

# the bridge

August 21, 2022

9:55 AM

## WORSHIP MUSIC

I Saw the Light  
Old Time Religion  
How Great Is Our God  
I Refuse

## MESSAGE

“Colossal Teaching:  
What are we arguing about again?”  
Rev. Nathan Decker

## SCRIPTURE

Colossians 2:6-8, 16-23  
CEB

## SPECIAL MUSIC

By Our Love  
Charles & Cheryl Green  
Craig & Jill Seal

*Having trouble seeing the screen? Just ask an usher for a copy of today's large print song lyrics.*

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
Aug. 28	<i>Colossal Teaching: What are we supposed to wear?</i>	Colossians 3:12-17
Sept. 4	<i>C.T.: When we get it wrong and when we get it right?</i>	Colossians 3:18-4:6
Sept. 11	<i>The Importance of Being Small</i>	Mark 3:7-19a, NCV

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### **FRESH START SERVICE**

August 21, 2022—8:30 AM



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

#### **WORSHIP MUSIC**

Awesome Is the Lord Most High  
My Savior Lives  
10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)  
I Refuse

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

By Our Love  
*Charles & Cheryl Green*  
*Craig & Jill Seal*

#### **SCRIPTURE**

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*CEB*

#### **MESSAGE**

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August 21, 2022

A Service of Worship and Praise  
11:00 AM

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after Pentecost

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

Welcome, Announcements and Greeting

Chimes

Prelude

*How Great Thou Art*

Organist

\* Call to Worship No. 825

Psalm 103:15-18

\* Opening Prayer <sup>1</sup>

**We ask you, O Lord, for the gifts of your Spirit. Enable us to penetrate the depth of the whole truth, and grant that we may share with others the goods you have put at our disposal. Teach us to overcome divisions. Send us your Spirit to lead to full unity your sons and daughters in full charity, in obedience to your will; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* Opening Hymn No. 374

*Standing on the Promises*

\* Affirmation of Faith 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.**

Special Music

*By Our Love*

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Craig & Jill Seal

Why We Give

Offertory

*People Need the Lord*

Charles Green &

Joshua Wortham

\* 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. 349

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Scripture

*Colossians 2:6-8, 16-23*

CEB

Sermon

*Colossal Teaching:  
What are we arguing about again?*

Rev. Nathan Decker

\* Closing Hymn No. 389

*Freely, Freely*

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

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\* *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 by his daughter, Donna Nunery, and in memory of Bill Morrisette's 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 3, 2022.

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

**Worship Footnotes:**

<sup>1</sup> United Methodist Hymnal No.556, "Litany for Christian Unity."

## CALENDAR

### August 21-28, 2022

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

Today: 8:30 AM Nursery until 12:00 PM  
 Fresh Start Worship-Sanc  
 9:30 AM Grades PK-K Sun Sch-216  
 Grades 3-5 Sun Sch-213  
 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

Mon.:

Tues.: 1:00 PM History Com-220

Wed.: 6:00 PM **SPRC**-226

Thurs.: 7:30 AM Men's Group-Grant's Coffee

1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor

6:00 PM **Executive Com**-DFH

7:00 PM **Church Council**-226

Fri.:

Office Closed

Sat.:

### Next Sunday: **August 28, 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  
 12:15 PM Mission Sun. Leadership  
 Team-226  
 4:00 PM Back to Sch Youth Bash-  
 Annex Loft  
 6:00 PM Western VA Mission  
 Team-226  
 6:30 PM Playground wt Pastor-Pt. of  
 Rocks Park

**Online Giving:** Scan the QR code with your smartphone to contribute online or visit [www.chesterumc.org](http://www.chesterumc.org) and click "Online Giving."



**Playground with the Pastor:** NEXT Sunday, August 28, 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! Next playground date is September 11.

### Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, August 28, 2022

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

9:55 Maureen Coker

11:00 Marian Perkinson, Sharon Buchanan

**Ushers:** 8:30 Dave Coker\*, Bill Comer, Ron Dombrowski \*Head Usher

9:55 Linda D'Agostino\*, Linda D'Agostino

11:00 Gordon Jones\*, Willie Orton, Scott Pugh, Don Schmidt, Vann Stanfield

**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!*

**Today at The Bridge, We Celebrate** the holy baptism of *Jason Gunner Compton*. Jason was born on March 6, 2022, and is the son of Christiana Jasmin Garrett (C.J.) and Jason Compton, Jr. The proud grandparents are Jerrilynn and Jason Compton, Sr. (paternal); and Marian and Ed Garrett (maternal great grandparents).

