



February 27, 2022
9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

I Saw the Light
Are You Washed in the Blood?
Old Time Religion
Amazing Grace/Peaceful Easy Feeling

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mama Prays
Craig Seal

SCRIPTURE

1 John 3:1-3
NRSV

MESSAGE

“Grandma’s Bible”
Rev. Nathan Decker

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>	
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>	Mark1:9-15	<i>NRSV</i>
March 27	Single Disciple ISO Cross to Take Up	Matthew 16:21-26	<i>CEB</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 27, 2022—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Majestic
Father, Spirit, Jesus
Here I Am to Worship
You Never Let Go

SPECIAL MUSIC

Near to the Heart of God
Jack Price, trumpet

Mama Prays
Craig Seal

SCRIPTURE

1 John 3:1-3
NRSV

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	<i>The Family of God</i>	See insert.
Special Music	Mama Prays	Craig Seal
Scripture	<i>1 John 3:1-3</i>	<i>NRSV</i>
Sermon	<i>Grandma's Bible</i>	Rev. Nathan Decker
* Closing Hymn No. 378	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	
* 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 memory of Dixie Crum Stone by her loving family.

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

Worship Footnotes:

¹ UMC Discipleship Ministries, The Rev. David Erickson

² United Methodist Hymnal Number 887, adapt. 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House

Leading Our Worship TODAY, February 27, 2022

Greeters:	8:30	Andy Steck	
	9:55	Laura Houglund	
	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	

CALENDAR
February 27 – March 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-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
 12:15 PM KY Mission Team-DFH
 4:00 PM Confirmation-DFH
 6:00 PM Youth Boys-Annex Loft
 6:30 PM Bridge Builders-226
 7:00 PM Branches MTG-205
 Mon.: 6:30 PM Boy/Cub Scouts
 7:00 PM NO Christian Parenting
 Tues.:10:30 AM Joy Singers-Music Suite
 1:00 PM Stephen Ministry_226
 3:30 PM Rest Stop
 6:00 PM Pancake Supper-DFH
 6:30 PM Ash Wed Service-DFH
 Wed.: 10:00 AM **Visitation**-205
 12:00 PM Bridge Builders-Online

Wed.: 12:00 PM Ash Wed Service-Sanc
 7:00 PM NO Chancel Choir
 Thurs.: 7:30 AM Men’s Group-Grant’s Coffee
 11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-Parlor
 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl- Parlor
 6:30 PM Disciple Life-Annex
 GS Troop 5248-226
 Fri.: 6:40 PM Family Movie Night-DFH
 Sat.: 7:00 AM Pinewood Derby-DFH

Next Sunday: March 6, 2022

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 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 Key Club-DFH
 4:00 PM Youth-Annex Loft
 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.

*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!*

Our Parish Nurse, Cindy Webb, is IN TODAY: 8:15 – 10:45 AM in Office 111. See more details inside this bulletin.

Mission Trip Planning Meeting: TODAY 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.

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. *The children will be collecting canned soup and fruit for the CUMC Food Pantry.* 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

Confirmation Class Mission Project: One of the projects for this year's Confirmation Class is a drive for the Mercy Mall Ministry in Chesterfield County. This ministry offers FREE clothing, housewares, baby items, and more to individual and families overcoming the many obstacles to home and life stability. The Youth will be collecting **baby and hygiene items** from March 6 through March 20. Everything donated, except baby items, **MUST** be new. Items for babies can be gently used. The Youth will share more about this on Sunday, March 6. **Examples of baby items** are diapers, pull ups, baby wipes, baby wash & lotion, blankets, burp cloths, crib sheets, diaper bags, Pack and Plays, hand-held toys, strollers, bouncy seats, and bottles. **Hygiene Items** include shampoo/conditioner, bar soap, body wash, body lotion, washcloths, feminine hygiene products, razors, toothbrushes/toothpaste/toothbrush covers, deodorant, and shaving cream. POC: Jennifer Brame (jrbrooksiee@gmail.com)

KEEP IN PRAYER: family of Tom Kimball (brother-in-law of Vicki Bowers); Kay Murphy (aunt of Gordon Morris); Clayton (brother of Linda Mottley); Eliza McVicker; Wayne Bishop; Heather Escobar; Debbie Freed; Janean Trimble; Doug and Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence February 20, 2022

Fresh Start	88
The Bridge.....	59
Traditions	129
Online/Call In	18
Total Worship Attendance.....	294

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).

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

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>)

March 6 – 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

March 6 – April 17; *24 Hours That Changed the World* by Adam Hamilton

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 (klsclark51@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)

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)



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, 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. 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.

Leading Our Worship NEXT SUNDAY, March 6, 2022

Greeters:	8:30	Laura Houglund, Maureen Coker	
	9:55	Stephanie Decker	
	11:00	Will Schmidt, Mary Musselwhite	
Ushers:	8:30	Dave Coker*, Dale Clark, Bill Comer	*Indicates Head Usher
	9:55	Linda D'Agostino*, Pat Stanfield	
	11:00	Gordon Morris*, Dean Hutchins, Geoff LeSueur, Time & Beth Stewart	
Nursery:	9:55, 11:00	Staff Member, Alistia Mabry, Carla Adams	

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

- 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)

Our Parish Nurse is Cindy Webb, RN, MSN is available for consultation most Sundays from **8:15-10:45 AM in Office 111**; and by phone at 804-748-5314 to help with medical questions or to obtain medical equipment from the church. Would you like to have your blood pressure checked? She can take it. (She can also check your home machine with a manual reading if you have concerns that your sphygmomanometer is not working properly.) Maybe you had a visit with your doctor, and you don’t quite understand something that was said or a medication that was prescribed. Our Parish Nurse has up-to-date information that she can share with you. Also, if you develop a headache while you are here or maybe indigestion from the doughnuts, she has a variety of over-the-counter medications available. If you are diabetic and have a hypoglycemic episode, she has glucose tablets and gel on hand. (Screening blood sugars will not be done.) Besides being prepared for First Aid, Nurse Webb is also CPR certified. All information given and visits with the Parish Nurse are kept confidential.

CUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry was formed in 2010. This group meets in the Parlor every Thursday at 1:30 PM to knit and crochet shawls for those who are hurting i.e., ill, recovering from illness/surgery, grieving, shut-in, in Hospice care, and more. We also give our high school graduates a shawl made with their school colors. All are invited to join us! We will happily teach you how to knit or crochet if you don’t already know. POC: Beverly Trevillian (beverly.trevillian@comcast.net) & June Gilliam (804-748-6668)

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 **March 7**. Childcare will be provided as needed. *Please register in the pew pad if you plan to attend and note if you will need childcare.*

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.*

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.

Our Own Chelsea Buyalos has been appointed Executive Director for the Perkinson Center for the Arts and Education in Chester. Be sure to congratulate Chelsea on her new role as the permanent, full-time leader of this organization.

The Family of God

I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod
For I'm part of the family, the family of God

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.

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

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 26	Preschool Pasta Take-Out Dinner Fundraiser
April 30:	Choir Tea, 2-4 PM, DFH
May 16	Blood Drive, 11 AM-4 PM