



February 20, 2022
9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Soon and Very Soon
This Little Light of Mine
Sun's Gonna Come Up
I Refuse

SPECIAL MUSIC

In Christ Alone
Angelo Galarza

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 3:1-18
World English Bible

MESSAGE

“When the Kids Teach Us”
Rev. Nathan Decker

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
February 27	<i>Grandma's Bible</i>	1 John 3:1-3 <i>NRSV</i>
March 6	<i>Micah's Simple Rules</i>	Micah 6:1-8 <i>NIV</i>
March 13	<i>Holier than Thou...Who is Thou?</i>	Matthew 5:13-20 <i>CEB</i>
March 20	<i>Putting on the Glasses of Repentance</i>	Mark 1:9-15 <i>NRSV</i>

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*Focus Worship on God
Seek Spirit-led Discipleship
Embrace Diversity
Love Children and Families
Positively Impact Community*



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FRESH START SERVICE
February 20, 2022—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

What a Friend
Trading My Sorrows
Every Move I Make
Maker/Jesus Loves Me
I Refuse

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A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

7th Sunday
after Epiphany

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

Welcome, Announcements and Greeting

Chimes

Prelude

Organist

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Call to Worship

Leader: Listen to us.

People: We're trying to tell you about our day. Some big things happened.

Leader: Listen to us.

People: We're trying to tell you about our lives. God works through little for big effect!

Leader: Listen to us.

People: Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Leader: Listen to us.

People: We're telling you about the future, yours and ours.

Leader: Listen, and you will hear...

People: God is speaking from the mouths of babes.

Leader: Listen, and you will hear...

People: Your Sons and Daughters will dream dreams...

Leader: Listen and you will hear...

People: We are listening.

Opening Prayer¹

We praise you with joy, loving God, for your grace is better than life itself.

You have sustained us through the darkness, and you bless us with life in this new day.

In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy and bless your holy name. Amen.

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Opening Hymn No. 277

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

Anthem

Walk Through the Valley in Peace

Chancel Choir

Reception of New Member

Why We Give

Offertory

In Christ Alone

Angelo Galarza

- * 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. 191

Jesus Loves Me

Scripture

1 Samuel 3:1-18

Sermon

When the Kids Teach Us

Rev. Nathan Decker

- * Closing Hymn *This Little Light of Mine* See insert.
- * 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 in loving memory of Sarah Jane Mick by the families of Davis Mick and D.E. Mick.

We Welcome into Christian Membership: *Dr. Floyd Lee "Floogie" Moore* by transfer from St' John's Episcopal Church in Hopewell, Virginia.

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

Worship Footnotes:

¹ Worship & Song Worship Resources; #70, Richard Eslinger

CALENDAR

February 20-27, 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
 9:55 AM Bridge Service-Sanc
 10:00 AM Online Worship
 11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc
 4:00 PM Youth-Annex Loft
 6:30 PM Bridge Builders-226

Mon.: 6:30 PM Boy/Cub Scouts
 7:00 PM Christian Parenting-116
 Preschool BD-Parlor

Tues.: 9:45 AM Joy Singers-Brighter Living
 1:00 PM History Com-220
 3:30 PM Rest Stop
 7:00 PM **Finance**-226

Wed.: 12:00 PM Bridge Builders-Online
 7:00 PM **SPRC**-226

Wed.: 7:00 PM Chancel Choir-Music Suite

Thurs.: 7:30 AM Men’s Group-Grant’s Coffee
 11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-Parlor
 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl- Parlor
 6:00 PM **Executive COM**-116
 7:00 PM **Church Council**-226

Fri.:

Sat.:

Next Sunday: **February 27, 2022**

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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 NEXT SUNDAY, February 27, 2022

Greeters: **8:30** Andy Steck

9:55 Laura Hougland

11:00 Bruce & Beth Johnson, Sharon Buchanan

Ushers: **8:30** Gordon Jones*, Bill Comer, Ron Dombrowski * Indicates Head Usher

9:55 Gordon Morris*, Jim Watkins

11:00 Gordon Jones*, Steve & Joan Osborne, Tommy & Susan Petrey

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!***

Christian Parenting Small Group: Curious about faith and parenting? Pastor Nathan has started a Christian Parenting Small Group that meets on alternate **Mondays at 7:00 PM** in room 116. This short-term small group will be completely focused on how our faith guides us to lead our Children to grow. Next session is **February 21**. Childcare will be provided as needed. *Please register in the pew pad if you plan to attend and note if you will need childcare.*

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.

Mission Trip Planning Meeting: Sunday, **February 27**, at 12:15 PM in Davis Fellowship Hall. God's Spirit is moving. Last year wind and tornados damaged homes and communities in Kentucky. The breath of God is calling us at Chester UMC to help. Our Church is planning on sending volunteer team(s) in late Spring/Early Summer. Pray. Listen. Discern. If you are interested, please let us know so that we can begin the work of forming teams, dates, costs, etc. *Sign up in the Pew Pad* or by emailing cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org.

