@gmail.com).

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).

Online Giving: Scan the QR code with your smartphone to contribute online or visit 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 Update: To date, we have raised \$99,673.79! We have reached our monetary goal to replace the existing sound equipment in the Sanctuary and Davis Fellowship Hall and add video equipment to improve our online ministry! Thank you, Church! There will be additional incidental expenses and possible add-ons, so it is not too late to support this important project. Please make checks payable to CUMC (Memo: Media).

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.* If you are unable to bring your decorated car, please donate treats to be handed out to the children. (Put them in the labeled bin in the Mission Closet.)

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)

Donations for CUMC Food Pantry: From now through the Christmas season, our Food Pantry will help many clients. Please consider donating goods or money weekly to help us keep our pantry well stocked. (Checks payable to CUMC; Memo: Food Pantry). Refer to the bulletin list of items needed

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). *Please register in the pew pad to let us know you plan to join us.*

Red Cross Blood Drive: Wednesday, November 17, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Thankful for your good health? Pass it on! Make your appointment now! Save time with RapidPass[®]. Complete your pre-donation reading and health history at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or with the Blood Donor App before your appointment. *The Red Cross national blood inventory is the lowest it's been at this time of year in at least six years, with less than a day's supply of certain blood types in recent weeks.* Blood cannot be manufactured or stockpiled and can only be made available through the kindness of volunteer donors.

KEEP IN PRAYER: Malcolm Stone; family of Earl Tatum; Merlin Mitchell; Alease Black (mother of Trish Black); Dr. Floyd Moore; Judith Proper & family; 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 17, 2020

Online.....	31
Fresh Start	77
The Bridge.....	56
Traditions	117
Total Worship Attendance.....	281

"Souvenir" starring Joshua Wortham and Georgia Rogers Farmer (and directed by Amy Perdue) will be performed at the Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen November 5-21. Purchase tickets at www.artsglenallen.com or by calling 501-5859 (\$12 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students). "Souvenir" tells the story of Florence Foster Jenkins, a high-society eccentric who suffered under the delusion that she was a great coloratura soprano but was in fact incapable of singing two consecutive notes in tune!

LOOKING AHEAD

- 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 15:** CCHASM Thanksgiving Meal Pkg. & donations due
- November 17:** BLOOD DRIVE, Fellowship Hall, 11 AM - 4 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
- December 24:** Services at 3:00, 7:00, and 10:00 PM
- December 26:** One worship service only @ 11:00 AM
- January 2:** Three worship services: 8:30 AM, 9:55 AM, 11:00 AM

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

Fresh Start Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Room 205

NEW: *If God is Love, Don't Be a Jerk* by John Pavlovitz

POC: Susan Petrey (susanmpetrey@gmail.com)

Journey Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Annex 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

Think Like Jesus, by Randy Frazee

POC: Cynthia Corley (cacorley@ctsi.net)

Joy Unspeakable Small Group

6:30 PM, Room 226

Who Will Be a Witness (info below)

POC: Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org) **IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN US!**

Middle and High School Youth Sunday School

9:45 AM, Annex Loft

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

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)

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)

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.



Join the Fresh Start Sunday School Class in Study, Fellowship and Service:

- **Beginning Sunday, October 24**— Join us as we study “If God is Love, Don’t be a Jerk” by John Pavlovitz. Thou Shalt Not be Horrible--Imagine if people of faith aspired to this mantra and daily challenged ourselves to live a faith that simply made us better humans. This book explores how we can embody a kinder spirituality where we humbly examine our beliefs to understand how they might compel us to act in less-than-loving ways toward others.

The Fresh Start Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:45 in room 205 (across the hall from the church library). Visitors and new members are always welcome. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

- The **Jean Craig Fellowship** will meet on Monday, November 1, 7:00 PM at church, Room 205. We will pack Thanksgiving Dinners for CCHASM. We welcome any women who are looking for an evening circle. Call Susan Petrey for details.

Mark Your Calendars:

- **Saturday, November 6, 9 AM**—**Turkey Pot Pie Preparation**. Many hands make light work!
- **Sunday, December 12**—**Christmas Cantata and UMW Christmas Cookie Sale**—deliver your homemade cookies on Saturday Morning, December 11, 9-12:00.

Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, to learn more about UMW, our two participating fellowships, and how you can become involved.

Turkey Pot Pie Dinner: Saturday, November 6, 6:00 PM—**All Members of the Chester Community** are invited to feast on **Turkey Pot Pie** and all the trimmings *plus* musical entertainment from Chester guitarist and singer Susan DePhillip. Proceeds will help support the mission projects of the United Methodist Women, including, but not limited to CUMC Food Pantry, Backpack Ministries, Christmas Mother, Samaritan Fund, and Youth Mission Trip. ***Tickets are required, \$12 per person***, checks made payable to **Chester UMW**. Call the Church Office, 748-6006 or Susan Petrey, 938-5396.

