



January 30, 2022
9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Goodbye, World, Goodbye
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
How Great Is Our God

MESSAGE

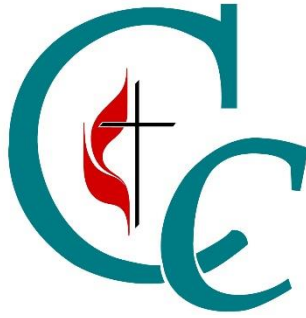
Allison Speer
and the Chancel Choir

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
February 6	<i>You Let Us Take the Kid Home?</i>	Luke 2:41-52 <i>New Testament</i> <i>for Everyone</i>
February 13	<i>Love Leaves a Trace</i>	Psalm 91 <i>NRSV</i>
February 20	<i>When the Kids Teach Us</i>	1 Samuel 3:1-18
February 27	<i>Grandma's Bible</i>	1 John 3:1-3

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FRESH START SERVICE

January 30, 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
Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?

MESSAGE

Allison Speer
and the Chancel Choir

Guest Artist Allison Speer travels the world sharing the Gospel in song. Raised in the Bluegrass fields of Kentucky, she grew up working on the farm, developing a deep respect for God's creation and a down-home sense of self. Her resume includes performances in some of the largest mega churches in the nation, as well as the tiny backwoods churches along gravel paths. She began the GodSong Music Academy as a means of empowering rising artists, responding to God's call to help make "communicators and ministers out of singers." *A free-will offering will be received today as you exit worship to support Allison's ministry. Make checks payable to CUMC (Memo: Allison).*

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

Welcome, Announcements and Greeting

Chimes

Prelude

Victory in Jesus

Organist

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: Shout praises to the Lord! Praise God in his temple.

People: **Praise him in heaven, his mighty fortress.**

Leader: Praise our God!

People: **His deeds are wonderful, too marvelous to describe.**

Right: *Praise God with trumpets and all kinds of harps.*

Left: *Praise him with tambourines and dancing,*

Choir: with stringed instruments and woodwinds.

People: **Praise God with cymbals, with clashing cymbals.**

Leader: Let every living creature praise the Lord.

People: **Shout praises to the Lord!**

* Opening Prayer²

God, the giver of song, we seek to praise You with all our heart. We set apart this time of our lives exclusively for You, to bow our hearts and minds before You in humble adoration. We set apart this place of worship as a sanctuary, even as we set apart our hearts as a sanctuary, for Your indwelling holy presence. We ask that You guide our thoughts and words as we praise You, that we might approach your throne with sincere praises, worthy of Your surpassing greatness. We pray that someday soon everything that breathes will praise Your holy Name. Amen.

* Opening Hymn No. 374

Standing on the Promises

* 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.

Why We Give

Offertory

He Leadeth Me

Pianist

* 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. 467

Trust and Obey

Sermon

Allison Speer
and the Chancel Choir

* 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 Based on Psalm 150, CEV

² <https://www.ouosu.com/APsalmandAPrayer/psalm150.htm>

CALENDAR

January 30-February 6, 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-Sanc
 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 Confirmation #3-DFH
 6:30 PM Bridge Builders-226

Mon.: 6:30 PM Boy/Cub Scouts
 3:00 PM Staff Meeting

Tues.: 10:30 AM Joy Singers-Music Suite
 1:00 PM History Com-220
 3:30 PM Rest Stop
 4:00 PM Stephen Min.-226

Wed.: 10:00 AM Visitation-226
 12:00 PM Bridge Builders-Online
 7:00 PM **Nominations-226**

Wed.: 7:00 PM Chancel Choir-Music Suite
 Thurs.: 7:30 AM Men’s Group-Grant’s Coffee
 Thurs.:11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-Parlor
 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl- Parlor
 6:30 PM Disciple Life-Annex

Fri.:

Sat.: 10:00 AM Tamales-Greenleigh

Next Sunday: February 6, 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
 9:55 AM Bridge Service-Sanc
 10:00 AM Online Worship
 11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc
 3:00 PM Youth-Bowling
 6:30 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.”



