



July 24, 2022

9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Goodbye, World, Goodbye
Standing in the Need of Prayer
Peace Like a River
Jesus Built This Church on Love

SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:7-12

SPECIAL MUSIC

Christians, We Have Met to Worship

MESSAGE

“Being Willing to be Different like the X-Men”
Rev. Nathan Decker

Where He Leads Me & He Leadeth Me
Jack Price, trumpet

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
July 31	<i>Prevenient Grace</i>	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
Aug. 7	<i>Grace</i>	Galatians 2:15-21
Aug. 14	<i>Colossal Teaching: What does God Look Like?</i>	Colossians 2:6-8, 16-23
Aug. 21	<i>Colossal Teaching: What are we arguing about again?</i>	Psalms 133

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FRESH START SERVICE

July 24, 2022—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Let God Arise
Build Your Kingdom Here
We Believe
I Will Follow

SPECIAL MUSIC

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July 24, 2022

A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

8th Sunday
after Pentecost

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

Welcome, Announcements and Greeting

Chimes

Prelude

Christians, We Have Met to Worship

Jack Price, trumpet

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: Threads of a tapestry differ in shade and color, all woven into a pattern.

People: Each of us unique in the Creator's eye, but gathered with one heart.

Leader: God has bound us together with ties stronger than cord or family.

People: The body of Christ is one faith, one baptism, one hope.

Leader: We are the people of God, many bodies forming one.

People: The spirit of God's grace weaves through our lives.

All: Holy Spirit, teach us to love! Bind us together today.

* Opening Prayer ²

You, the one from whom on different paths all of us have come. To whom on different paths all of us are going. Make strong in our hearts what unites us; Build bridges across all that divides us; United make us rejoice in our diversity. At one in our witness to your peace, a rainbow of your glory. Amen.

* Opening Hymn No. 555

Forward Through the Ages

* Affirmation of Faith No. 889

* 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

Where He Leads Me & He Leadeth Me

Jack Price, trumpet

* Doxology No. 95

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. 334

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Scripture

1 John 4:7-12

Sermon

Being Willing to be Different like the X-Men

Pastor Nathan Decker

* Closing Hymn

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

See insert.

* Benediction

* Postlude

* *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 From Leader, Summer 2017. ©2017 MennoMedia

² David Steindl-Rast in God Has No Religion

CALENDAR
July 24-31, 2022

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 AM-2:00 PM

<p>Today: 8:30 AM Nursery until 12:00 PM Fresh Start Worship-DFH 9:30 AM Children's Sun Sch-DFH 9:45 AM Adult Sunday Sch-Variou Youth Sun Sch-Annex Loft 9:55 AM Bridge Service-Sanc/Stream 11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc/Stream 6:30 PM Playground wt Pastor-Pt of Rocks Playground Mon.: OFFICE CLOSED Tues.: 1:00 PM History Com-220 7:00 PM Young Adults Bib Study- Annex Male Youth-Swader's Wed.:</p>	<p>Thurs.: 7:30 AM Men's Group-Grant's Coffee 11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-Parlor 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor Fri.: Sat.:</p> <p><u>Next Sunday:</u> July 31, 2022 8:30 AM Nursery until 12:00 PM Fresh Start Worship-DFH 9:30 AM Children's Sun Sch-DFH 9:45 AM Youth Sun Sch-Annex Loft Adult Sunday Sch-Variou 9:55 AM Bridge Service-Sanc/Stream 11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc/Stream</p>
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CUMC T-Shirts are available for pick up in the Atrium. Pre-ordered shirts have the names on them. First come, first served on the remaining shirts. We will not be ordering more shirts.

Online Giving: Scan the QR code with your smartphone to contribute online or visit www.chesterumc.org and click "Online Giving."



<u>Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, July 31, 2022</u>	
Greeters:	8:30 Vince & Linda D'Agostino 9:55 Claudia Nagy 11:00 Donna Nunnery, Janis Hargrave
Ushers:	8:30 Gordon Jones *, Bill Comer, Ron Dombrowski *Head Usher 9:55 Gordon Morris*, JR Irvin 11:00 Gordon Morris*, Emory Large, Jeff Marlin, Tommy Petrey, Scott Pugh
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00 Staff Members, Alistia Mabry & Carla Adams

*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 will NOT be in today, July 24.

