



November 14, 2021

9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

I Saw the Light
Unclouded Day
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Where Could I Go?

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:1-15
NRSV

SPECIAL MUSIC

Word of God Speak
Monte Nagy

MESSAGE

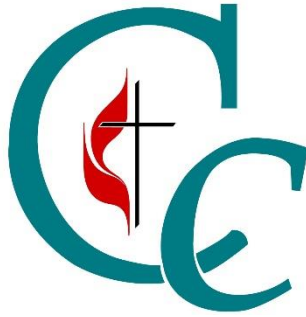
“The Word of God Liberates”
Rev. Chad Beck

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
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
December 12	<i>And It Came To Pass Emmanuel</i>	Christmas Cantata

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FRESH START SERVICE

November 14, 2021—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Majestic

Blessed Be Your Name

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

I Am Free

SPECIAL MUSIC

Word of God Speak

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SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:1-15 NRSV

NRSV

MESSAGE

“The Word of God Liberates”

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November 14, 2021

A Service of Worship and Praise

11:00 AM

25th 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

Salute to the Armed Forces

Pianist

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: We confront power with Shiprah and Puah,

People: in acts of passive resistance, refusing to obey orders.

Leader: We confront power with Moses,

People: boldly demanding the powers that be, "Let my people go!"

Leader: We confront power with Esther,

People: using what powers we have within a corrupt system to oppose injustice.

Leader: We confront power with Hannah,

People: singing our songs of reversal when we are commanded to be silent.

Leader: We confront power with all the prophets,

People: calling out oppression in the face of complacency.

Leader: We confront power with Mary Magdalene, lavishing attention on God in the face of public disapproval,

People: speaking with actions when words are denied us.

Leader: We confront power with Jesus, calmly confronting the powers that be,

People: reserving the right to remain silent.

Leader: We confront power with the women who went to the tomb,

People: daring to assert our right to mourn those denied the right to live by oppressive regimes.

Leader: We confront power with Paul,

People: unafraid to publicly change our mind, finding defiant joy even in chains.

* Opening Hymn No. 437

This Is My Song

* Creed

I believe in a Soft God who cries and mourns with us for all the ways our bodies have been violated and shattered and murdered and broken and unloved and erased.

I believe in Jesus, Soft God incarnate, who holds our breaths and breathes spirit and love back into our lungs and arteries when we no longer have the strength for the pulse of life.

I believe in the Soft Spirit, who—out of the depths—tenderly swings by to empower in us the sounds of our own voices, of our sorrows, of our cries, of our strengths.

I believe in a church that listens to the whispers of the Earth, that feels the pain circulating in its body, that is not indifferent to violence, that believes in the cries of those who report violence at the expense of their livelihood, as well as those who are not able to do so.

I believe in the communion of ancestors and saints and sinners and creation, communities that will not allow hate and intolerance to win, but who will come to the table hand-in-hand, shoulder-to-shoulder, to move softly forward, in radical joy and acceptance and hope and togetherness.

* 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.

Anthem

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Chancel Choir

Why We Give

Offertory

Word of God Speak

Monte Nagy

* 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. 174

His Name is Wonderful

Scripture Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

NRSV

Sermon

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* Closing Hymn No. 428

For the Healing of the Nations

* Benediction

* Choral Amen

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

CALENDAR
November 14-21, 2021

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

Today: 8:30 AM	Nursery until 12:15 PM Fresh Start Worship-DFH	Thurs.: 7:30 AM	Men's Group-First Watch
9:30 AM	Children's Sun Sch-DFH	11:00 AM	Contemplative Prayer-Parlor
9:45 AM	Adult Sunday School Youth Sun Sch.-Annex	1:30 PM	Prayer Shawl @ Dollie's
9:55 AM	The Bridge-Sanc Online Worship-Facebook	6:30 PM	Disciple Life Gp-Annex
11:00 AM	Traditions Service-Sanc	Fri.:	
4:00 PM	NO MS/HS Youth	Sat.:	
6:30 PM	Who Will be a Witness-226	Next Sunday:	November 21, 2021
Mon.: 2:00 PM	Staff Meeting	8:30 AM	Nursery until 12:15 PM Fresh Start Worship-DFH
Tues. 10:30 AM	Joy Singers-Music Suite	9:30 AM	Children's Sun Sch-DFH
3:30 PM	Rest Stop-Annex	9:45 AM	Adult Sunday School Youth Sun Sch.-Annex
Wed: 11:00 AM	BLOOD DRIVE-DFH	10:00 AM	The Bridge-Sanc Online Worship
12:00 PM	Who Will Be a Witness– Online	11:00 AM	Traditions Service-Sanc
7:00 PM	Finance-226	12:00 PM	Stewardship Potluck-DFH
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir-Music S.	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 (on the front of the bulletin) with your smartphone to contribute online or visit www.chesterumc.org and click "Online Giving."

