



October 31, 2021

9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Sweeter as the Days Go By
This Little Light of Mine
How Great Is Our God
Jesus Loves Me

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-12
NRSV

SPECIAL MUSIC

Love in Any Language
Chelsea Buyalos

MESSAGE

“The Word of God is
Interpreted Culturally”
Rev. Chad Beck

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE

SERMON TITLE

SCRIPTURE

November 7

The Word of God is Us

Matthew 25:31-40 CEV

November 14

The Word of God Liberates

Exodus 3:1-15 NRSV

November 21

The Word of God Gives in Thanks

Proverbs 31:10-21 NRSV

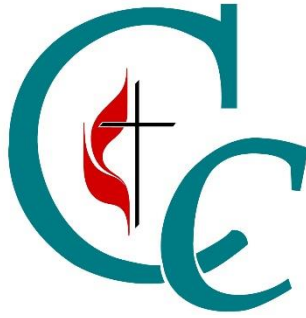
November 28

Warming Up Our Voices

Zephaniah 3:14-20 NRSV

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FRESH START SERVICE

October 31, 2021—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Build Your Kingdom Here

You Are Good

All Who Are Thirsty

Jesus Loves Me

SPECIAL MUSIC

Love in Any Language

Chelsea Buyalos

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-12

NRSV

MESSAGE

“The Word of God is Interpreted Culturally”

Rev. Chad Beck

October 31, 2021

A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

23rd 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

How Firm a Foundation

Marissa Resmini, violin

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: With tongues of flame, the Holy Spirit descends to burn in our hearts anew.

People: Unite us, Holy Spirit!

Leader: Like the rush of wind, we sense God's presence blowing afresh throughout the world.

People: Unite us, Holy Spirit!

Leader: Across the barriers of language and culture, Christ's message of love and grace is heard.

People: Unite us, Holy Spirit!

Leader: Divine Advocate, we seek your guidance as we search for the Spirit of Truth.

People: Unite us, Holy Spirit! Amen.

* Opening Hymns No. 334 & 328

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit
Surely the Presence of the Lord*

* Hispanic Creed

**We believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of the heavens and the earth;
Creator of all peoples and all cultures; Creator of all tongues and races.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Lord, God made flesh in a person for all
humanity, God made flesh in an age for all the ages, God made flesh in one culture for
all cultures, God made flesh in love and grace for all creation.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom God incarnate in Jesus Christ, makes his
presence known in our peoples and our cultures; through whom, God Creator of all
that exists, gives us power to become new creatures; whose infinite gifts make us one
people: the body of Christ.**

**We believe in the Church, Universal because it is a sign of God's Reign, whose
faithfulness is shown in its many hues where all the colors paint a single landscape,
where all tongues sing the same praise.**

We believe in the Reign of God – the day of the Great Fiesta when all the colors of creation will form a harmonious rainbow, when all peoples will join in joyful banquet, when all tongues of the universe will sing the same song.

And because we believe, we commit ourselves: to believe for those who do not believe, to love for those who do not love, to dream for those who do not dream, until the day when hope becomes reality. Amen.²

* 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.

Offertory Anthem

Simple Gifts

Chancel Choir
Marissa Resmini, violin

* 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**

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-12

NRSV

Sermon

The Word of God is Interpreted Culturally

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Special Music

Love in Any Language

Chelsea Buyalos

* Closing Hymn No. 191

Jesus Loves Me

* Benediction

* Choral Amen

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

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God in honor of the holy matrimony of Nathalie Marie Smith to James Carlon Waddill on Saturday, October 30.

CALENDAR

October 31- November 7, 2021

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

Today: 8:30 AM	Nursery until 12:15 PM	11:00 AM	Contemplative Prayer-Parlor
	Fresh Start Worship-DFH	1:30 PM	Prayer Shawl-Parlor
9:30 AM	Children's Sun Sch-DFH	6:00 PM	GS Troop 5248-226
9:45 AM	Adult Sunday School	6:30 PM	Disciple Life Gp-Annex
	Youth Sun Sch.-Annex	Fri.:	
10:00 AM	The Bridge-Sanc	Sat.:	6:00 PM Turkey Pot Pie-DFH
	Online Worship-Facebook		
11:00 AM	Traditions Service-Sanc	Next Sunday:	November 7, 2021
5:00 PM	Trunk or Treat-Parking Lot	8:30 AM	Nursery until 12:15 PM
6:30 PM	Who Will be a Witness-226		Fresh Start Worship-DFH
Mon.: 7:00 PM	Jean Craig F'ship-205	9:30 AM	Children's Sun Sch-DFH
Tues. 10:30 AM	Joy Singers-Music Suite	9:45 AM	Adult Sunday School
	3:30 PM Rest Stop-Annex		Youth Sun Sch.-Annex
	4:00 PM Stephen Ministers-226	10:00 AM	The Bridge
Wed: 10:00 AM	Visitation -226		Online Worship
	12:00 PM Who Will Be a Witness- Online	11:00 AM	Traditions Service-Sanc
	7:00 PM Chancel Choir-Music S.	3:00 PM	TDHS Key Club-DFH
Thurs.: 7:30 AM	Men's Group-First Watch	4:00 PM	MS/HS Youth-Annex Loft
		6:30 PM	Who Will be a Witness-226