Early Response Team Training (ERT): Saturday, May 7, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM (in-person) at Christ UMC, 7600 Ox RD, Fairfax, Station, VA 22039. Coordination is crucial in the early time after a disaster. Too many volunteers become a distraction and a hindrance to relief efforts. This is where the Early Response Teams come in. Teams and individuals must have a United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) badge with a valid date. The initial training is approximately an 8-hour course explaining the role of ERT in a major disaster. An UMCOR badge is valid for 3 years. *Contact ERT Trainer Kim Hook (talknone@yahoo.com) to register. Class is limited to 20 students.*

KEEP IN PRAYER: Eliza McVicker; Wayne Bishop; family of Marylou Cumby; family of Cathy Chase; family of Hazel Miller; Daniel Pierce (brother-in-law of Talina Beck); Heather Escobar; Debbie Freed; Janean Trimble; Doug and Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence February 13, 2022

Fresh Start	96
The Bridge.....	57
Traditions	121
Online/Call In	27
Total Worship Attendance.....	301

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! 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 (<https://meet.google.com/ptm-pieh-vve>)

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 Houglan (ehouglan88@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

Faithful, by Adam Hamilton

POC: Cynthia Corley (cacorley@ctsi.net)

Bridge Builders

6:30 PM, Room 226

POCs: Terri Dombrowski, Bobby Henderson

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. 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). POC: Vann Stanfield (vannstan34@gmail.com)



A Great Way You Can Help a Hurting Friend: Do you have a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who is going through a difficult time? Here's a great way you can help them—tell them about our Stephen Ministry! Stephen Ministers are members of CUMC who have received special training to provide high-quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are grieving, coping with a cancer diagnosis, going through a divorce or separation, battling a chronic illness (or caring for a spouse or parent who is chronically ill), experiencing a great deal of stress, facing the loss of a job—or encountering any of countless other life challenges. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. It's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend. To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister, call the church office at 804-748-6006. Our Stephen Ministers are here to care!

Bridge Builders invites everyone to join us **online** on WEDNESDAYS at noon **or in-person** on Sundays at 6:30 PM in Room 226. We will have open, safe conversations based in Jesus's love and reconciliation. *"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation"* 2 Cor. 5:18.

- **Wednesday, February 23:** "Who is My Neighbor? – Loving Your Neighbor as Yourself" Given our diverse and divided world, we invite you to join us in answering, "Just who is my neighbor?" Through searching scripture and contemporary writings, and discussing the practice of "labeling others," we will seek ways that we can live out Christ's call to love our neighbors as ourselves.
- **Wednesday, March 9:** "Who is My Enemy? – Loving Your Enemy as Well as Your Neighbor" We will spend time in seeking the answer to the questions, "Who IS my enemy?" and "How can I possibly love them?" Through examining scripture and current writings, we will seek to "put a face" to those we perceive as our enemy. We will look at the love/hate dynamics in our current world as we challenge ourselves to follow Christ's command to "love your enemies."
- **Sundays In-Person Group,** POC: Terri Dombrowski (profet2d@aol.com) & Bobby Henderson (Rhen6020@gmail.com)
 - Feb. 20: Video 4 – The Bible of Nat Turner: The Sword of the Spirit, The Word of God
 - Feb. 27: Video 5 – The Untold Story: Civil War/Lost Cause
 - Mar. 6: Video 6 – Life or Death, Jim Crow/Women's SuffrageBefore each session, please visit <https://vaumc.org/racerelationsvideos/> to watch the short video listed for each date and come with questions, observations, and comments.

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 March 6-April 17 as we do a DVD Lenten study by Adam Hamilton, *24 Hours That Changed the World*. Our class meets every week from 9:45 to 10:45 AM in Room 226. Y’all come! POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

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.

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 TODAY, February 20, 2022

Greeters:	8:30	Andy & Eileen Steck	
	9:55	Terri Dombrowski	
	11:00	Joan & Steve Osborne	
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Morris*, Dale Clark, Wendell Landis	* Indicates Head Usher
	9:55	Gordon Jones*, Diane Medina	
	11:00	Gordon Jones*, Emory Large, Geoff LeSueur, Beth & Tim Stewart	
Nursery:	9:55, 11:00	Staff Member, Alistia Mabry, plus a church volunteer	

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Worship Service! Tuesday, March 1, 6:00 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. You are encouraged to wear Mardi Gras shirts, masks, and beads! We'll start with a Mardi Gras party and festive music and conclude with a family-friendly Ash Wednesday worship service with music led by our Fresh Start Praise Band. The Love offering will go to UMCOR for Gulf Coast families suffering from hurricane-damaged homes. POCs: Kris Spadaccia (kspadaccia@aol.com) & Pastor Chad

Ash Wednesday Worship Service: Wednesday, March 2, noon, Sanctuary. Traditional, reverent service with music, prayer, preaching, and imposition of ashes to begin the Lent season. The Love offering will go to UMCOR for Gulf Coast families suffering from hurricane-damaged homes. POC: Pastor Chad

LOOKING FOR HISTORY ITEMS FOR CUMC 150th CELEBRATION: We are hoping that some of you can help as we prepare for our Anniversary. When Bill Webster was pastor, the pews in the 1927 sanctuary were sold to the congregation for \$25 each. It would be wonderful to have one in the Narthex for display--either on loan or permanently. If you have one and would be willing to share that history, please contact Mary Musselwhite at 804-330-0014.

Also, we are in search of the 3-shelf bookcase given by the Hatchers to the Primary Class in 1939. It is oak and has glass that covers the contents of the shelf (a Barrister bookcase). It would be perfect to display memorabilia of our church history.

Thank you. Daphne Curtis and Mary Musselwhite/Co-Chairs of the History Committee.

LOOKING AHEAD

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 AM 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 AM services
April 30:	Choir Tea, 2-4 PM, DFH