



January 2, 2022
9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Sweeter as the Days Go By
Peace Like a River
This Little Light of Mine

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60:1-6
The Voice

SPECIAL MUSIC

No More Night
Evan Nunery & Joshua Wortham

MESSAGE

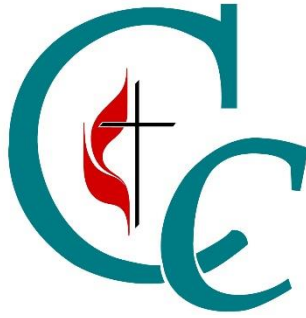
“Hiding Our Candle”
Rev. Nathan Decker

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
January 9	<i>Lifted Up to Humility</i>	Philippians 2: 1-11 <i>NIRV</i>
January 16	<i>Restoring Human Dignity and Pride</i>	Genesis 21:8-21 <i>NRSV</i>
January 23	<i>God’s Dream for CUMC Disciples</i>	John 15:5-11 <i>Passion</i>
January 30	<i>Guest Singer: Allison Speer</i>	

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FRESH START SERVICE

January 2, 2022—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Awesome Is the Lord Most High

Glory to God Forever

We Believe

Salt and Light

SPECIAL MUSIC

No More Night

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The Voice

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“Hiding Our Candle”

Rev. Nathan Decker

A Service of Worship and Praise

January 2, 2022

11:00 AM

Epiphany Sunday

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

Welcome, Announcements and Greeting

Chimes

Prelude

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory
with O Holy Night*

Organist

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: Rejoice, for God has sent the Messiah

People: To bind up the brokenhearted,

Leader: To proclaim liberty to the captives,

People: To grant those who mourn a garland instead of ashes,

Leader: The mantle of praise, instead of a faint spirit.

People: Arise, shine, for our light has come.

* Opening Prayer²

Days pass and the years vanish, and we walk sightless among miracles. Lord, fill our eyes with seeing and our minds with knowing; let there be moments when your presence, like lightning, illumines the darkness in which we walk. Help us to see, wherever we gaze, that the bush burns unconsumed. And we, clay touched by God, will reach out for holiness, and exclaim in wonder, “Blessed is the Eternal One, the holy God!” Amen.

* Hymn No. 103

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

* Affirmation of Faith¹

The star of divine promise shines before us still. Over a world of mute hopes, dim visions, dark fears, still the light shines. In a world shrouded by darkness both tragic and willful, still we proclaim: Our light has come. The glory of God shines upon us. For One born of God is born of our own flesh, and that One is light for our lives. As we receive the light and let it shine through us, it rises as a beacon for a darkened world. The people shall stream toward its promise; meek and mighty alike share in its dawning brightness. Then all shall say: Arise! The glory of God is upon us!

Anthem

Adeste Fideles

Chancel Choir

Why We Give – A Year In Review

Offertory

No More Night

Evan Nunery & Joshua Wortham

- * 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. 254

We Three Kings

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

The Voice

Sermon

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Holy Communion

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- * Closing Hymn *This Little Light of Mine*
 - This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.*
 - This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*
 - Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...*

- * 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:

¹ Flames of the Spirit, Ruth Duck, pg. 25, and 28

²Worship & Song, Worship Resources, No. 57, pg. 27, ©1975 Central Conference of American Rabbis

CALENDAR
January 2-9, 2022

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 AM–2:00 PM
Preschool Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 AM-1:30 PM

Today: 8:30 AM Nursery until 12:15 PM
Fresh Start Service
9:30 AM Children’s Sun Sch-DFH
9:45 AM Adult Sunday School
Youth Sun Sch.-Annex
9:55 AM Bridge Service-Sanc
10:00 AM Online Worship
11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc
3:00 PM Key Club-DFH
4:00 PM NO MS/HS Youth
Oros Recital-Sanc/DFH
Mon.: 6:30 PM Boy/Cub Scouts
7:00 PM Jean Craig F’ship.-205
Tues.: 10:30 AM NO Joy Singers
3:30 PM Rest Stop
4:00 PM Stephen Ministers-226
Wed.: 10:00 AM Visitation-226
1:00 PM History Com-220
5:00 PM Rest Stop Team-Annex
7:00 PM Chancel Choir-Music Suite

