



September 11, 2022

9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Unclouded Day
Glory to His Name
Peace Like a River
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

SPECIAL MUSIC

A Mighty Fortress is Our God
Morning Has Broken
Jack Price, trumpet

MESSAGE

“The Importance of Being Small”
Rev. Nathan Decker

SCRIPTURE

Mark 3:7-19a
NCV

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
Sept. 18	<i>Pray for the Strangers</i>	1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43, NRSV
Sept. 25	<i>First Fruits from Heaven</i>	James 1:17-18, MEV
Oct. 2	World Communion Sunday	

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FRESH START SERVICE
September 11, 2022—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Majestic
Glory to God Forever
Offering
Blessed Be Your Name

SPECIAL MUSIC

A Mighty Fortress is Our God
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Jack Price, trumpet

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A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

14th Sunday
after Pentecost

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

Welcome, Announcements and Greeting

Chimes

Prelude

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Jack Price, trumpet

* Call to Worship

Leader: Has God reconciled you to God through Christ?

People: Yes, we come together to celebrate our salvation!

Leader: So, are you the fellowship of believers?

People: Yes, we come together to worship God.

Leader: Hasn't God given you God's word?

People: Yes, we come together to grow in grace and love.

Leader: Jesus has called us into God's family!

People: Amen! We come together to love and be loved!

Leader: And what do you do when you gather in small groups?

People: We share our lives. We study. We serve.

Leader: What is your mission?

People: We go and make disciples of Jesus Christ!

Leader: We are the fellowship of believers!

People: To God be the glory! We give God praise!

* Opening Hymn

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

* Gloria Patri

**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

He Never Failed Me Yet

Chancel Choir,
Craig Seal, soloist

Why We Give

Offertory

Morning Has Broken

Jack Price, trumpet

* Doxology

**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

Spirit of the Living God

Bible Presentations

Scripture

Mark 3:7-19a

NCV

Sermon

The Importance of Being Small

Rev. Nathan Decker

Blessing of Small Group Leaders

* Closing Hymn

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

* 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.

CALENDAR

September 11-18, 2022

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

Today: 8:30 AM Nursery until 12:00 PM
 Fresh Start Worship-DFH
 9:30 AM Sun Sch Gr PK-5th-Rm 213
 9:45 AM Youth Sun Sch-Annex Loft
 Adult Sunday Sch-Variou
 9:55 AM Bridge Service-DFH
 11:00 AM Traditions Service-DFH
 12:15 PM **CHURCH PICNIC**
 3:30 PM Sunday Soles-Annex Lot
 4:00 PM MS/HS Youth-Annex Loft
 6:30 PM Playground wt Pastor-Point
 of Rocks Park

Mon.: 7:00 PM Jean Craig Picnic-Petrels
 Tues.: 10:30 AM JOY SINGERS-Music Suite
 1:00 PM History Com-220
 6:30 PM Disciple Life GP-Annex
 Wed.: 9:30 AM Steph Min Training-205
 6:30 PM Girl Scout Serv Unit-DFH
 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
 Boy Scout Leaders-20
 Fri.: Office Closed
 Sat.: 9:00 AM Church Work Day

Next Sunday: **September 18, 2022**

8:30 AM Nursery until 12:00 PM
MISSION SUNDAY
 9:30 AM **MISSION SUNDAY**
 9:55 AM **MISSION SUNDAY**
 11:00 AM Traditions Service-DFH
 12:00 PM **HOT DOG LUNCH**
 12:30 PM **RISE AGAINST HUNGER**
 3:30 PM Sunday Soles-Annex Lot
 4:00 PM NO Youth Group

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



"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).

Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, September 18, 2022

Greeters:	8:30 Laura Houglund 9:55 Andy Steck 11:00 Sharon Buchanan, Barbara Dance	
Ushers:	8:30 Gordon Jones*, Ron Dombrowski, Bruce Johnson 9:55 Gordon Jones*, Jim Watkins 11:00 Gordon Jones*, Willie Orton, Tommy Petrey, Scott Pugh, Don Schmidt	*Head Usher
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 is in today, 10 AM -1 PM in Office 111. She will have a private set up in the fellowship hall during the picnic.

Young Reader Bible Presentations Today During Worship for grades K and 3.

