



November 28, 2021

9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

I Feel Like Traveling On
Old Time Religion
Sun's Gonna Come Up
Soon and Very Soon

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Charleene & Rod Holmes

SCRIPTURE

Zephaniah 3:14-20

NRSV

SPECIAL MUSIC

There Was Jesus
Kelly Harmon & Angelo Galarza

MESSAGE

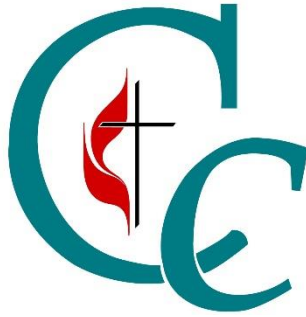
“Warming Up Our Voices”
Rev. Nathan Decker

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
December 5	<i>Getting in Harmony with God's Plan</i>	Luke 1:68-79 <i>The Voice</i>
December 12	<i>And It Came To Pass Emmanuel</i>	Christmas Cantata
December 19	<i>Mother Mary Singing...</i>	Luke 1:46-55
December 26	<i>Willing to Give</i>	Acts 7:54-60 <i>NRSV</i>

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FRESH START SERVICE

November 28, 2021—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Awesome is the Lord Most High
Build Your Kingdom Here
Here I Am to Worship
Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Karen & Bill Comer

SPECIAL MUSIC

There Was Jesus
Kelly Harmon & Angelo Galarza

SCRIPTURE

Zephaniah 3:14-20
NRSV

MESSAGE

“Warming Up Our Voices”
Rev. Nathan Decker

November 28, 2021

A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

1st Sunday
of Advent

Please sign the red attendance pad, register for activities, and pass it to your neighbor.

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Our Neighbor

Chimes

Prelude

Joy in the Morning

Organist

* Call to Worship

Leader: We light this candle in hope.

People: Hope for salvation from apathy and hatred.

Leader: Hope for change in our hearts and minds.

People: Hope for holding hands instead of holding wounds.

Hope to warm us in the dark of night.

* Lighting the 1st Advent Candle

Joan & Steve Osborne

* Opening Hymn No. 211

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Stanzas 1, 2, 5, & 6

* Apostle's Creed No. 881

* 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.**

Special Music

There Was Jesus

Kelly Harmon &
Angelo Galarza

Why We Give

Offertory Anthem

Celtic Advent Carol

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. 204

Emmanuel

Scripture Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

NRSV

Sermon

Warming Up Our Voices

Rev. Nathan Decker

* Closing Hymn No. 102

Now Thank We All Our God

* 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 Dollie and Malcolm stone who will celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary on December 1, 2021.

Hearing Assistance Devices, Large Print Hymnals, and Braille Hymn Sheets are available for use in the Sanctuary. Please ask an usher.

Worship Footnotes: ¹ *Worshipswake.wordpress.com. Nathan Decker (CC) 2016*

Leading Our Worship TODAY, November 28, 2021

Greeters:	8:30	Bill & Karen Comer	
	9:55	Wanda Reese	
	11:00	Joan & Steve Osborne	
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Bruce Johnson, Bill Comer	* Indicates Head Usher
	9:45	Gordon Jones*, Jim Watkins	
	11:00	Gordon Jones*, Larry Koon, Scott Pugh, Tim & Beth Stewart	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00	Staff Member, Alistia Mabry, plus a church volunteer	

CALENDAR

November 28-December 5, 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
9:55 AM The Bridge-Sanc
Online Worship–Facebook
11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc
4:00 PM NO MS/HS Youth
6:30 PM NO Who Will be a Witness
Mon. 6:00 PM Jean Craig F'ship @ Petrey
Tues.: 10:30 AM Joy Singers-Music Suite
3:30 PM Rest Stop-Annex
7:00 PM District Conf-Zoom
Wed.: 10:00 AM NO Visitation Team
1:30 PM Prayer Shawl- Stone R
Thurs.: 7:30 AM Men's Group-First Watch

Thurs.:11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer
5:30 PM Woodmen-DFH
Fri.:
Sat.:

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Youth Sun Sch.-Annex
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Online Worship
11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc
12:00 PM Hot Dogs/Sun Service Day
4:00 PM NO MS/HS Youth-Annex
6:30 PM Who Will be a Witness

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."

***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 Update: To date, we have received 105 Pledge Cards promising to give \$529,272.00 God's work through Chester UMC in 2022! *If you have not turned in your Pledge Card, please drop it in the offering plate or mail to the church.* Thank you to all who brought covered dishes and/or helped with the Stewardship Luncheon to celebrate God's goodness. Fabulous food and fine fellowship were enjoyed by all who attended.