Playground with the Pastor: TODAY, 6:30 PM at Point of Rocks Park (201 Enon Church RD, Chester 23836—R. Garland Dodd Park.). Join us for fun with Chester UMC friends and family on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of June, July, August, September, and October!

Church Office Closed tomorrow, July 25, for staff renewal.

Singing Bowl Sound Bath: Thursday, August 4, 11:00 AM in Room 226. The Contemplative Prayer group will host Jim Morgan who will lead us in a sound bath. A "sound bath" is a meditative experience using sound waves produced by singing bowls, chimes, percussion, and other instruments. Using frequency and vibration, the listener is invited to simply be present (seated or reclined), focus on breath, and clear one's mind. It is an invitation to discover our deeper self and connect with the Divine. All are welcome to join us! You may want to bring a yoga mat and a pillow. POC: Lisa Stanfield (lisajostanfield@gmail.com)

CUMC in a Nutshell: Sunday, August 14, at 9:45 AM . If you are new, visiting, or just want to learn more about Chester United Methodist Church, please join us in Room 116 at 9:45 AM to meet others and chat about what's happening at Chester UMC. *Please sign up in the pew pad if you are interested in attending.* POCs: Joan Osborne (540-270-4251) and Beth Stewart (919-210-2220)

Raleigh Ringers Handbell Concert Sunday, August 28, 4:00 PM at Brandermill Church (4500 Millridge Parkway, Midlothian, VA 23114). Advance tickets are \$20, or \$25 at the door. Contact Dawn Rancka (804-744-3661, ext. 101) to purchase or for more info.

Supplies for Veterans: Volunteer Service, the group that has been accepting and distributing our cards to the Veterans, has made us aware that the patients at McGuire Veterans Hospital, need personal items during their stay there. *Please place your donations in the labeled bin in the Missions Closet.* POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

ITEMS REQUESTED:

1. bar soap (unscented like Dove)
2. body wash (like Arm & Hammer)
3. cheap shower shoes/flip flops (men's sizes 6-12)
4. men's medium size sweatshirt & matching pants

KEEP IN PRAYER: Joe Kiser; Jimmy Dagenheart (friend of Paul Maretti, Cornelia DeWitt, Debbie Hubley, Dianna Tate); Cornelia Dewitt; Al (friend of Debbie Hubley); family of Dennis Knaack; family of Madeline Keever; Paul Duffy; Karin Koch (mother of Jonathan Koch); Marty Beverly; Isaias Garcia, EJ Walters & Kristin C. (friends of Debbie Hubley); Benjamin Blackwell (nephew of Anita Nugent); Betty Owen (sister-in-law of Gail King); Vernelle Curtis; Charles “Pa” Decker (father of Pastor Nathan); Kitty Lipscomb; Clayton Herring (brother of Linda Mottley); Debbie Freed; Janean Trimble; Doug and Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence July 17, 2022

Fresh Start Service	69
The Bridge Service	61
Traditions Service	96
Online/Call In	41
Total Worship Attendance.....	267

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.

Leading Our Worship TODAY, July 24, 2022

Greeters:	8:30	Andy & Eileen Steck	
	9:55	Andy & Eileen Steck	
	11:00	Will Schmidt, Mary Musselwhite	
Ushers:	8:30	Dave Coker *, Wendall Landis, Dale Clark, Bruce Johnson	*Head Usher
	9:55	Gordon Jones*, Jim Watkins	
	11:00	Gordon Jones*, Larry Koon, Vann Stanfield, Tim & Beth Stewart	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00	Staff Members, Alistia Mabry & Carla Adams	