Worship Footnotes: Cláudio Carvalhaes, *Liturgies from Below: Praying with People at the Ends of the World*, Abingdon Press, 2020.

***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!***

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY CELEBRATION: Join us Sunday, **November 21**, for Stewardship Sunday to celebrate God's goodness and abundance. During worship, we will place our pledge cards on the Altar as we commit to faithful stewardship through our time, talents, gifts, service, and witness. Immediately following 11 o'clock worship, join us in Davis Fellowship Hall for a Celebration Potluck Meal. Fried chicken and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, or the Church Office for more information.

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 ASAP. 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.*

We will Celebrate the Life of Judy Dyson (July 12, 1946-November 7, 2021) on Saturday, **November 20**, at Chester United Methodist Church. **Visitation** will be from 10:00-11:00 AM, the **service** will be at 11:00 AM, and there will be a reception after the service in the fellowship hall. The graveside service will be at 3:00 PM at Woods UMC (7200 Hickory RD, S. Chesterfield.)

Community Christmas Shoebox Project

WE NEED MORE FILLED SHOEBOXES—NEW DEADLINE SUN, NOV. 21

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.

KEEP IN PRAYER: Judge William (Bill) Shelton); family of Judy Dyson; 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); Janean Trimble; Carol Koon; Sue Thompson; Joe Welchel, Sr.; Marylou Cumby; Forrest [and June] Garrett; Clara Dyson (mother of Jim Dyson); Doug and Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence November 7, 2021

Online.....	30
Fresh Start	76
The Bridge.....	59
Traditions	112
Total Worship Attendance.....	277

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.

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).

"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!

<u>Leading Our Worship TODAY, November 14, 2021</u>	
Greeters:	8:30 Andy & Eileen Steck
	9:55 Stephanie Decker
	11:00 Marian Perkinson
Ushers:	8:30 Gordon Jones*, Bruce Johnson, Wendell Landis * Indicates Head Usher
	9:45 Gordon Jones*, JR Irvin
	11:00 Gary Williams*, Emory Large, Tommy Petrey, Don Schmidt, Vann Stanfield
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00 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)

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

Almost Christmas, A Wesleyan Advent Experience by deVega, McIntyre, Casperson, Rawle

POC: Cynthia Corley (cacorley@ctsi.net)

Witness 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. **Final session** is November 17. Class will resume in January 2022. 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)

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

- 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.
- Beginning the first Sunday of Advent, November 28, we will pause “Jerk,” and take up “Incarnation.” Learn the meaning behind the names of Christ and the difference He makes in our lives this Christmas. Be Transformed this Advent Season! His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels addressed him by other names. In *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*, best-selling author Adam Hamilton examines the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, exploring the historical and personal significance of his birth.

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 29, 6:00 PM at the Petreys. We will wrap presents for our Chesterfield Colonial Heights Christmas Mother children and have dinner together. We welcome any women who are looking for an evening circle. Call Susan Petrey for details.
- **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.

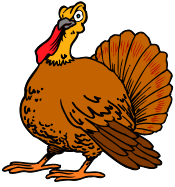
Join the CUMC Better Together Elf Crew for the Saturday, December 11, Sports Backers family 6K Tacky Light Walk/Run. Registration at <https://www.sportsbackers.org/events/tacky-light-run/pricing-schedule/>. Cost : \$32/adult and \$14/ ages 4-12. POC: Natalie Galarza (familygalarza05@gmail.com). *Please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

Leading Our Worship NEXT SUNDAY, November 21, 2021

Greeters:	8:30	Maureen Coker
	9:55	Terri Dombrowski
	11:00	Donna Nunery
Ushers:	8:30	Dave Coker*, Dale Clark, Ron Dombrowski * Indicates Head Usher
	9:45	Linda D’Agostino*, Diane Medina
	11:00	Gordon Morris*, Marshall Henry
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00	Staff Members, Alistia Mabry, plus a church volunteer

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 TOMORROW.***

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

- November 15:** CCHASM Thanksgiving Meal Pkg. & donations due
- November 17:** BLOOD DRIVE, Fellowship Hall, 11 AM - 4 PM
- December 5:** Church Service Day, Start at noon with hot dog lunch
- 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

CUMC SERVICE SUNDAY: December 5, 2021, immediately following the Traditions Service. We will begin with a delicious, yet simple, hot dog lunch around noon then get to work sprucing up our church. There will be jobs for everybody—young and old. Please plan to come join in the food, fellowship, and SERVICE! Won't you put it on your calendar now?

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

Welcome the Newest Member of our Musical Family

Our dear Floyd Bradshaw (May 3, 1931 - May 26, 2020) bequeathed his 1932 Steinway Model M Baby Grand Piano to Chester UMC. This beautiful instrument was delivered to us on November 10 and will be a welcome addition to our music ministry as it settles into its new home in Davis Fellowship Hall. We give God thanks for the life of Floyd Bradshaw and for this generous gift.

