



**November 7, 2021**

*9:55 AM*

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

I'll Fly Away  
Boundless Love  
Jesus Built This Church on Love  
Mighty to Save

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 25:31-40  
CEV

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

I Can Only Imagine  
*The Bridge Band*

**MESSAGE**

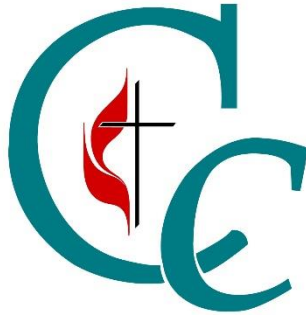
“The Word of God is Us”  
Rev. Nathan Decker

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
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
November 28	<i>Warming Up Our Voices</i>	Zephaniah 3:14-20 NRSV
December 5	<i>Getting in Harmony with God's Plan</i>	Luke 1:68-79

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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**

November 7, 2021—8:30 AM



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

### **WORSHIP MUSIC**

All the People Said Amen

Everyday

The Only Name (Yours Will Be)

Mighty to Save

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

I Can Only Imagine

*Fresh Start Band*

### **SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 25:31-40

CEV

### **MESSAGE**

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November 7, 2021

A Service of Worship and Praise

All Saints

11:00 AM

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

Organist

\* Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>

Leader: You are the salt of the earth.

**People: May we season the world with faithfulness, O God.**

Leader: You are the light of the world.

**People: May your love shine through us, O Christ our Savior.**

Leader: You are a city built on a hill.

**People: May your vigor make us bold witnesses, O Spirit of the only living God.**

\* Opening Hymns No. 568

*Christ for the World We Sing*

\* Apostle's Creed No. 881

\* Gloria Patri No. 70

**Glorify 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.**

Why We Give

Offertory Anthem

*Untitled Hymn*

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. 710

*Faith of Our Fathers*

Scripture Reading  
Sermon

*Matthew 25:31-40*  
*The Word of God is Us*

CEV  
Rev. Nathan Decker

Naming of the Honored Dead

*Anne* Wilkinson .....Nov. 11, 2020

*Betsy Price* .....Nov. 12, 2020

*Joyce Singleton* .....Nov. 18, 2020

*Kyong Lee* .....Dec. 9, 2020

*Kevin Mitchell* .....Dec. 24, 2020

*Joseph Martin* .....Feb. ?, 2021

*Donald Mick, Sr.* .....Feb 11, 2021

*Red Candle* .....honoring soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, and Afghani civilians who died in the last 20 years of war

*White Candle* .....honoring the unnamed Saints

*Blue Candle* .....honoring those who died of COVID

*Christ Candle*

*Sarah Jane Mick* ...Feb. 18, 2021

*Richard Swinson* ...Mar. 5, 2021

*Doris Boykin* .....June 5, 2021

*Doris Crowell* .....June 14, 2021

*Dave Wood* .....August 14, 2021

*Kate Ewalt* .....August 17, 2021

*Earl Tatum* .....October 11, 2021

\* Closing Hymn No. 711

*For All the Saints*

*Stanzas 1-3, & 6*

\* 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.

Worship Footnotes

<sup>1</sup>Worship & Song Worship Resources, No. 59

Leading Our Worship TODAY, November 7, 2021

**Greeters:** **8:30** Ed and Marian Garrett

**9:55** Stephanie Decker

**11:00** Donna Nunery

**Ushers:** **8:30** Dave Coker\*, Dale Clark, Bill Comer

\* Indicates Head Usher

**9:45** Gordon Morris\*, Jim Watkins

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

**Nursery:** **8:30, 9:55, 11:00** Staff Members, Alistia Mabry, plus a church volunteer

**CALENDAR**  
*November 7-14, 2021*

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

Today: 8:30 AM	Nursery until 12:15 PM Fresh Start Worship-DFH	Wed.: 7:00 PM	NO Trustees MTG
9:30 AM	Children’s Sun Sch-DFH	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir-Music S.
9:45 AM	Adult Sunday School Youth Sun Sch.-Annex	Thurs.: 7:30 AM	Men’s Group-First Watch
9:55 AM	The Bridge-Sanc Online Worship–Facebook	10:00 AM	Bookman F’ship-DFH
11:00 AM	Traditions Service-Sanc	11:00 AM	Contemplative Prayer-Parlor
4:00 PM	Playdate wt Pastors MS/HS Youth-Annex Loft	1:30 PM	Prayer Shawl-Parlor
6:30 PM	Who Will be a Witness-226	Fri.:	
7:00 PM	Children’s Min-Zoom	Sat.:	
Mon.: 2:00 PM	Staff Meeting	<b><u>Next Sunday:</u></b>	<b>November 14, 2021</b>
Tues. 10:30 AM	Joy Singers-Music Suite	8:30 AM	Nursery until 12:15 PM Fresh Start Worship-DFH
3:30 PM	Rest Stop-Annex	9:30 AM	Children’s Sun Sch-DFH
Wed: 12:00 PM	Who Will Be a Witness– Online	9:45 AM	Adult Sunday School Youth Sun Sch.-Annex
6:00 PM	Young Adults-Dave/Busters	10:00 AM	The Bridge Online Worship
		11:00 AM	Traditions Service-Sanc
		4:00 PM	NO MS/HS Youth
		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](mailto:carrie.coyner@gmail.com)).