CUMC FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We rely on food and monetary donations to stock our Food Pantry which we use to help feed the hungry in our community. We work closely with CCHASM (Chesterfield, Colonial Heights Alliance of Social Ministry) which screens clients in need of food and refers them to us.

Bath Soap	Macaroni & cheese – boxed
Beef Stew – 16 oz can	Mashed Potatoes – lg. boxed, instant
Biscuit / Pancake Mix – lg. box	Mayonnaise – large jar
Carrots – 16 oz. can	Peanut Butter – 16 oz jar
Cereal – cold	Peas – 16 oz. can
Cereal – hot	Pork & Beans – 16 oz. can
Chef Boyardee Pastas – 15 oz. can	Ramen Noodles
Chicken – 8 oz. can	Rice – white, instant
Chili w/Meat – 16 oz. can	Salmon –14.75 oz. can
Coffee – instant	Shampoo – 12 oz.
Corn – 16 oz. can	Soup – can or dry
Corned Beef Hash – 12 oz can	Spaghetti Noodles – 16 oz. pkg.
Fruit – 16 oz. can	Spaghetti Sauce – 20 oz. can or jar
Green Beans – 16 oz. can	Spam, Treat Luncheon Meat – canned
Ham – 1 lb., canned	Syrup – pancake
<i>Hamburger Helper</i> type meals	Tea – box of bags
Jelly – 16 oz jar	Toilet Tissue
Juice – lg. jar	Toothpaste – tube
Laundry Soap – lg. box	Tuna Fish – 8 oz. can

OCTOBER 24 USHERS

8:30 AM Gordon Jones*, Dale Clark, Bill Comer
9:55 AM Gordon Morris*, Jim Watkins
11:00 AM Gordon Jones*, Dean Hutchins, Larry Koon, Geoff LeSueur, Tommy Petrey

OCTOBER 31 USHERS

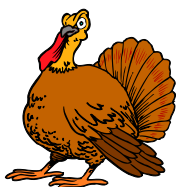
8:30 AM Eric Houglund*, Ron Dombrowski, Bruce Johnson
9:55 AM Gordon Jones*, JR Irvin
11:00 AM Gordon Jones*, Stephen Osborne, Tim Stewart, Beth Stewart

* Indicates Head Usher

Richmond Slave Trail Walk/Ride: 8:30 AM on Thursday, **November 11**. Members of the *Who Will Be a Witness?* small groups invite you to join them on the Richmond Slave Trail's Walk/Ride. This three-hour excursion will allow the participants to experience the history of slave trade in Richmond Virginia from 1775 to 1865. This path was recreated by the City of Richmond in 2011. We will meet in the church parking lot. The church van can accommodate eight passengers. Additional participants can carpool. The walk/ride commences at the Manchester Docks (1200 Brander Street, Richmond, VA 23224). If you wish to participate in the walk/ride, contact Bobby Henderson (rhens6020@gmail.com) or Terri Dombrowski (profet2d@aol.com). Please consider joining our *Who Will Be a Witness?* small groups online on Wednesdays at 12:00 PM or in person on Sundays at 6:30 PM. For more details, or to sign up, contact Bobby Henderson (rhens6020@gmail.com) or Terri Dombrowski (profet2d@aol.com). *You may also sign up in the pew pad.*

CCHASM THANKSGIVING MEAL GIFT PACKAGES

CCHASM Needs the Help of Our Children and Families for Thanksgiving



Chesterfield Colonial Heights Association for Social Ministry Thanksgiving Meal Packages are distributed every year to the needy in our area who have preregistered with CCHASM. A **\$15 gift card** for perishable items (butter, fresh vegetables, turkey) is included in every package. (CCHASM purchases these at a discount.) Please consider donating money for the gift cards because they are always needed. (Checks payable to CUMC; Memo: Thanksgiving Gift Card.) ***Monetary donations and meal packages are due by Monday, November 15.***

A COMPLETE MEAL GIFT PACKAGE INCLUDES

- 1 – 40 OZ. CAN of YAMS or SWEET POTATOES
- 1 – 13 OZ. BOX of MASHED POTATOES
- 1 – 14 OZ. CAN of CRANBERRY SAUCE
- 2 – 15 OZ. CANS of CORN
- 2 – 15 OZ. CANS of GREEN VEGETABLES
- 2 – BOXES of “Stove Top” ® Stuffing Mix
- 2 – CANS or PACKAGES of GRAVY (*no glass jars*)
- 1 – BOX of HOT CHOCOLATE MIX
- 1 – BOX of TEA BAGS
- 1 – Larger BOX or BAG of COOKIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

- ✓ CCHASM cannot give out expired food.
- ✓ All items must be in their original, unopened, saleable package.
- ✓ If possible, place in doubled paper bags with handles or canvas grocery bags.
- * Make checks payable to CUMC; Memo: CCHASM Thanksgiving.