Thurs.: 7:30 AM Men’s Group-First Watch
11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-Parlor
1:30 PM Prayer Shawl- Parlor
6:30 PM Disciple Life-Annex

Fri.:
Sat.:

Next Sunday: January 9, 2022

8:30 AM Nursery until 12:15 PM
Fresh Start Service
9:30 AM Children’s Sun Sch-DFH
9:45 AM Adult Sunday School
Youth Sun Sch.-Annex
CONNECTIONS-116
9:55 AM Bridge Service-Sanc
10:00 AM Online Worship
11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc
5:00 PM MS/HS Youth-Annex Loft
5:30 PM Family Board Night-DFH

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.”




**ALLISON SPEER
IN CONCERT**

JANUARY 30, 2022
8:30, 9:55, & 11:00 AM



**FAMILY
GAME NIGHT**

—
Sunday, January 9 - 5:30 PM
Davis Fellowship Hall
Pizza and drinks provided
Bring your favorite board game!

**PIZZA, FAMILY FUN, AND
BOARD GAMES**

***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!***

Children's Sunday School 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. All are welcome! Today, special guest Debi Graves (owner of Alma Bella Academy) will lead us in a craft! To volunteer, please contact Carrie Coyner (carrie.coyner@gmail.com).

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)

PIZZA, FAMILY FUN, and BOARD GAMES! Sunday, **January 9**, 5:30 PM in Davis Fellowship Hall. Looking for something to do this cold winter? Bring your favorite board game to the church to play with the church family. Pizza and drinks will be provided. *Register in the pew pad if you plan to attend.*

CONNECTIONS Interested in joining our church or simply learning more about CUMC? **January 9, 16, 23, & 30**, from 9:45–10:45 AM, in Room 116. Our Goal is to offer you an opportunity to explore and learn more about God at Chester UMC by planting yourself in a small group and growing through the conversation that will truly bear fruit. *Register in the pew pad if you plan to attend.*

CONFIRMATION 2022 is a time for youth to explore what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and claim the faith as their own. The dates for this year's sessions are **January 16, 30, February 13, and 27** at 4:00 PM at the Annex. *Please register in the pew pad if you have a youth who is asking faith questions or is ready to take the faith as their own.* POCs: Rev. Nathan Decker (nathandecker@chesterumc.org) and Rev. Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

UMCOR for Tornado Relief: 100% of contributions to United Methodist Committee on Relief go to disaster relief efforts. Make checks payable to CUMC (Memo: UMCOR). You may also contribute online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/901670/>.

Stewardship Update: To date, we have received 124 Pledge Cards promising to give **\$589,172.00** to 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.*

KEEP IN PRAYER: family of Rev. George M. Pearson, Jr.; Debbie Freed; Malcolm & Dollie Stone; Dr. Floyd Moore; family of Sandra Buyalos (Skip’s mother); family of Molly (Dianna Poulsen’s guide dog); Becky & Eddie Leonard; Lynn Crump; Aaron Anderson; Nancy Murdock; Beth Powner; Cathy Chase; Aaron Anderson; family of Janet Nagy (mother of Monte Nagy); Dennis Knaack; Janean Trimble; Marylou Cumbly; Forrest [and June] Garrett; Clara Dyson (mother of Jim Dyson); Doug and Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence December 24, 2021

3:00 PM..... 112
 7:00 PM..... 254
 10:00 PM..... 113
 Online..... 32
Total Worship Attendance..... 511

Our Presence December 26, 2021

Online..... 13
 NO Fresh Start..... 0
 NO Bridge Service..... 0
 Traditions Service..... 102
Total Worship Attendance..... 115

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

<u>Leading Our Worship TODAY, January 2, 2022</u>	
Greeters:	8:30 Bill & Karen Comer
	9:55 Ed & Marian Garrett
	11:00 Donna Nunery, Rae Ann Janderswki
Ushers:	8:30 Gordon Jones*, Bruce Johnson, Wendell Landis * Indicates Head Usher
	9:55 Linda D’Agostino*, Jim Watkins
	11:00 Gordon Morris*, Dean Hutchins, Larry Koon, Joan & Steve Osborne
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00 Staff Member, Alistia Mabry, plus a church volunteer