ITEMS NEEDED FOR SIERRA LEONE

Manak Community Health Organization (MaCHO) in Sierra Leone is a 501c3 nonprofit founded in March 2020. In June 2021, the first temporary medical clinic was opened by Kadija and Nathaniel Conteh-Barrat after their first medical mission trip to the area. The organization was established to improve the health conditions for women and children by setting up health clinics in their community. "We realized that the healthcare need was far greater than we ever anticipated," said Kadija. "And that we needed to establish clinics within the communities we serve in order to achieve continuity of care and sustainability." All medical services for women and children are free. Another project is teaching women skills that can help them become entrepreneurs and start a business or work with other women to create products to sell. MACHO is also collecting books for children and adults to read. Visit <https://manakhealth.com/>; <https://manakhealth.com/hatsies-womens-center>; <https://manakhealth.com/hatsies-womens-center>; or <https://manakhealth.com/the-steven-klass-library> for more information.

If you would like to donate fabric, sewing supplies, sewing machines, books, and old costume jewelry to this project, please contact Diane Merryman at dianemerryman@gmail.com or by phone or text at 804-586-4189. THANK YOU!

"You Are Safe With Me" Rainbow Pins are still available in the Church Office. Wear one at church and in the community to let our LGBTQ+ friends know that you love and support them. The pins are free, but donations are welcome (\$10 suggested). Checks payable to CUMC (Memo: Pins).

LOOKING AHEAD

July 24	Playground with the Pastor, 6:30 PM, Point of Rocks Playground
August 10	Blood Drive , DFH, 11 AM – 4 PM
August 13	Children's Pool Party, 12 – 4 PM at Stony Glen residence
Aug. 14	CUMC in a Nutshell , 9:45 AM, Room 116
	Playground with the Pastor, 6:30 PM, Point of Rocks Playground
Aug. 28	Playground with the Pastor, 6:30 PM, Point of Rocks Playground
Sept. 7	Stephen Ministry Training Begins, 9:30 AM – noon Chancel Choir Rehearsals Restart (7 PM)
Sept. 10	United Methodist Men's Breakfast, DFH
Sept. 11	Playground with the Pastor, 6:30 PM, Point of Rocks Playground
Sept. 17	Church Workday , 9 AM – 2 PM
Sept. 18	Fall CONNECTIONS begin (Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9), 9:45 AM
Sept 25	MISSION SUNDAY , 8:30-11 AM, ONLY Traditions Service, NO SS

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

Children's Sunday School will continue this summer! 9:30 – 9:55 playground, 10:00 – 10:45 Bible/gospel lesson & activities in **Room 210**. Please sign up in the pew pad if you have a heart for our children and would like to assist (as your schedule allows) in any of these areas this summer. The curriculum will be provided for you and the reward will be great. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” 3 John 1:4 POC: Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

Sunday Soles—Faith on the Move: WILL RESUME IN THE FALL.

Sundays at 3:30 PM, at the Annex, weather permitting. Check the church Fb page for cancellation or time changes for the walk/run. We start with a group warm-up, then a 2-mile loop. Routes provided so you can go at your own pace. POCs: Sarah Bowers (massagebysarahb@gmail.com)

Fresh Start Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Room 205, *The Mayberry Bible Study Series* uses classic episodes from *The Andy Griffith Show*, along with relevant scripture, as modern parables on the teachings of Jesus. 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.

Journey Sunday School Class: WILL RESUME ON AUGUST 7.

9:45 AM, Annex and Google Meet (<https://meet.google.com/ptm-pieh-vve>)
POCs: Carolyn Landis (landisfamily05@gmail.com);
Eric Hougland (ehougland88@gmail.com)

Seekers Sunday School Class

9:40 AM, Room 226, The Message of John's Letters (The Bible Speaks Today Studies) by David Jackman; begins August 7. We welcome visitors and new members.
POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

Senior Singles Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Parlor, *The Walk*, by Adam Hamilton, POC: Cynthia Corley (cacorley@ctsi.net)

Middle and High School Youth Sunday School

9:45 AM, Annex Loft, Games, Simple Mission Projects, & Gospel lessons!
POCs: Tom Nikles (bb55fan@hotmail.com) & Daniele Beahm (d_beahm@hotmail.com)

Friendship Ministry Class

10:40 AM, Room 116, for adults who are cognitively disabled
POCs: Mary Hayes (JLMinNaples@msn.com)

Bridge Builders In-Person: WILL RESUME IN THE FALL. 6:30 PM, Room 226.

