

**ONE WORSHIP SERVICE:** Sunday, December 26, at 11:00 AM. Nursery provided. Fresh Start, Seekers, and Senior Singles Adult Sunday School classes will meet at 9:45 AM. The Journey Adult Class, Children's Class, and Youth Sunday School classes will not meet. (Ms. Carrie hopes to see all our children in their pajamas at the one combined 11:00 AM service!)

**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](mailto:nathandecker@chesterumc.org)) and Rev. Chad Beck ([chadbeck@chesterumc.org](mailto: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.*

**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.

**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/>.

**January 2 Children's Sunday School:** 9:30 – 10:45 AM in Davis Fellowship Hall. We will be talking about Epiphany and the wise men! How do we show love and light to lead people to Jesus like the star led the wise men? We are excited to have a guest teacher join us! **Debi Graves**, owner of Alma Bella Academy, will be leading a craft to go with our Bible lesson. It would help her plan supplies if you could rsvp for Sunday School for that day, but it is not required! *Please register in the pew pad or RSVP to the church office at [cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org](mailto:cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org).*

Children's Sunday School (ages PreK through 5th grade) meets in the fellowship with games from the end of Fresh Start until 10 AM when we begin our Bible lessons. All are welcome! Carrie Coyner is our lead children's teacher and can be contacted at [carriecoyner@gmail.com](mailto:carriecoyner@gmail.com).

**OFFICE HOURS:** The Church Office will be closed on December 27, 30, and 31.



## **Chester United Methodist Church**

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***3:00 PM ~ December 24, 2021***

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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

December 24, 2021

Christmas Eve 3:00 PM

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*Please sign the red attendance register and pass it to your neighbor.*

Welcome

- \* Call to Worship Joel Beck  
Leader: Tonight is not the quiet little town of Bethlehem.  
**People: There are packages to wrap, parties to attend.**  
Leader: Jesus came to a noisy world  
**People: filled with sheep, donkeys, cows, people arguing about taxes.**  
Leader: So tonight, mom and dad, it's okay if we're a little noisy.  
**People: We just can't help it...we're excited!**  
Leader: So tonight, we sing.  
**People: Not to add more clutter to the chaos,**  
Leader: but to bring hope, peace, joy, and love to all.  
**People: Because here in noisy Bethlehem, Christ is born.**
- \* Opening Hymn No. 238 *Angels We Have Heard on High* *stanzas 1 & 3*
- Prayer Pastor Chad
- Why We Give
- Poem *Little Tree by E. E. Cummings* Emily Galarza
- Offertory *We Three Kings* Dean Miller, piano
- Poem *Christmastide by Christina Rossetti* Caroline Carson
- \* Hymn No. 251 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* *stanzas 1 & 3*
- \* Advent Lighting Lillian Harvey  
Leader: Light this candle for Christ.  
**People: Christ, the Child who gives us Hope.**  
Leader: Christ, the Promised Prince of Peace.  
**People: Christ to whom the Angels sing, "Joy unspeakable!"**  
Leader: Christ, God's Love, Emmanuel, God with us.  
Jesus, Love divine that came down from heaven.

**People: Jesus, Joy that awakens each heart this night.**

Leader: Jesus, Peace to quell the fears and wars of humanity.

**People: Jesus, Hope in this darkness.**

Leader: God lights this candle for you and me.

God lights this candle giving us the best gift possible.

God lights this candle to comfort us in the warmth of hope and joy.

God lights this candle to shine peace and guide us to love in the dark of night.

God, light this candle for Christmas, and may its flame never extinguish.

**People: Amen.**

\* Lighting the Christ Candle Paige & Cole Irving

Hymn No. 217 *Away in a Manger*

Impromptu Live Nativity *Luke 2:1-21*

\* Candlelight Hymn No. 239 *Silent Night* *stanza 1*  
*As the song begins, bend your glow stick until it snaps, then shake it to make it glow.*

\* Hymn No. 246 *Joy to the World* *stanzas 1 & 4*

\* Benediction

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

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

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