



December 19, 2021

9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

I Saw the Light
Christmas Carol Medley
How Great Is Our God

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Andrew, Charlotte,
Christopher, Bella, Ava, & Elissa Brummette

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:46-55

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sing Joy! – *Jack Price*
Breath of Heaven – *Mette Shultz*

MESSAGE

“Mother Mary Singing”
Rev. Nathan Decker

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE

SERMON TITLE

SCRIPTURE

December 26

Willing to Give

Acts 7:54-60 *NRSV*

January 2

Hiding Our Candle

Isaiah 60:1-6

January 9

Lifted Up to Humility

Philippians 2: 1-11 *NIRV*

January 16

Restoring Human Dignity and Pride

Genesis 21:8-21 *NRSV*

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FRESH START SERVICE

December 19, 2021—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Joy to the World/Unspeakable Joy
What a Glorious Night
How Great Is Our God

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Scott, Beth, Lillian & Quinn Harvey

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sing Joy! – *Jack Price*
Breath of Heaven – *Mette Shultz*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:46-55

MESSAGE

“Mother Mary Singing...”
Rev. Nathan Decker

A Service of Worship and Praise

December 19, 2021

11:00 AM

4th Sunday of Advent

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

Welcome, Announcements and Greeting

Chimes

Prelude

Sing Joy!

Jack Price

* Call to Worship

Leader: We light this candle in love.

People: Love for Emmanuel, God with us.

Leader: Love for Jesus, Savior born this night.

People: Love from God; Love come down. Love to bring light in the dark of night.

* Lighting the 4th Advent Candle

Martha Miles & Hunter Beazley

* Opening Prayer¹

Savior God, shine upon us with your grace. We long to align ourselves with the proud and mighty. Guide us to walk with those who are poor and weak. When we yearn for riches and glory, guide our hearts back to your thirst for justice and righteousness. Remember us with mercy. We desire to live as the household of faith you would have us be. Help us live according to your gospel and trust that all things are possible in your love. In Christ's saving grace, we pray. Amen.

* Hymn No. 246

Joy to the World

* 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.

Reception of New Member

Anthem

Jesus, Prince of Peace

Chancel Choir

Why We Give

Offertory

Breath of Heaven

Mette Shultz

- * 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. 220 *Angels from the Realms of Glory* stanzas 1 & 2

Scripture Reading *Luke 1:46-55*

Sermon *Mother Mary Singing...* Rev. Nathan Decker

- * Closing Hymn No. 234 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* stanzas 1, 2, & 6

- * Benediction

- * Choral Amen

* *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 by John York in honor of our 66th Wedding Anniversary on December 19.

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

¹Source: B.J. Beu, in The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020, p. 274-275.

CALENDAR
December 19-26, 2021

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

Today: 8:30 AM Nursery until 12:15 PM
Fresh Start-DFH
9:30 AM Children’s Sun Sch-DFH
9:45 AM Adult Sunday School
Youth Sun Sch.-Annex
9:55 AM The Bridge Service-Sanc
10:00 AM Online Worship–Facebook
11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc
3:00 PM MS/HS Youth-Annex Loft
3:00 PM Blue Christmas Serv-Sanc
Children XMAS Party-DFH
Mon. 6:30 PM NO Cub/Boy Scouts
Tues.: 10:30 AM NO Joy Singers
3:30 PM NO Rest Stop
Wed.: 7:00 PM NO SPRC
Thurs.: OFFICE CLOSED
7:30 AM Men’s Group-First Watch
11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer
1:30 PM NO Prayer Shawl- Parlor

Fri.: 3:00 PM Family Worship-Sanc
7:00 PM Candlelight Serv-Sanc
10:00 PM Candlelight Serv-Sanc
Sat.:

Next Sunday: December 26, 2021
Wear your pj’s to church!
8:30 AM Nursery until 12:15 PM
NO Fresh Start Service
9:30 AM Children’s Sun Sch-DFH
9:45 AM Adult Sunday School
Youth Sun Sch.-Annex
9:55 AM NO Bridge Service
10:00 Online Worship
11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc
4:00 PM NO MS/HS Youth

Donations for CUMC Food Pantry: Thank you, Church, Cub Scout Pack 2815, and the TDHS Key clubs for your generous donations to our pantry. Please continue to donate goods or money (as you are able) 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.