Community Christmas Shoe Box Project Update: THANK YOU, CHURCH, for your radical generosity. We collected 138 shoe boxes for the children (age 2-12) in the Greenleigh Mobile Home Community, including 20 shoeboxes from Grace Lutheran Church on Harrowgate Road! POC: Linda D'Agostino (lindabella@comcast.net)

Donations for CUMC Food Pantry: THANK YOU, CHURCH and Cub Scout Pack 2815 which donated 2 of every item on our list. Please consider donating goods or money weekly to help us keep our pantry well stocked for the many clients we serve. (Checks payable to CUMC; Memo: Food Pantry). Refer to the bulletin list of items needed.

CUMC Christmas Sharing Tree: Want to bring some Christmas cheer to some very deserving adults with developmental disabilities across Chesterfield County? CUMC has collaborated with Chesterfield Mental Health Support Services for more than 10 years to spread smiles to those in need. We have nearly 100 adults on our list again this year. To select an individual to adopt for Christmas, visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49ADA82FA7FE3-sharing>. A limited number of gift tags are available on the tree in the Atrium for those who do not have internet access. (These individuals are NOT on the online list.) Place your wrapped gifts under the tree no later than Thursday, December 16. Be sure to label the gift(s) with the ID # on the signup tag.

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! *Register in the pew pad to help us plan lunch and organize our jobs.*

Family Christmas Paint Party Sunday, December 12, 5:00 PM. Join us in the fellowship hall to create a beautiful painting of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. All ages are welcomed. Please notify Charlotte Brummette (CHARL208@yahoo.com) with the number of attendees or register in the pew pad.

KEEP IN PRAYER: Malcolm Stone; Cathy Chase; Aaron Anderson; Avery & Brynn Matthews (newborn preemie twin granddaughters of Sue Matthews); family of Peggy Duffey (Steve Gallion’s sister); Judith Proper; family of B. Dowling Petrey (Tommy’s Petrey’s brother); family of Janet Nagy (mother of Monte Nagy); Dennis Knaack; Judge William (Bill) Shelton; family of Judy Dyson; family of Juneann Shafer (Janis Hargrave’s mother); David Poulsen (son of Barbara Dance); Alease Black (mother of Trish Black); Janean Trimble; Sue Thompson; Joe Welchel, Sr.; Marylou Cumby; Forrest [and June] Garrett; Clara Dyson (mother of Jim Dyson); Doug and Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence November 21, 2021

Online.....	23
Fresh Start	63
The Bridge	51
Traditions	126
Total Worship Attendance	263

Children’s Christmas Party! Sunday, December 19, 3:00-5:00 PM. Calling all kids 5th grade and younger (and their parents) to join us for an afternoon of holiday cheer! Wear your favorite Christmas shirt or sweater and come ready to start off the fun with some caroling with the CUMC Middle and High School Youth. After caroling we will return to the fellowship hall to enjoy cookies, cocoa, holiday coloring, and games!

Nursery Volunteers Needed: Please volunteer to serve on a rotation schedule at 8:30 AM and 9:45 AM with our paid nursery professional, Alistia Mabry. Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D44ACAE2DA75-nursery>. POC: Pastor Chad Beck

Blood Drive Update: Thank you, Church, for donating your life-saving blood on November 17. We collected 29 donations which exceeded our goal of 23 donations!

CCHASM Thanksgiving Meals Update: Thank you to everyone who donated this year! We collected 35 meal kits and \$3,500 to purchase discounted \$15 food gift cards! Your generosity is part of a county-wide effort that helped feed over 10,000 people!

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).

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

Fresh Start Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Room 205

NEW: *Incarnation* by Adam Hamilton

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

Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam by James W. Moore

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!**

No meeting Nov. 28, final session Dec. 5, then class will resume January 16.

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. ***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 Petrey home. 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, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, to learn more about UMW, our two participating fellowships, and how you can become involved.