**We Welcome Our Ministry Intern, Izaak Spiers**, who will serve with us in ministry this academic year as part of his Master of Divinity degree program. Izaak is a third-year student at Union Presbyterian Seminary. Previously, he studied Religion and Sociology at VCU and Richard Bland College. Izaak's home church is Ivey Memorial UMC on the other end of Harrowgate Road.

**Our Parish Nurse, Cindy Webb** is in today, 9:00 -10:45 AM in Office 111. She is also available by phone (804-748-5314) to help with medical questions or to obtain medical equipment from the church. All visits with Nurse Cindy are confidential.

**Blessing of the Backpacks/Teachers/School Employees/Students:** Today during worship.

**Mission Trip:** Sunday, November 6–Saturday, November 12, in western Virginia to help with flood relief. **Team meetings will be held on** Sunday, August 28, and Sunday, September 25, at 6:00 PM in Room 226. Deadline for applications is Wednesday, October 12. We will meet on Sunday, October 23, at 6:00 PM in Room 226 to go over final details and packing instructions. We will leave after the early service on November 6 and return in the evening on November 12. If you are interested in going or want more details, please contact Keith Mottley (540-760-4376; [keith.mottley@comcast.net](mailto:keith.mottley@comcast.net)).

**Kid's Koinonia Communion Training:** Sunday, September 18, at 6:00 PM for first and second graders and their parents. Please join Pastor Nathan for a time of art, craft, experience, and growth to explore how God loves us through bread, juice, and Jesus. On October 2, the children will assist with serving communion at the Fresh Start service.

**"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).

**KEEP IN PRAYER:** Paul & Diane Duffy; Ivy & June Gilliam; family of Bill Creed; family of Sheree Zimmerman; Albert West (uncle of Steve Shultz); Fred Shultz (brother of Steve Shultz); Jackie Carson (mother of Luke Carson); family of Ginny Burdette-Towsley (Bev Nelan’s sister); Tory Powner; Cornelia Dewitt; Jo Browning (mother of Lisa Clark); Patricia Black & family; Joe Kiser; family of Jimmy Dagenheart (friend of Paul Maretti, Cornelia DeWitt, Debbie Hubley, Dianna Tate); Alfred Gerard (friend of Debbie Hubley); Karin Koch (mother of Jonathan Koch); Marty Beverly; Isaias Garcia (friend of the Becks); EJ Walters (friend 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 August 14, 2022**

Fresh Start Service .....	62
The Bridge Service .....	63
Traditions Service .....	95
Online/Call In .....	21
<b>Total Worship Attendance.....</b>	<b>241</b>

**CHESTER UMC ONLINE RESOURCES**

- **Website:** [www.chesterumc.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:rmachachi@aol.com)).
- **The Chimes**, bi-monthly newsletter: Submit items to [communication@chesterumc.org](mailto:communication@chesterumc.org) on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

**Leading Our Worship TODAY, August 21, 2022**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Vince & Linda D’Agostino	
	<b>9:55</b>	Donna Nunery	
	<b>11:00</b>	Barbara Dance, Janis Hargrave	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Wendell Landis*, Dale Clark Bruce Johnson	*Head Usher
	<b>9:55</b>	Gordon Jones*, Jim Watkins	
	<b>11:00</b>	Gordon Morris*, Geoff LeSueur, Tommy Petrey, Tim & Beth Stewart	
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30, 9:55, 11:00</b>	Staff Members, Alistia Mabry & Carla Adams	



**Last Call for New Stephen Ministers!** Starting Wednesday, September 7, a new class of Stephen Ministers will begin their 50 hours of training. Every Wednesday morning, from September 7 to December 10 (plus a few Saturdays), will find this group studying the curriculum from the National Stephen Ministry office. Have you ever considered the spiritual gifts that God has given you? If one of these gifts includes being a good listener, think about the opportunity available at CUMC to become a Stephen Minister. When we receive the Grace that comes with accepting the love of Jesus, it becomes important to reach out to

those who are hurting. Please consider joining our new class. Call Stephen Leader, Steve Osborne, for more information at 407-921-0227.