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!***

Today, We Welcome into Christian Membership *Dale Mark Benedict*, who comes to us by transfer from Burke United Methodist Church in Burke, Virginia. D. Mark is already finding his niche in our church and has been singing with the Chancel Choir since July.

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/>.

Blue Christmas Service: 3:00 PM TODAY in the Sanctuary. For many, the holidays are a time of grief and pain. Join us for this special worship service as we seek the Hope and Light that God offers each of us at Christmas and always.

Caroling, Coloring, Cookies, & Cocoa: **TODAY, December 19**, 3:00-5:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. 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!

CUMC Christmas Sharing Tree Update: CUMC has collaborated with Chesterfield Mental Health Support Services for more than 10 years to provide Christmas cheer to developmentally challenged adults. Thank you, Church, for providing Christmas for all 87 of this year's folks.

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.

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)

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.*

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 Cumby; Forrest [and June] Garrett; Clara Dyson (mother of Jim Dyson); Doug and Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence December 12, 2021

Online.....	15
Fresh Start	189
No Bridge Service	
Traditions	315
Total Worship Attendance	519
Dec. 14 XMAS Cantata	451

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

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)

Leading Our Worship TODAY, December 19, 2021

Greeters:	8:30	Maureen Coker	
	9:55	Stephanie Decker	
	11:00	Sharon Buchanan	
Ushers:	8:30	Dave Coker*, Ron Dombrowski, JR Irvin	* Indicates Head Usher
	9:55	Linda D’Agostino*, Diane Medina	
	11:00	Gordon Jones*, Scott Pugh, Vann Stanfield, Beth & Tim Stewart	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00	Staff Member, Alistia Mabry, plus a church volunteer	

Blue Christmas

Greeters:	3:00	TBA
Ushers:	3:00	Gordon Jones*, Beth Stewart

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*)

Shalon: "Peace" Advent Word Study

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

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)

WEDNESDAY Online Study Group: 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:

- Advent Study: “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.

Seekers Sunday School Class: You are cordially invited to join us November 28 through December 26 at 9:45 AM in Room 226 (above the Music Suite) for our Advent study, "Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam" by James W. Moore. POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

Christmas Cards for Veterans: While you are writing your Christmas cards, please write a Christmas card or two to a veteran at McGuire Hospital. Write a note inside thanking him/her for their service to our country or say "We'll never forget" or that you'll pray for them and hope they feel better. Put your cards in the labeled box in the Sharing Bin outside the Atrium by Sunday, December 19. Cards may be addressed to "A Special Veteran" or "Especially for You" or "To Someone Special", etc. Only sign your first name and do not seal the envelopes.

Christmas Eve Clean Up: Volunteers are needed to tidy up the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve following the 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM worship services. Your help is a gift to our custodial staff so they can enjoy the night off. *Register in the pew pad if you are willing to help.*

Leading Our Worship NEXT SUNDAY, December 26, 2021

Greeters:	9:55	TBA
	11:00	Marian Perkinson, Andy & Eileen Steck
Ushers:	11:00	Gordon Morris*, Jim Watkins, Emory Large, Tommy Petrey, Don Schmidt
		* Indicates Head Usher
Nursery:	9:55, 11:00	Staff Member, Alistia Mabry, plus a church volunteer

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.

Christmas Cookie Sale Update: Thank you, Church, for purchasing cookies from the United Methodist Women. We raised almost \$900 to support their gifts to local, national, and international missions.

Stewardship Update: To date, we have received 122 Pledge Cards promising to give **\$575,412.00** 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.*



December 2021

December 19 - Blue Christmas Service 3:00 PM

Christmas Party 3:00 PM

December 24 - Family Friendly Worship 3:00 PM

Candlelight Communion 7:00 PM

Candlelight Communion 10:00 PM

December 26 - ONE Worship Service 11:00 AM

Wear your pajamas to worship!

Sunday School will meet at 9:45 AM

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.