Church Picnic TODAY immediately following our 11:00 AM worship service. Food will be set up in the Fellowship Hall along with a few tables for those who choose not to go outside. Others will dine on the Parsonage lawn. POC: Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396'

Middle & High School Youth Meetings resume today, 4:00 PM at the Annex Loft. ALL 6th through 12th graders are invited to join in study, missions, and fun! POC: Jennifer Brame (youthleaders@chesterumc.org)

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.

We Offer a Fond Farewell to **Alistia Mabry** who has been our Nursery Specialist for 12+ years. Alistia is dearly loved, especially by the many children she cared for and their families. We will miss her kind spirit, her warm heart, and her faithful, tender presence in our nursery. Alistia's last day with us is Sept. 18. Please stop by the nursery to wish Alistia well with her new labor of love caring for a new grandchild. Cards of appreciation and love may be mailed to Alistia Mabry (5816 Baron DR, Chesterfield, VA 23832).

Kid's Koinonia Communion Training: Sunday, September 18, at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall 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.) *Please register in the pew pad if you and/or your child will be attending the training.*

Church WORKDAY, Saturday, September 17: Our Trustees have prepared a list of cleanup and maintenance jobs (for all ages) that need attention around our facility. *Please register in the pew pad* and join us at 9:00 AM on Saturday morning as we spruce up the church.

Mission Sunday, September 25: 8:30 AM -2 PM. We need all hands on deck as we serve Christ and our community. Hot dog lunched provided. See details inside today's bulletin.

\$4,000+ in Donations Needed for Rise Against Hunger Project and Mission Sunday, September 25. Your loving financial support is appreciated. (Payable to CUMC; Memo: Mission Sunday.

KEEP IN PRAYER: family of Cecil W. Burley (father of Linda D’Agostino & Darlene Emerson); family of Albert West (uncle of Steve Shultz); Bee Malone; family of Vernelle Curtis; residents of Mississippi; family of Mike Jones; Charles “Pa” Decker (father of Pastor Nathan); Bucky & Louise Metcalf (friends of Wayne & Ginny Virag); Pamela Brown (daughter of Nancy Carrouth); Odette Burley (sister-in-law of Linda D’Agostino & Darlene Emerson); Brian & Lindsay Jones (son & daughter-in-law) of Gordon & Diane Jones); Paul Escobar (father-in-law of Heather Escobar); Paul & Diane Duffy; Ivy & June Gilliam; family of Bill Creed; family of Sheree Zimmerman; Fred Shultz (brother of Steve Shultz); Jackie Carson (mother of Luke Carson); Cornelia Dewitt; Jo Browning (mother of Lisa Clark); Joe Kiser; Alfred Gerard (friend of Debbie Hubley); Marty Beverly; Isaias Garcia (friend of the Becks); Betty Owen (sister-in-law of Gail King); Vernelle Curtis; Kitty Lipscomb; Clayton Herring (brother of Linda Mottley); Doug and Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence September 4, 2022

Fresh Start Service	80
The Bridge Service	57
Traditions Service	97
Online/Call In	23
Total Worship Attendance.....	257

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, September 11, 2022

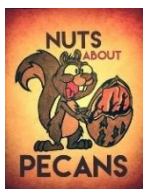
Greeters:	8:30	Maureen Coker	
	9:55	Stephanie Decker	
	11:00	Beth Stewart, Joan Osborne	
Ushers:	8:30	Dave Coker*, Bill Comer, Ron Dombrowski	*Head Usher
	9:55	Linda D’Agostino*, Diane Medina	
	11:00	Gordon Morris*, Larry Koon, Bob Kutz, Emory Large, Beth Stewart	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00	Staff Members, Alistia Mabry & Carla Adams	

MISSION SUNDAY, September 25, 8:30 AM -2 PM. Join us for prayer and instructions at 8:30 before we dive into our projects. We'll have one worship service at 11:00 AM (no Sunday school) followed by a hot dog lunch. At 12:30 PM, we will get to work on the meal kits for Rise Against Hunger.

MISSION SUNDAY PROJECTS

- ◆ Delivering treats and cards to local fire stations (recommended for children and families, treats provided)
- ◆ Packing health kits for UMCOR
- ◆ Cleaning up Ecoff AVE (recommended for youth and families)
- ◆ Writing cards for veterans and shut-ins
- ◆ Choir concert for the Chester Village Senior Apartment residents (at 10 AM).
- ◆ Packing 10,000 meals to help fight hunger (12:30 PM)!