**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.

**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:** 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](mailto:telluwhatbarbara@aim.com))  
ITEMS REQUESTED: **bar soap** (unscented like Dove); **body wash** (like Arm & Hammer); cheap **shower shoes/flip flops** (men's sizes 6-12); men's medium size **sweatshirt & matching pants**; and **boxer shorts underwear** (sizes S to XXXL)

#### LOOKING AHEAD

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| <b>Aug. 28</b>  | <b>Mission Trip MTG</b> (western VA), 6 PM, Room 226<br>Playground with the Pastor, 6:30 PM, Point of Rocks Playground                                      |
| <b>Sept. 7</b>  | Stephen Ministry Training Begins, 9:30 AM – noon<br>Chancel Choir Rehearsals Resume, 7 PM   |
| <b>Sept. 10</b> | <b>Men's Breakfast</b> , DFH  |
| <b>Sept. 11</b> | Middle and High School Youth, 4:00 PM, Annex Loft<br>Playground with the Pastor, 6:30 PM, Point of Rocks Playground   |
| <b>Sept. 13</b> | <b>Joy Singers</b> rehearsals resume, 10:30 AM  |
| <b>Sept. 17</b> | <b>Church Workday</b> , 9 AM – 2 PM,  |
| <b>Sept. 18</b> | Fall <b>CONNECTIONS</b> begin (Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9), 9:45 AM<br><b>Kids Koinonia Communion</b> session, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders, 6 PM |
| <b>Sept 25</b>  | <b>MISSION SUNDAY</b> , 8:30-11 AM, ONLY Traditions Service, NO SS  |
| <b>Sept 29</b>  | <b>Singing Bowl Sound Bath</b> , 6:30 PM, Room 226.   |
| <b>Oct 4</b>    | <b>Charge Conference</b> , 7 PM, Woods UMC, Petersburg  |



## **SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS**

**Children's Sunday School:** 9:30 – 9:55 playground, 10:00 – 10:45 Bible/gospel lesson & activities in **Room 210**. Beginning August 21, grades K-2 will meet in Room 216, and grades 3-5 will meet in Room 213. Chad Beck ([chadbeck@chesterumc.org](mailto:chadbeck@chesterumc.org))

### **Sunday Soles—Faith on the Move: WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER**

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. POC: Sarah Bowers ([massagebysarahb@gmail.com](mailto: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. Visitors and new members are always welcome. POC: Susan Petrey, 938-5396

### **Journey Sunday School Class**

9:45 AM, Annex and Google Meet (<https://meet.google.com/ptm-pieh-vve>)  
*What is the Bible?* by Rob Bell  
POCs: Carolyn Landis ([landisfamily05@gmail.com](mailto:landisfamily05@gmail.com));  
Eric Hougland ([ehougland88@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:telluwhatbarbara@aim.com))

### **Senior Singles Sunday School Class**

9:45 AM, Parlor, *Faith Lessons on the Life and Ministry of the Messiah*, by Ray Vander Laan, POC: Cynthia Corley ([cacorley@ctsi.net](mailto: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](mailto:bb55fan@hotmail.com)) & Daniele Beahm ([d\\_beahm@hotmail.com](mailto:d_beahm@hotmail.com))

### **Friendship Ministry Class**

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

### **Bridge Builders**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 12:15–1:30 PM, in Room 226  
(Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, Mar. 12, Apr 16 (due to Easter), and May 14.)  
First meeting is scheduled for 12:15 PM on **Sunday, SEPTEMBER 18**, in 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](mailto:juliejerry@gmail.com))

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

**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](mailto:beverly.trevillian@comcast.net)) & June Gilliam (804-748-6668)

**Village People Study, Socialize, & Service Group SUMMER Schedule:** meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:bruce_bethjohnson@yahoo.com))

**Playground with the Pastor:** August 14, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of June, July, August, September, and October!

**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](mailto:tmooody44@yahoo.com)). The group's final meeting will be AUGUST 16.

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**Singing Bowl Sound Bath:** Thursday, September 29, 6:30 PM 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](mailto:lisajostanfield@gmail.com))