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

Fresh Start Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Room 205

Incarnation by Adam Hamilton

POC: Susan Petrey (susanmpetrey@gmail.com)

Journey Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Annex and Google Meet (*hybrid class*)

Advent Word Study by Josh Hunt

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)

Bridge Builders (formerly the Witness Group)

6:30 PM, Room 226

POC: Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

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)

Bridge Builders, WEDNESDAY Online Study Group: 12:00 PM, Google Meet. *Class will resume on January 19, 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)

Bishop Lewis' 2022 Bible Challenge: In the New Year, join the Virginia United Methodist Conference in reading the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. A daily reading list is provided at the conference website at <https://vaumc.org/2022biblechallenge/>, or you may pick up a copy of the list in the Church Office.

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

- Resuming today, “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.

Seekers Sunday School Class: You are cordially invited to join us in study and fellowship as we resume our study of *The Message of the Holy Spirit* by K Warrington. Our class meets every week from 9:45 to 10:45 AM in Room 226. Y’all come! POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

Mark your calendars! Super Bowl Sunday, February 13, Super Bowl Soup Luncheon: Join us for good food and fellowship. Proceeds will go to the United Methodist Women’s pledge to mission. The whole congregation is invited to join us for a soup luncheon immediately following 11 o’clock worship. The menu includes several heartwarming soups, corn muffins, desserts, and beverages. The cost at the door is \$6 per person. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information.

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). Please write legibly.

Leading Our Worship NEXT SUNDAY, January 9, 2022

Greeters:	8:30	Maureen Coker	
	9:55	Stephanie Decker	
	11:00	Joan & Steve Osborne	
Ushers:	8:30	Dave Coker*, Dale Clark, Bill Comer	* Indicates Head Usher
	9:55	Gordon Jones*, JR Irving	
	11:00	Gary Williams*, Tommy Petrey, Scott Pugh, Tim & Beth Stewart	
Nursery:	9:55, 11:00	Staff Member, Alistia Mabry, plus a church volunteer	

The United Methodist Women (UMW) :

- **The Jean Craig Fellowship** will meet on Monday, January 3, 7:00 PM in Room 205. We will begin work again on our teddy bears for the New Year. We welcome any women who are looking for an evening circle. Call Susan Petrey for details.
- **Salad Luncheon**—All Women of the Church are invited to a luncheon meeting of the UMW Sunday, January 16, immediately following 11 o'clock worship. Our program will be presented by Kim Southerland, Director of the Pregnancy Resource Center of Metro Richmond. Come and learn more about the nearly 40 years of commitment this organization has provided for those unprepared for pregnancy. The PRC provides both men and women resources to help them make life affirming choices. The Jean Craig Fellowship will host. Bring a salad or dessert to share.
- **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 December which they will use to support local, national, and international missions in 2022. Please place cookie tins in the designated bin in the Missions Closet. POC: Katey McCarney, 402-0082.

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

Bridge Builders invites everyone to join us **online WEDNESDAYS** at noon beginning January 19, 2022. We will have open, safe, **zoom** conversations based in Jesus's love and reconciliation. *"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation" 2 Cor. 5:18.* We will start 2022 with selected topics from the VA Conference of the UMC Series on Virginia Roots, Race, and Discipleship. Before each session, please visit <https://vaumc.org/racerelationsvideos/> to watch the short video listed for each date and come with questions, observations, and comments. POC: Maureen Coker (mcoker2003@comcast.net)

- **January 19**, Video 7: "THE CENTRAL JURISDICTION." Who formed the Central Jurisdiction, a racially segregated body of the Methodist Church, from 1939-1968?
- **January 26**, Video 8: "MASSIVE RESISTANCE IN FARMVILLE, VA." Farmville and its role in Brown v. Board of Education. Part of Civil Rights history in which the US Supreme Court determined that racial segregation of children in school was unconstitutional.
- **February 2** Video 9: "BLOODY MONDAY." Non-violent protest and police brutality in 1963 when Danville, Virginia became an important participant of the Civil Rights Movement.

Please register in the pew pad if you plan to participate and we will email you the Google Meet link.