To sign up, scan the QR code, visit <https://bit.ly/3KBIEXt>, or register in the pew pad for the mission in which you wish to participate.



Whaley Pecans Annual Sale by the Ladies of Faith. Pre-orders are being now. Harvesting will be late October with delivery in early November. *Register in the pew pad* or contact Betty Labin (804-748-3516) or Lorraine Young (804-748-6852) to order (\$12.00 per pound for halves or pieces). *Please make checks payable to Ladies of Faith.*

LOOKING AHEAD

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| Sept. 13 | Joy Singers rehearsals resume, 10:30 AM |
| Sept. 17 | Church Workday , 9 AM – 2 PM, |
| Sept. 18 | Fall CONNECTIONS (Sept. 18, Oct. 2, 9, 16), 9:45 AM, Rm 116
Kids Koinonia Communion session, 1 st & 2 nd graders, 6 PM |
| Sept. 21 | October-November CHIMES Deadline |
| Sept 25 | MISSION SUNDAY , 8:30-11 AM, ONLY Traditions Service, NO SS
Playground with the Pastor, 6:30 PM |
| Sept 29 | Singing Bowl Sound Bath, 6:30 PM, Room 226. |
| Oct 4 | Charge Conference , 7 PM, Woods UMC, Petersburg |
| Nov. 5 | Turkey Pot Pie Dinner, 6:00 PM, DFH, cost \$12/person |

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

Children's Sunday School: 9:30 – 9:55 playground, 10:00 – 10:45 Bible/gospel lesson & activities. Grades K-2 meet in Room 204, and grades 3-5 in Room 206. POC: Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

Sunday Soles—Faith on the Move: Resumes September 11

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)

Fresh Start Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Room 205; POC: Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396
Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Journey Sunday School Class: “What is the Bible,” by Rob Bell

9:45 AM, Annex and Google Meet (<https://meet.google.com/ptm-pieh-vve>)
POCs: Carolyn Landis (landisfamily05@gmail.com);
Eric Houglund (ehouglund88@gmail.com)

Seekers Sunday School Class

9:40 AM, Room 226; POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)
We welcome visitors and new members.

Senior Singles Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Parlor; POC: Cynthia Corley (cacorley@ctsi.net)

***NEW* Adult Small Group Bible Study** begins September 11, 2022

9:45 AM, Room 221; Facilitated by Jeff Marlin (jeff.marlinabd@gmail.com)

Middle and High School Youth Sunday School

9:45 AM, Annex Loft
POC: Rev. Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

Friendship Ministry Class

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

Bridge Builders

2nd Sunday of the month, 12:15–1:30 PM, in Room 226

Begins **September 18** in Room 226.

Then Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, Mar. 12, Apr 16 (due to Easter), and May 14.

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)

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)

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 Schedule meets Mondays, September 19, October 3, and October 17, **2:00 PM**, Community Room at Chester Village Senior APTS (11701 Chester Village DR). POC: Bruce Johnson (bruce_bethjohnson@yahoo.com)

Women's Christian Book Club: 1st Thursday each month, 6:30 PM at the Annex Loft. Begins October 6. You will have a month to read each book before we gather to discuss it. POC: Jennifer Brame (jrbrooksiee@gmail.com)

"Strum and Smile" Small Group will gather in the Music Suite on *Saturday, September 24, at 10 AM* for our initial meeting. This is a group of guys and gals who play stringed instruments with no intention of performing. All levels of play are welcome! We will learn from one another, share in a reading of a Psalm, and grow together in Christ as we strum, pick, smile, grin, and let loose in a variety of musical madness. POC: Pastor Nathan

LOVE BUILDS BRIDGES WHERE THERE ARE NONE: Seeking disciples who see the value in ALL people; who feel called to *BUILD* relationships in the church & community while fostering understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity. **BRIDGE BUILDERS** kicks off **September 18** after the Traditions Service (12:15pm) in Room 226, meeting once a month (second Sunday of the month after September). Septembers' meeting will have a representative from *Grace Inside* who will talk about VA State Prison Ministries.
POC: Maureen Coker (mcoker2003@comcast.net)

***NEW* Women's Bible Study-Bible Basics:** four 90-minutes sessions. Monday Morning Sessions, 9/19, 9/26, 10/31, 11/7 at 9:30 AM. Thursday Evening sessions, 9/22, 9/29, 11/3, 11/10 AT 7 PM on via Zoom. Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Marg Kutz, retired Methodist pastor.