Donate Altar Flowers for the Sanctuary: Please sign up on the flower chart outside the Church Office and complete an Altar Flower Form. Then 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

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).

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."



Worship Footnotes

¹<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2792/worship-elements-may-23-2021>

²Justo González, in *Mil Voces para Celebrar* (The United Methodist Spanish Hymnal), p. 70.

*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!*

CUMC Community Trunk or Treat: TODAY at 5:00 PM in the church parking lot. Invite your friends and neighbors! *It's not too late to decorate your car and provide treats for the children.*

Young Adult Gathering (ages 19-30): Wednesday, November 10, at Dave & Busters (4001 Brownstone BLVD, Suite 101, Glen Allen, VA 23060). Bring your friends and join us for some good food and fun fellowship! RSVP to Terry (cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org / 748-6006).

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 or in the Missions Closet. Do not seal the envelopes and only sign your first name. 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.

CUMC Friendship Ministry Needs Our Help transporting some of the Friends to and from church on Sunday mornings starting in December. Before COVID, the County provided the transportation for our developmentally challenged adults to attend the Bridge Service (9:55-10:40 AM) and then Sunday school (10:45-11:45 AM) for a Bible lesson, crafts, snacks, music, drama, and more. This valuable ministry allows our Friends to experience the joy of being a part of the body of Christ as they grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. In turn, we are blessed by their presence with us. *Please register in the pew pad or contact the Church Office if you are interested in providing Sunday transportation to and/or from church.*

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.

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 7. Set your clocks back an hour on Saturday so you don't get to church way too early!

KEEP IN PRAYER: family of Juneann Shafer (Janis Hargrave’s mother); Janet Nagy (mother of Monte Nagy); David Poulsen (son of Barbara Dance); 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 24, 2021

Online..... 25
Fresh Start 76
The Bridge..... 54
Traditions 118
Total Worship Attendance..... 273

Contemplative Prayer Group meets weekly on **Thursdays at 11:00 AM** in the Church Parlor. We read scripture and then practice using silence to focus, pray, and connect with God. Please join us. It is a small group, and we practice social distancing. If you have questions, contact Lisa Stanfield (lisajostanfield@gmail.com).

Media Upgrade Benefit Concert Update: To date, we have raised \$103,273.79! 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 ...plus some bells and whistles. Thank you, Church!

"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!

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 that you will be joining our team.*

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.

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.

Playdate with the Pastors: 4:00 PM, Sunday, November 7, at the Point of Rocks Playground (201 Enon Church RD, Chester). All children and their families/friends are invited! *Please register in the pew pad if you plan on joining in on the fun.*

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
Play Date with the Pastors, Point of Rocks Playground, 4 PM
- 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

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)

- **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.
- **Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship** will meet on Thursday, **November 11**, 10:00 AM in Room 226. Call Martha Miles (748-5476) for more information.

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.

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 (rhen6020@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 (rhen6020@gmail.com) or Terri Dombrowski (profet2d@aol.com). *You may also sign up in the pew pad.*

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 31 USHERS

8:30 AM Eric Houglund*, Ron Dombrowski, Bruce Johnson

9:55 AM Gordon Jones*, JR Irvin, Scott Pugh

11:00 AM Gordon Jones*, Stephen Osborne, Tim Stewart, Beth Stewart

* Indicates Head Usher

November 7 USHERS

8:30 AM Dave Coker*, Dale Clark, Bill Comer

9:55 AM Gordon Morris*, Jim Watkins

11:00 AM Gordon Jones*, Geoff LeSueur, Tommy Petrey, Beth Stewart, Tim Stewart

* Indicates Head Usher

November 7 GREETERS

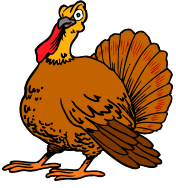
8:30 AM Ed and Marian Garrett

9:55 AM Stephanie Decker

11:00 AM Donna Nunery

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.