**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!***

**Playdate with the Pastors:** 4:00 PM TODAY 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.*

**Young Adult Gathering** (ages 19-30): 6:00 PM, 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](mailto:cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org) / 748-6006).

**Cards for Veterans** for McGuire Hospital are due TODAY. 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.*

**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<sup>®</sup>. Complete your pre-donation reading and health history at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://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:** 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 Welch, Sr.; Marylou Cumby; Forrest [and June] Garrett; Clara Dyson (mother of Jim Dyson); Judy Dyson; Doug and Clara Gestwick.

**Our Presence October 31, 2021**

Online..... 28  
Fresh Start ..... 91  
The Bridge..... 56  
Traditions ..... 133  
**Total Worship Attendance..... 308**

**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.

**Leading Our Worship NEXT SUNDAY, November 14, 2021**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Andy & Eileen Steck	
	<b>9:55</b>	Stephanie Decker	
	<b>11:00</b>	Marian Perkinson	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Gordon Jones*, Bruce Johnson, Wendell Landis	* Indicates Head Usher
	<b>9:45</b>	Gordon Jones*, JR Irvin	
	<b>11:00</b>	Gary Williams*, Emory Large, Tommy Petrey, Don Schmidt, Vann Stanfield	
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30, 9:55, 11:00</b>	Staff Members, Alistia Mabry, plus a church volunteer	

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

### **Journey Sunday School Class**

9:45 AM, Annex 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

*Think Like Jesus*, by Randy Frazee

POC: Cynthia Corley ([cacorley@ctsi.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](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))



**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](mailto:rhens6020@gmail.com)) or Terri Dombrowski ([profet2d@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:rhens6020@gmail.com)) or Terri Dombrowski ([profet2d@aol.com](mailto:profet2d@aol.com)). *You may also sign up in the pew pad.*

## LOOKING AHEAD

- 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:**

- **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.

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

**"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](http://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](mailto:familygalarza05@gmail.com)). *Please register in the pew pad to let us know that you will be joining our team.*

## CUMC FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

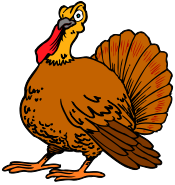
We rely on food and monetary donations to stock our Food Pantry which we use to help feed the hungry in our community. We work closely with CCHASM (Chesterfield, Colonial Heights Alliance of Social Ministry) which screens clients in need of food and refers them to us.

Bath Soap  
Beef Stew – 16 oz can  
Biscuit / Pancake Mix – lg. box  
Carrots – 16 oz. can  
Cereal – cold  
Cereal – hot  
Chef Boyardee Pastas – 15 oz. can  
Chicken – 8 oz. can  
Chili w/Meat – 16 oz. can  
Coffee – instant  
Corn – 16 oz. can  
Corned Beef Hash – 12 oz can  
Fruit – 16 oz. can  
Green Beans – 16 oz. can  
Ham – 1 lb., canned  
*Hamburger Helper* type meals  
Jelly – 16 oz jar  
Juice – lg. jar  
Laundry Soap – lg. box

Macaroni & cheese – boxed  
Mashed Potatoes – lg. boxed, instant  
Mayonnaise – large jar  
Peanut Butter – 16 oz jar  
Peas – 16 oz. can  
Pork & Beans – 16 oz. can  
Ramen Noodles  
Rice – white, instant  
Salmon – 14.75 oz. can  
Shampoo – 12 oz.  
Soup – can or dry  
Spaghetti Noodles – 16 oz. pkg.  
Spaghetti Sauce – 20 oz. can or jar  
Spam, Treat Luncheon Meat – canned  
Syrup – pancake  
Tea – box of bags  
Toilet Tissue  
Toothpaste – tube  
Tuna Fish – 8 oz. can

# 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.