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.

Leading Our Worship TODAY, January 30, 2022

Greeters: **8:30** Andy & Eileen Steck

9:55 Laura Hougland

11:00 Barbara Dance, Marian Perkinson

Ushers: **8:30** Dave Coker*, Dale Clark, Bill Comer

9:55 Gordon Morrie*, JR Irvin

11:00 Gordon Morris*, Larry Koon, Emory Large, Steve & Joan Osborne

* Indicates Head Usher

Nursery: **9:55, 11:00** Staff Member, Alistia Mabry, plus a church volunteer

*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!*

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 138 Pledge Cards promising to give **\$634,552.00** 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.*

Allison Speer Leads Worship TODAY! Southern Gospel Artist, Allison Speer, returns to Chester UMC during all three worship services (in the Sanctuary)! Allison has become a beloved familiar face here. All services will be live streamed on Facebook and available for viewing any time. Be sure to share the videos with your friends!

Tamales at Greenleigh: We will be serving tamales to our friends at Greenleigh on Saturday, February 5, at 10:00 AM. Come eat, serve, and share in fellowship! *Please register in the pew pad if you plan to attend.* Donations to help cover expenses are welcomed (Checks payable to CUMC, Memo: Tamales).

Christian Parenting Small Group: Have an offspring who is really off? Curious about faith and parenting? Pastor Nathan will be starting a Christian Parenting Small Group initially meeting on **Monday, February 7, at 7:00 PM.** Those in attendance will decide on future dates and times. This short-term small group will be completely focused on how our faith guides us to lead our Children to grow. Childcare will be provided as needed. *Please register in the pew pad if you plan to attend and note if you will need childcare.*

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.

Easter Cantata Choir rehearsals kick off on Saturday, February 12, at 9:30 AM. Weekly rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. Singers of all skill levels welcome! POC: Joshua Wortham (music@chesterumc.org)

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.

KEEP IN PRAYER: family of Hazel Miller; Daniel Pierce (brother-in-law of Talina Beck); 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 23, 2022

Fresh Start	100
The Bridge.....	50
Traditions	134
Online/Call In	35
Total Worship Attendance.....	319

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

Continuing through February 27, *If God is Love, Don't Be A Jerk* by John Pavlovitz

Beginning March 6, *The Grace of Les Miserables* by Matt Rawle.

POC: Susan Petrey (susanmpetrey@gmail.com)

Journey Sunday School Class

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

January 23 – February 28: *Storm Shelter – God's Embrace in the Psalms* by Philip Nation.

March 7 – April 10: *Final Words from the Cross* by Adam Hamilton.

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

6:30 PM, Room 226

POC: Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

Middle and High School Youth Sunday School

9:45 AM, Annex Loft

POC: Dale (fungoboy77@gmail.com) and Karen Clark (klsclark51@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)

United Methodist Women Salad Luncheon: All Women of the Church are invited to a luncheon meeting of the UMW **Sunday, February 6** (rescheduled from January 16), 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. Jean Craig Fellowship will host. **Bring a small cash donation or feminine products for young women in crisis AND a salad or dessert to share.**

REST STOP Volunteers Needed! This program provides social, academic, faith, and food support for nine local high school students. The program is critical to the development of the participants and encourages their overall well-being by providing a weekly experience with positive impacts. To support, sustain, and provide access to this high-quality experience, we need to grow our team of volunteers. Team members are needed NOW to help with tutoring, mentoring, sharing life and career skills, providing meals, and driving the church van to pick up youth after school and take them home. Whether you can volunteer each week, once a month, or once a year your assistance is vital to keep this ministry going.

REST STOP meets every Tuesday from 3:00 pm - 5:30 PM at the Annex building. If you have any questions, or are ready to offer your assistance, please contact REST STOP Team Leader Bobby Henderson (804-241-2191 or reststop804@gmail.com).

