



January 9, 2022
9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

I Saw the Light
I'll Fly Away
Are You Washed in the Blood
Jesus Built This Church on Love

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:1-11
NiRV

SPECIAL MUSIC

There Was Jesus
Kelly Harmon & Angelo Galarza

MESSAGE

“Lifted Up to Humility”
Rev. Chad Beck

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE

January 16
January 23
January 30
February 6

SERMON TITLE

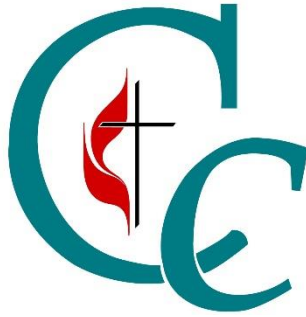
Restoring Human Dignity and Pride
God's Dream for CUMC Disciples
Guest Singer: Allison Speer
You Let Us Take the Kid Home?

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 21:8-21 *NRSV*
John 15:5-11 *Passion*
Luke 2:41-52 *New Testament for Everyone*

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FRESH START SERVICE

January 9, 2022—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

The Only Name
Blessed Be Your Name
Here I am to Worship
This Is Amazing Grace

SPECIAL MUSIC

There Was Jesus
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SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:1-11
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MESSAGE

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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. 177

He Is Lord

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2: 1-11

NiRV

Sermon

Lifted Up to Humility

Rev. Chad Beck

* Closing Hymn No. 399

Take My Life, and Let It Be

* 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:

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²England, 20th Century

Leading Our Worship TODAY, 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	

CALENDAR
January 9-16, 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_DFH
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
5:00 PM MS/HS Youth-Annex Loft
5:30 PM Family Board Night-DFH
Mon.: 6:30 PM Boy/Cub Scouts
Tues.: 10:30 AM NO Joy Singers
3:30 PM Rest Stop
Wed.: 1:00 PM History Com-220
7:00 PM Chancel Choir-Music Suite
Thurs.: 7:30 AM Men’s Group-Grant’s Coffee
11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-Parlor

Thurs.: 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl- Parlor
Fri.:
Sat.: 12:00 PM Private Event-DFH
12:30 PM Key Club BD-116

Next Sunday: January 16, 2022
8:30 AM Nursery until 12:15 PM
Fresh Start Service-DFH
9:30 AM Children’s Sun Sch-DFH
9:45 AM Adult Sunday School
Youth Sun Sch.-LOFT
CONNECTIONS-116
9:55 AM Bridge Service-Sanc
10:00 AM Online Worship
11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc
12:00 PM UMW Salad Luncheon-DFH
4:00 PM NO MS/HS Youth- Loft

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 - January 30: Southern Gospel Artist, Allison Speer, returns to Chester UMC on Sunday, January 30, during all three worship services! Allison has become a beloved familiar face here. You won't want to miss this moving concert of worship as Allison leads all three services (in the Sanctuary). Invite your friends and neighbors!



*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: Sharyn Powell Abernatha who comes to us by transfer from California Heights UMC in Long Beach, CA.

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.

CONNECTIONS Interested in joining our church or simply learning more about CUMC? Join us **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.

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)

Stewardship Update: To date, we have received 132 Pledge Cards promising to give **\$606,832.00** 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.*

Visitation Volunteers Needed: Chester UMC currently has four visitation teams which visit church members and others who are home-bound or who are experiencing an illness, loss of a loved one, or some kind of crisis. Each team consists of two people who attend one monthly meeting and also visit in homes, hospitals, nursing homes, etc. Our current volunteers are: Bonnie Hopson, Karen Cole, Martha Miles, Darlene Emerson, Linda D'Agostino, Ruth Devore, Betty Jellie, Christ Grinter, Carolyn Maxwell, Karen Comer, Linda Large, Will Schmidt, Don Schmidt, and Hunter Beazley. *If you are interested in serving on a Visitation Team, please contact Will Schmidt (804-931-3660) or Karen Comer (804-796-2910 / 804-683-5645.* You will be blessed.

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.

KEEP IN PRAYER: family of Patricia Bernas; Debbie Freed; Cathy Chase; Janean Trimble; Marylou Cumby; Forrest [and June] Garrett; Doug and Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence January 2, 2022

Fresh Start	103
The Bridge.....	48
Traditions	88
Online/Call In	28
Total Worship Attendance.....	267

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

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).

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/>.

CHESTER UMC ONLINE RESOURCES

- **Website:** www.chesterumc.org.
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/ChesterUnitedMethodistChurch/>.
- **Facebook Closed Group:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChesterUMC/>.
- **Daily Email News:** Visit <http://eepurl.com/blV9TV> to subscribe.
- **Daily Devotionals from Pastor Nathan:** <https://www.facebook.com/BetterTogether.Devos/>.
- **YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/c/ChesterUMC>.
- **Prayer Chain Email:** to subscribe or to submit a prayer request, email Terry at cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org with "Prayer Chain" or "Prayer Request" in the subject line.
- **CUMC Library Catalog:** <https://16538.rmwebopac.com> (password: CUMC). Search for titles, peruse our inventory, and much more. POC: Ron Dombrowski (rmachachi@aol.com).
- **The Chimes**, bi-monthly newsletter: Submit items to communication@chesterumc.org on 3rd Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

Fresh Start Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Room 205

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*)

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: Maureen Coker (mcoker2003@comcast.net)

THURSDAY Morning Men's Group: All men are invited to join us EVERY Thursday at 7:30 AM for prayer, study, and fellowship at **GRANT'S COFFEE Co.** (11884 Chester Village DR) First Watch has ceased in-person service due to COVID. 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:

- Continuing, "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 16, 2022

Greeters:	8:30	Vince & Linda D'Agostino	
	9:55	Terri Dombrowski	
	11:00	Donna Nunery, Sharon Buchanan	
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Morris*, Bill Comer, Ron Dombrowski	* Indicates Head Usher
	9:55	Linda D'Agostino*, Diane Medina	
	11:00	Gordon Jones*, Marshall Henry, Emory Large, Geoff LeSueur, Don Schmidt	
Nursery:	9:55, 11:00	Staff Member, Alistia Mabry, plus a church volunteer	

The United Methodist Women (UMW) :

- **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, **Google Meet** conversations based in Jesus's love and reconciliation. 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.

LOOKING AHEAD

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| January 9: | 1 st of 4 CONNECTIONS Sessions (then Jan. 16, 23, and 30)
Family Board Game Night, 5:30 – 8:00 PM |
| January 16: | 1 st of 4 Confirmation Sessions (then Jan. 30, Feb.13, and Feb.27) |
| January 30: | Allison Speer , all three worship services in Sanctuary |
| February 13: | Super Bowl Soup Luncheon sponsored by UMW |

OPENING PRAYER RESPONSIVE READING

Let us remember Jesus:
Who, though he was rich,
 yet for our sakes became poor and dwelt among us.
Who was content to be subject to his parents,
 the child of a poor couple's home.
Who lived for thirty years the common life,
 earning his living with his own hands and declining no humble tasks.
Whom the people heard gladly, for he understood their ways.

RESPONSE: May this mind be in us which was in Christ Jesus.

Let us remember Jesus:
Who was mighty in deed, healing the sick and the disordered,
 using for others the powers he would not invoke for himself.
Who refused to force people's allegiance.
Who was Master and Lord to his disciples,
 yet was among them as their companion and as one who served.
Whose desire was to do the will of God who sent him.

RESPONSE: May this mind be in us which was in Christ Jesus.

Let us remember Jesus:
Who loved people, yet retired from them to pray,
 rose a great while before day, watched through the night,
 stayed in the wilderness, went up into a mountain, sought a garden.
Who, when he would help a tempted disciple, prayed for him.
Who prayed for the forgiveness of those who rejected him,
 and for the perfecting of those who received him.
Who observed the traditions,
 but defied convention that did not serve the purposes of God.
Who hated the sins of pride and selfishness, of cruelty and impurity.

RESPONSE: May this mind be in us which was in Christ Jesus.

Let us remember Jesus;
Who believed in people and never despaired of them.
Who through all disappointment never lost heart.

Who disregarded his own comfort and convenience,
and thought first of others' needs,
and, though he suffered long, was always kind.
Who, when he was reviled, uttered no harsh word in return,
and when he suffered, did not threaten retaliation.
Who humbled himself and carried obedience to the point of death,
even death on the cross,
wherefore God has highly exalted him.

RESPONSE: May this mind be in us which was in Christ Jesus.

Let us unite in prayer that Christ may dwell in our hearts.

RESPONSE:

**O Christ, our only Savior,
so come to dwell in us that we may go forth
with the light of your hope in our eyes,
and with your faith and love in our hearts. Amen.**