WEEKLY SMALL GROUPS

Faith Keepers Women's Prayer Group: Mondays, 9:00 AM at Grants Coffee Co. (11884 Chester Village DR). POC: Julie Ferry (juliejerry@gmail.com)

Bridge Builders Online Study Group: WILL RESUME IN THE FALL.

Wednesdays, 12:00 PM. We have open, safe conversations based in Jesus's love and reconciliation.

Thursday Morning Men's Group: Thursdays, 7:30 AM at Grants Coffee Co. (11884 Chester Village DR). POC: Vann Stanfield (vannstan34@gmail.com)

Contemplative Prayer Group: Thursdays, 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.

POC: Lisa Stanfield (lisajostanfield@gmail.com) **WILL NOT MEET ON JULY 28.**

Prayer Shawl Group: Thursdays, 1:30 PM, in the Church Parlor. All are invited to join us! We will happily teach you how to knit or crochet if you don't already know

POCs: Beverly Trevillian (beverly.trevillian@comcast.net) & June Gilliam (804-748-6668)

Village People Study, Socialize, & Service Group SUMMER Schedule: meets every 3rd Monday, 2:00 PM, Community Room at Chester Village Senior APTS (11701 Chester Village DR). Weekly meetings will resume in the fall. POC: Bruce Johnson (bruce_bethjohnson@yahoo.com)

Summer Young Adult Bible Study: Tuesdays, 7:00 PM in the Annex Loft, facilitated by Evan Moody. ALL post-high school young adults are invited to join us! *If you are interested, please contact Evan* (tmooody44@yahoo.com).

LIVING RIGHT



“I must be living right!” You have probably spoken those words in the midst of a very good day. What does it mean to “live right”? Peter lays it out for us: “As servants of God, live as free people. . . . Honor everyone. . . .” (1 Peter 2:16-17 NRSV). Those who are involved in **Stephen Ministry**, our congregation’s one-to-one caregiving ministry, do just that. They serve God and respect others by providing Christian care. Is this a way you want to serve the Lord? We are starting a new training class on September 7, 2022. If you are interested, please contact Steve Osborne at 407-921-0227.

CUMC School Supply Drive: July 24-August 30. Each year, our generous church family helps to support the CUMC Preschool and local elementary schools (Curtis & Harrowgate) by donating school supplies. Items given to the public schools help housing insecure children, transient students, and others in need. Please put your donations in the labeled bins in the Missions copies of the supply lists are available in the Atrium. POC: Sherri Morris (smorris787@aim.com, 804-221-1528)

PUBLIC SCHOOL WISH LIST

Deadline Sunday, August 14

Crayons (24-count)
Folders (pocket, plastic)
Glue Sticks
Highlighters
Index Cards
Markers (8 or 10 count-washable)
Markers, dry erase (black)
Notebooks (composition)
Notebooks (spiral, single subject)
Pencil Boxes, plastic
Pencils, colored
Pencils (No. 2, pre-sharpened preferred)
Scissors (blunt & pointed, metal)
Tissues, boxed
Ziploc Bags (sandwich & gallon)

CUMC PRESCHOOL WISH LIST

Deadline Tuesday, August 30

Card stock, white (8 ½ x11")
Composition notebooks
Crayola Crayons (24 count)
Crayola Markers (8 count washable, low odor)
Glue Bottles (8oz. washable)
Glue Sticks (washable)
Hand Sanitizer (lg. bottles)
Laminating sheets (Scott brand, 8 ½ x11")
Paper plates (cheap, 9" white)
School scissors, plastic (blunt tip)
Sharpies, black
Tape (masking, painters, Scotch refills)
Tissues
Wipes, baby
Ziploc bags (all sizes)

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,
4. All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je-sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re-stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu-man dig - ni - ty and save hu-man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love. _____

WORDS: Peter Scholtes (John 13:34-35; Eph. 4:4-6)

MUSIC: Peter Scholtes

ST. BRENDAN'S
76.76.86 with Refrain

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