***NEW* Women's Lunch Group** will meet monthly at a local restaurant. Watch for more details. POC: Joan Osborne (josbor61@gmail.com)

Want to Help our Youth Grow in their Faith and Life? Our Middle and High School Youth gather every Sunday morning (9:30 AM) and twice a month on Sunday afternoons. We spend our time together doing devotions, having conversation, and playing games, but mostly reminding each other we are all welcomed and loved deeply. We love our adult volunteers and would like to see more of you get involved in the lives of our youth. Please contact Pastor Nathan or Jennifer Brame (youthleaders@chesterumc.org) for more information.

Interested in Becoming an Acolyte? The 8:30 Service wants you! Come to a brief information and training session immediately following the 8:30 Service.

Who? Anyone old enough to independently light candles (*parent approval required*)

Where? Fellowship Hall

What Time? 9:30-9:45 AM

When? Please attend one of the following training sessions:

September 25

October 2

October 23

October 30

* If the interested child is 8 or under, parent or guardian is encouraged to attend. POC: Megan Johnston (shortstrides@hotmail.com)

Dinner for Six or Eight: Couples and singles gather once a month September - November and January - May at a host home (who provides the meat and beverage). Others bring an appetizer (optional), bread, salad, vegetables, or dessert. Each month, someone else in the group hosts. Don't be shy...it may be 2 couples and 2 singles or 3 couples or a combination of up to 8 people. We will group everyone and let you know when and where the first dinner will be held. The hostess will contact you to decide what everyone will bring that compliments the meal.

This is a great opportunity to get to know fellow churchgoers whom you have not met—or perhaps that attend a different service. You do not have to be a member of CUMC. *If interested, please sign up in the Sunday pew pad and indicate if you are willing to host.* POC: Mary Musselwhite (804-330-0014)

Mission Trip to Western Virginia: Sunday, November 6–Saturday, November 12, to help with flood relief. Deadline for applications is Wednesday, October 12. We will leave after the early service on November 6 and return in the evening on November 12. *Applications are available in the Church Office.* If you are interested in going or want more details, please contact Keith Mottley (540-760-4376; keith.mottley@comcast.net).



Exciting things are happening in our **Stephen Ministry Program** at CUMC! We are training a new class of Stephen Ministry participants! This 50-hour training will take place each Wednesday morning and on some designated Saturdays as well, September to December. Please keep our Leaders and participants in your prayers. As always, if you or someone you know is experiencing a difficult time, please feel free to contact Stephen Leader, Steve Osborne at 407-921-0227.

CUMC Nursery Position Opening: 8:00 AM -12:30 PM weekly on Sundays. Applicants must be able to pass a background check, be responsible for children from birth to school age, and have a warm personality. To apply, send resumes to cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org or call the Church Office (804-748-6006) to set up an interview.

Assistant Teacher Opening in Chester UMC Preschool: Hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 AM-2:00 PM. You would be assisting the classroom teacher with carrying out lesson plans and teaching the children their ABC's, 123's and all about Jesus' love for them. To apply, contact Jen Barnes (804-748-2275 / preschool@chesterumc.org).

CUMC Family: Thank you for your donations of school supplies to the CUMC preschool! Your generosity freed up funds for the school to purchase manipulatives for our children that were on our wish list. CUMCPS has felt the love and support from CUMC this year and for many years past. We appreciate you.~ Jen Barnes, CUMC Preschool Director

Shepherd's Center Annual Free Ice Cream Social: Wednesday, September 14, 2-4 PM, Chester Baptist (4317 School ST, Chester, 23831). Join us for individually wrapped ice cream novelties while learning about our fall classes that start on September 28. Fabulous door prizes! Call 804-706-6689 or visit www.shepcenter.org for more information.

JOIN THE FRESH START SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS IN STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE:

- Beginning September 11, "Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart: How to Relate to Those Who are Suffering" by Kenneth Haugk from Stephen Ministry Resources.

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.

United Methodist Women: Jean Craig Fellowship will meet Monday, September 12, 7:00 PM at the Petrey home (7061 Conifer RD, N Chesterfield) for our long-awaited summer picnic. We welcome any women who are looking for an evening circle. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for details.