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

- Continuing through Feb. 27, “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.
- Beginning March 6, “**The Grace of Les Miserables**” by Matt Rawle. This Lent, ponder the themes of justice, poverty, freedom, and love. Victor Hugo’s *Les Misérables* is a truly epic story. Whether you’ve read the novel or seen the Broadway musical, you know the power in the story. In the six-week Lenten study *The Grace of Les Misérables*, author and pastor Matt Rawle dives into six ideals found in the story—grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope—each represented by a character in Hugo’s story.

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)

Super Bowl Sunday Soup Luncheon: Join us at noon on **February 13** for good food and fellowship. Proceeds will go to the United Methodist Women's pledge to mission. The whole congregation is invited! The menu includes several heartwarming soups, corn muffins, desserts, and beverages. The cost at the door is \$6 per person. *Our Children's Ministry will be collecting canned soup, canned fruit, and monetary donations for our Food Pantry at the luncheon.* Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information.

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)

- **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 Sundays at 6:30 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

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.

Leading Our Worship NEXT SUNDAY, February 6, 2022

Greeters:	8:30	Ed & Marian Garrett	
	9:55	Stephanie Decker	
	11:00	Betty Labin, Will Schmidt, Mary Musselwhite	
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Bruce Johnson, Ron Dombrowski	* Indicates Head Usher
	9:55	Gordon Morris*, Jim Watkins	
	11:00	Gordon Jones*, Tommy Petrey, Scott Pugh, Don Schmidt, Vann Stanfield	
Nursery:	9:55, 11:00	Staff Member, Alistia Mabry, plus a church volunteer	

Valentines for Veterans due February 6: Valentine's Day is another opportunity to show our veterans at McGuire Hospital and Sitter and Barfoot Veterans Care Center that we remember them and their service to our country. Please write or make a couple of Valentine cards for our veterans. Examples of things to say are: "I remember you on Valentine's Day with love and appreciation," "I hope you're feeling better," "Sorry you're in the hospital," and "Thank you for your service," etc. Write something about yourself, maybe, but **DO NOT** sign your **last** name, just your first name. Address the envelopes: "To a Special Veteran," "To Someone Special," "To a Hero," "To My Valentine," etc. Please, do **not** seal envelopes. *Please place cards in the Valentines for Veterans box in the Sharing Bin in the rear parking lot.* Thank you for participating in this project. POC Barbara MacIntyre 748-0775

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

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| January 30: | Allison Speer, all three worship services in Sanctuary
3 rd of 4 Confirmation Sessions (then Feb.13, and Feb.27) |
| February 6: | UMW Salad Luncheon in Davis Fellowship Hall (DFH)
Paint Party 4 All, 4 PM, DFH |
| February 7: | Jean Craig Fellowship, 7 PM, DFH
Christian Parenting Small Group, 7 PM, 116 |
| February 10: | Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship, 10 AM, DFH |
| February 13: | Super Bowl Soup Luncheon sponsored by UMW, noon, DFH |
| February 26: | Dixie Stone Celebration of Life, 3 PM in CUMC Sanctuary |
| March 1: | Pancake Supper, 6 PM, 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, 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, DFH |

Chester UMC T-Shirt CONTEST: Pastor Nathan has a dream of a community flooded with all these disciples doing God's work *all wearing the same T-Shirt!* But what should be on this shirt? What witty phrase, scripture, or design. We are overly blessed with artists and quippers. Here's your chance to use that Spiritual Gift for God. *Please submit your T-Shirt Design no later than Sunday, February 27.* Yes, late submissions will be filed away for 2023. We can't wait to see what you come up for us to wear to share the Good News to the Community!

Order Your Chester UMC T-Shirts: God calls us to be witnesses for Christ in our world. One of the easiest ways for us to do this is to wear a shirt that somehow says "You'll See Christ's Love in Me." Pastor Nathan is hoping that every person in Chester UMC will want one, wear one, and do good works in God's name while doing so! *Please sign up in the pew pad with the sizes and number of shirts you and/or your family want.* Donations to cover the cost of yours or other Disciple's shirts are appreciated.



Paint Party!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 4:00PM

All ages welcome!

POC: Charlotte Brummette
charL208@yahoo.com