Seekers Sunday School Class will take a break from our study of the Holy Spirit and have an Advent study (5 Sundays) called " Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam" by James W. Moore. You are cordially invited to join us November 28 through December 26 at 9:45 AM in Room 226 (above the Music Suite). POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

Leading Our Worship NEXT SUNDAY, December 5, 2021

Greeters:	8:30	TBA
	9:55	TBA
	11:00	TBA
Ushers:	8:30	TBA * Indicates Head Usher
	9:45	TBA
	11:00	TBA
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00	Staff Member, Alistia Mabry, plus a church volunteer

Calling All Scrapbookers! The History Committee has a project to transfer photos from old albums to an acid-free, museum-quality environment. We need your help! The plan is for us to meet—possibly two "shifts" of folks in Room 220 one or two days a week until we have completed the job. This is being done anticipating our 150th Anniversary of Chester United Methodist Church to be celebrated beginning in January 2023! Depending on the response, we may begin after Thanksgiving, before Christmas. Or, if preferred, we may decide it better to begin the first week in January. Your feedback on that is appreciated. Please register in the pew pad or contact Mary Musselwhite at (804)330-0014.

Historical Sanctuary Notecards for Sale Notecards that depict each of our four sanctuaries since the inception of Chester United Methodist Church are for sale in the Church Office--8 cards and envelopes for \$10. On the inside of the card is a scripture, and on the back is a synopsis of the history of the church at that time and its location. We hope you will support the History Committee as we prepare and plan for our 150th Anniversary. Please make your check payable to CUMC Memo: History Notecards.

Cookies Needed! The UMW will be selling Homemade Christmas Cookies by the Tin in the Fellowship Hall following both worship services on Sunday, December 12. UM Women and members of the congregation, please commit to donate homemade cookies. Call or email Katey McCarney, 402-0084 or ks.petrey@gmail.com, and leave your name, a phone number, how many dozen, and what kind of cookie you will prepare. Cookies should be delivered to the church kitchen Saturday, December 11, 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM. Questions? Call Katey McCarney, 402-0084.

Christmas Cookie Sale—The UMW will be selling Homemade Christmas Cookies by the Tin in the Fellowship Hall following both worship services on Sunday, December 12 . Proceeds will go to support our gifts to local, national, and international missions, including, but not limited to, our CUMC Food Pantry, United Methodist Family Services, Branches, and the United Methodist Committee on Relief. *Sign up in the pew pad* with your name, phone number, whether you'd like a \$5, \$10 or \$20 tin, and whether you have any food restrictions (gluten, peanuts, etc.). All orders due no later than December 1. Questions? Call Katey Petrey, 402-0084.

Cookie Tins Needed!—As you unpack your Christmas decorations, please donate your cookie tins. The UMW Cookie sale earned \$910 from the sale of Homemade Christmas Cookies in 2019. Please place cookie tins in the designated bin in the Missions Closet. POC: Katey McCarney, 402-0082

A Wonderful Stocking Stuffer! Chester UMC Rose Window Notecards. The Rose Window was dedicated in 1957, installed in the Atrium following the 2007 renovation, and now you can share our Rose Window with friends and relatives! CUMC Rose Window Notecards will be sold weekdays in the Church Office. The cost is \$10 per package of 10 cards plus envelopes. Proceeds will benefit the Chester United Methodist Women's pledge to mission. Make checks payable to Chester UMW. Call Susan Petrey for details, 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

LOOKING AHEAD

December 5: Church Service Day, Start at noon with YUMMY 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
Family Christmas Paint Party, 5 PM
December 14: Christmas Cantata, 7 PM,
December 19: Blue Christmas Service, 3 PM
Children's Christmas Party, 3-5 PM
December 24: Services at 3:00, 7:00, and 10:00 PM
December 26: One worship service only @ 11:00 AM; Wear your pajamas Sunday!
January 2: Three worship services: 8:30 AM, 9:55 AM, 11:00 AM
January 30: Allison Speer, all three worship services



Poinsettia & Wreath Order Form

7-inch pots of Red Poinsettias (\$20.00 each)
Fresh Wreaths (\$30.00 each)



Fresh Poinsettias will adorn our church from Sunday, December 12, through Christmas Eve. We will also hang fresh wreaths on our Narthex and Atrium doors and the Sanctuary windows through January. Please order wreaths to donate to the church. **All orders are due by Thursday, December 2.**

Name _____ **Cell Phone** _____

E-Mail _____

My Order: _____ (Qty.) Red Poinsettia(s) at \$20.00 each \$ _____
 _____ (Qty.) Fresh Wreath(s) at \$30.00 each \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____

Please include payment with your order.
(Checks payable to CUMC; Memo: Poinsettias/Wreaths)

I would like my Poinsettia/Wreath Dedication(s) to read (circle *honor* or *memory*):

In Honor/Memory of _____

By _____

In Honor/Memory of _____

By _____

In Honor/Memory of _____

By _____

In Honor/Memory of _____

By _____