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

Welcome Baby Ministry: We have been blessed with several births in our church family in recent months and our Welcome Baby supply has dwindled considerably. We ask for your donations of handmade baby blankets. They are so beloved by our families with newborns. If you do not knit, crochet, or sew, we need donations of LARGE gift bags for babies and pastel tissue paper. Please leave all donations in the labeled bin in the Missions Closet. POC Sue Matthews (spmatthews8788@gmail.com; 804-439-3145.)



CHESTER UMC FAMILY MINISTRY

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**

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 19:** Blue Christmas Service, 3 PM in Sanctuary
Children's Christmas Party, 3-5 PM in Fellowship Hall
Youth Jesus' Birthday Party, 3-5 PM in Annex
- December 24:** Services at 3:00, 7:00, and 10:00 PM in Sanctuary
- 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 9:** 1st of 4 CONNECTIONS Sessions (then Jan. 16, 23, and 30)
Family Board Game Night, 5:30 – 8:00 PM
- January 16:** 1st of 4 Confirmation Sessions (then Jan. 30, Feb.13, and Feb.27)
- January 30:** **Allison Speer**, all three worship services
- February 6:** Children's Chili Cook Off
- February 13:** Super Bowl Soup Luncheon sponsored by UMW



Wreath Dedications

In Loving Memory of

- † **Bill Goodwyn** by his family
- † **My granddaughter, Elizabeth Dalton**, by Gypsy Cook
- † **Our parents, Robert & Dorothy Scharmann and Edwin & Betty Pospahala**, by Pat & Don Pospahala
- † **Our parents, Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Chappell and Mr. & Mrs. Winston Shultz**, by Steve & Penn Shultz
- † **Bill & Jackie Perdue** by Amy Perdue

In Honor of

- † **Oma (Terry Wisegarver)** by her grandchildren, Oscar and Adela Lamas





Poinsettia Dedications



In Loving Memory of

- † **John & Doris Owen** by Ron & Gail King
- † **Sidney & Madaline King** by Ron & Gail King
- † **Preston & Jackie Wilkinson** by Barbara & Kent Yandle
- † **Clyde & Jane Yandle** by Barbara & Kent Yandle
- † **Judy W. Dyson** by Gwen Byer
- † **Belinda Stone Carroll (1961-2017)** by Roger, Betty, Doreen, & David Stone
- † **T.R. Stone (1971-2019)** by Roger, Betty, Doreen, & David Stone
- † **Ricky Swinson** by Debbie, Aubrey, and Meredith
- † **John & Joyce Harvey and Grace & Don Darling** by Matt, Mary Beth, Emily, & Caroline Johnson
- † **Clarence Curtis, Jr.** by his family
- † **Mark Harmel** by Janet Bradley
- † **Joe Stiles** by Hilah Stiles
- † **Kate Kelley Ewalt** by her parents, Mike & Mindy Kelley
- † **Stan Freed** by his wife, Joyce, & family
- † **Our dad, Ted Nicholson,** by Thomas & Caroline Nicholson
- † **Jim Huber** by Rod & Charleene Holmes
- † **Blake & Wilma June Holmes** by Rod & Charleene Holmes

In Honor of

- † **Wayne & Ginny Virag** for our 56th Anniversary on December 20
- † **Our mother, Jean Carotenuti,** by Charles & Kathi Williams
- † **Our 5 grandsons** by Charles & Kathi Williams
- † **Our loving mother/grandmother, Barbara Goodwyn,** by her children and grandchildren
- † **Our three granddaughters, Caroline, Amelia, & Annika,** by Tim & Beth Stewart
- † **Steve & Joan Osborne** by Tim & Beth Stewart
- † **Andy & Eileen Steck** by Tim & Beth Stewart
- † **My sisters, Heidi, Linda, & Leanne,** by Sherie Orton. So thankful all year for their kindness and humor!
- † **My mother and father, Joanne Blake & Enders Park** by Sherie Orton
- † **Pastor Nathan and family** by the church staff
- † **Pastor Chad and family** by the church staff
- † **Malcom & Dollie Stone** by the members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry