



January 16, 2022
9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Glory to His Name
Soon and Very Soon
Bigger Than Any Mountain
They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 21:8-21
NRSV

MESSAGE

“Restoring Human Dignity and Pride
Rev. Chad Beck

SPECIAL MUSIC

Gospel Medley
Near to the Heart of God
Jack Price

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE

SERMON TITLE

SCRIPTURE

January 23

God's Dream for CUMC Disciples

John 15:5-11 *Passion*

January 30

Guest Singer: Allison Speer

February 6

You Let Us Take the Kid Home?

Luke 2:41-52 *New Testament
for Everyone*

February 13

Love Leaves a Trace

Psalm 91 *NRSV*

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FRESH START SERVICE

January 16, 2022—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Majestic

All the People Said Amen

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

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* 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. 428

For the Healing of the Nations

Scripture Reading

Genesis 21:8-21

NRSV

Sermon

Restoring Human Dignity and Pride

Rev. Chad Beck

Response to the Word

* Closing Hymn

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

See lyric insert.

* 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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² Alan Paton, South Africa, 20thcent. 1968, 1982 Seabury Press, Inc. The United Methodist

Leading Our Worship TODAY, 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	

CALENDAR
January 16-23, 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.-LOFT
CONNECTIONS #2-116
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
Confirmation Session 1-DFH
6:00 PM Bridge Builders-226
Mon.: 6:30 PM Boy/Cub Scouts
Tues.: 10:30 AM Joy Singers-Music Suite
3:30 PM Rest Stop
Wed.: 12:00 PM Bridge Builders-Online
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
6:30 PM Disciple Life-Annex
Fri.: 10:30 AM Feed More-Greenleigh
Sat.: 8:00 AM Abukloi Board-226

Next Sunday: January 23, 2022

8:00 AM Abukloi Board-205
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 #3-116
9:55 AM Bridge Service-Sanc
10:00 AM Online Worship
11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc
4:00 PM MS/HS Youth- Annex Loft
NO Confirmation
6:00 PM Bridge Builders-226

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.”



Journey Sunday School Class plans to study, Final Words by Adam Hamilton for Lent. If you have a used copy of the study book to donate to the class, please drop it by the Church Office.

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.

***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!***

UMW Salad Luncheon Meeting: TODAY at noon. 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.

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.

Pick Up Your 2022 Offering Envelopes from the Welcome Center in the Atrium. Please let the office know if you were supposed to receive envelopes and did not.

Stewardship Update: To date, we have received 135 Pledge Cards promising to give **\$622,452** 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.*

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!

Red Cross Blood Drive at Chester UMC: Wednesday, February 9, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the fellowship hall. The need is great! All February donors will receive a \$10 Amazon card. Sign up to give at www.redcrossblood.org.

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

Our Presence January 9, 2022

Fresh Start	82
The Bridge.....	52
Traditions	100
Online/Call In	25
Total Worship Attendance.....	259

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).

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*)

Christmas Lessons by Josh Hunt (through January 16)

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 resumes TODAY.

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)

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.

The United Methodist Women (UMW) :

- **Cookie Tins Needed!** Please donate your cookie tins (designated bin in Missions Closet). The December 2021 UMW Cookie sale earned \$910 from the sale of Homemade Christmas Cookies which they will use to support local, national, and international missions in 2022. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, to learn more about UMW, our two participating fellowships, and how you can become involved.

Leading Our Worship NEXT SUNDAY, January 23, 2022

Greeters:	8:30	Andy Steck	
	9:55	Wanda Reese	
	11:00	Bruce & Beth Johnson	
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Bruce Johnson, Wendell Landis	* Indicates Head Usher
	9:55	Gordon Jones*, Jim Watkins	
	11:00	Gordon Jones*, Tommy Petrey, Scott Pugh, Beth & Time Stewart	
Nursery:	9:55, 11:00	Staff Member, Alistia Mabry, plus a church volunteer	

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.
- Register in the pew pad if you plan to participate and we will email you the Google Meet link.*

Bridge Builders In-Person Class begins TODAY at 6:00 PM in room 226. *Please register in the pew pad so we can make sure you are on the class email distribution list.* POC: Pastor Chad

LOOKING AHEAD

- January 16:** 1st of 4 Confirmation Sessions (then Jan. 30, Feb.13, and Feb.27)
- January 30:** **Allison Speer**, all three worship services in Sanctuary
- February 6:** Paint Night, 4 PM, DFH
- February 13:** Super Bowl Soup Luncheon sponsored by UMW
- February 26:** Dixie Stone Celebration of Life, 3 PM in CUMC Sanctuary
- March 1:** Pancake Supper, 6 PM in Davis Fellowship Hall (DFH)
Ash Wednesday service following the meal in DFH
- March 2:** Ash Wednesday service, at noon in the Sanctuary
- March 4:** Family Movie Night, 6:40 PM in DFH
- March 13** Skate Party, Chester Skateland
- April 10:** Easter Cantata at 8:30 and 11:00 in the Sanctuary
- April 12:** Easter Cantata at 7 PM in the Sanctuary
- April 14:** Holy Week Service, 7 PM, begins in DFH and moves to Sanctuary
- April 15:** Feed More at Greenleigh, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
- April 16:** Easter Egg Hunt at Goyne Park
- April 24:** Confirmation Sunday at 8:30 and 11:00 services
- April 30:** Choir Tea, 2-4 PM in Davis Fellowship Hall

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Words and music by Peter Scholtes

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity may one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love