



October 16, 2022

9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Are You Washed in the Blood?

Glory to His Name

Amazing Grace/Peaceful, Easy Feeling

Boundless Love

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:1-10

ESV

MESSAGE

“When Climbing a Tree Changes Your Life”

Rev. Nathan Decker

SPECIAL MUSIC

And the Angels Sing

Be Thou My Vision with My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Ben Grondahl, clarinet

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>
Oct. 23	<i>Some Aren't Going to Get It</i>	Mark 4:1-9 NRSV
Oct. 30	<i>Choosing Transformation in a World of Conformity</i>	Romans 12 NRSVUE
Nov. 6	<i>Gaudy Hopes, Gilded Punishments, & a Golden Rule</i>	Luke 6:17, 20-31 NASB

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FRESH START SERVICE

October 16, 2022—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

I Walk By Faith
Here I Am to Worship
Power of Your Love
Love the Lord Your God

SPECIAL MUSIC

And the Angels Sing
Be Thou My Vision with My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Ben Grondahl, clarinet

SCRIPTURE

Luke 18:1-14
MSG

MESSAGE

“Accepting God’s Timing”
Izaak Spiers

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

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

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Chimes

Prelude *And the Angels Sing* Ben Grondahl, clarinet

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

People: except what I have in my wallet, except my nest egg, except my house payment.

Leader: The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

People: Forgive us Lord when we withhold. Forgive us Lord when we depend on ourselves rather than you. Forgive us Lord when we neglect to give thanks for the means you have provided.

Leader: The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

People: Praise the Lord of All, the King of Glory!

* Opening Prayer²

Like Zacchaeus, help us, O God, to lose our fear of stepping outside our place, of doing things differently, of seeking Christ in our lives. Christ's invitation awaits us to start anew, to make amends, to live in Christ's way. God of change and renewal, we give thanks for your love that makes this possible for each one of us. Amen.

* Opening Hymn No. 89 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

* Affirmation of Faith No. 881 *The Apostles 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 *Be Thou My Vision with
My Shepherd will Supply My Need* Ben Grondahl, clarinet

Why We Give

Offertory

What a Friend

Chancel Choir

* 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 No. 367

He Touched Me

Scripture

Luke 19:1-10

ESV

Sermon

When Climbing a Tree Changes Your Life

Rev. Nathan Decker

* Closing Hymn No. 389

Freely, Freely

* 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.

Worship Footnotes:

¹ ©2015 Nathan Decker, *Worship's Wake*

² <https://stephenmfearing.wordpress.com/2013/10/29/prayer-of-the-day-zacchaeus-from-the-united-church-of-canada/>

CALENDAR
October 16-23, 2022

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

Today: 8:15 AM Nursery until 12:00 PM
 8:30 AM Fresh Start-DFH
 9:30 AM Sun Sch Gr K-2 -Rm 204
 Sun Sch Gr 3-5-Rm 206
 Adult SS-Variou
 9:45 AM Connections-116
 9:55 AM The Bridge-Sanc.
 11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc
 1:00 PM Family Paint Class-DFH
 3:30 PM Sunday Soles-Annex Lot
 4:00 PM NO Youth Group

Mon.: 9:30 AM Stephen Ministers-226

Tues.: 10:30 AM NO Joy Singers
 1:00 PM History Com-220

Wed.: 9:45 AM Stephen Min Training-205
 Joy Singer Performance
 6:30 PM GS Service Unit-DFH
 7:00 PM Finance-Annex

Thurs.: 7:30 AM Men's Group-Grant's Coffee
 11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-Parlor
 1:00 PM Women's F'ship Lunch-
 Chester Applebees

Thurs.: 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor
 6:30 PM BS Leaders-205
 Disciple Life GP-Annex
 7:00 PM Harvest Moon
 Entertainment-Sanc
 Fri.: Office Closed
 10:30 AM Feedmore-Greenleigh
 Sat.: 10:00 AM Strum & Smile
 1:00 PM Private Recital-Sanc

Next Sunday: October 23, 2022

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 12:15 PM Bridge Builders-226
 3:30 PM Sunday Soles-Annex Lot
 4:00 PM MS/HS Youth-Annex
 5:30 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 and click "Online Giving."



Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, October 23, 2022

Greeters: 8:30 Andy & Eileen Steck

9:55 Stephanie Decker

11:00 Mary Musselwhite

Ushers: 8:30 Dave Coker*, Ron Dombrowski, Bruce Johnson *Head Usher

9:55 Jim Watkins*, JR Irvin

11:00 Gary Williams*, Dean Hutchins, Jeff Marlin, Don Schmidt, Kay Williams

Nursery: 8:30, 9:55, 11:00 Staff Member, 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!*

Christmas Musical Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 7:00 PM. Come sing with our Chancel Choir for Christmas! Singers of all ages and skill levels welcome! POC: Joshua Wortham

Fall Family Painting Class: TODAY, 1:00-2:15 PM in the fellowship hall.

Women's Fellowship Luncheons: 3rd Thursday of each month, 1:00 PM at a local restaurant. Would you like to join a group of women from our church for lunch? A new women's fellowship group is forming. The goal is to meet as a group simply for lunch, socialize for an hour or so, and get to know each other a little better. **Our first gathering will be at the Applebee's in Chester on Thursday, October 20 (1 PM).** If you are interested in joining us, please contact Joan Osborne (josbor61@gmail.com / 540-270-4251) by Monday, October 17, so that we can make the appropriate reservation for the group. We certainly hope you will join us!

CUMC Preschool Harvest Moon Benefit Concert: Thursday, **October 20**, 7:00 PM at CUMC to support our Chester UMC preschool. The evening will feature Broadway music performed by Natan Berenshteyn, Chelsea Buyalos, Katherine Oros, and Jack Price. Admission is \$5. POC: Jen Barnes (preschool@chesterumc.org)

Feedmore Food Distribution in Greenleigh Mobile Home Community: Friday, October 21, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. (1406 Stevehurst DR, Chester). Tasks for the volunteers include unloading the food truck; setting up tables/separating food; organizing the food distribution; placing food allotments in vehicles; traffic control; breaking down empty boxes; and cleaning up afterwards. Sign up TODAY at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d44a5a72ba75-feed> or contact Eric Houglan (804.212.7857 or ehouglan88@gmail.com).

CUMC Community Trunk or Treat: Monday, **October 31**, at 5:00 - 6:30PM in the gravel parking lot on School Street. Invite your friends and neighbors! *Please register in the pew pad to volunteer to decorate your car and provide treats for the children.* If you are unable to bring your decorated car, please donate treats to hand out to the children. (Put in the labeled bin in the Missions Closet.)

UMW Sponsored Turkey Pot Pie Dinner: 6:00 PM, Saturday, November 5. Come feast on Turkey Pot Pie with all the trimmings *plus* musical entertainment from **THE NOTABLES**, a Richmond based, mixed-voice community of singers, with a diverse ensemble that performs both an a cappella and accompanied repertoire. Proceeds will help support local mission projects of the United Methodist Women. **Tickets are required (\$12 per person)** and available in the Church Office. Please make checks made payable to **Chester UMW**. POC: Susan Petrey (804.938.5396)

KEEP IN PRAYER: family of Clayton Herring (brother of Linda Mottley); Dotty Reinmuth (friend of Debbie Hubley); families of Frank Ratcliff & Ronnie Smith (friends of Paul Maretti and Cornelia Dewitt); Dustin Munchel; John Cook; Lynda Richardson; Wayne Haley; Alfred Gerard (friend of Debbie Hubley); family of Austin Lovern Lucas (friend of Julie Jones); Rachel York (wife of the grandson of Becky & John York); 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; Joe Kiser; Marty Beverly; Isaias Garcia (friend of the Becks); Betty Owen (sister-in-law of Gail King); Kitty Lipscomb; Doug and Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence October 9, 2022

Fresh Start Service 110
 The Bridge Service 98
 Traditions Service 109
 Online/Call In 28
Total Worship Attendance..... 345

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, October 16, 2022

Greeters:	8:30	Maureen Coker	
	9:55	Terri Dombrowski	
	11:00	Marian Perkinson, Sharon Buchanan	
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Ron Dombrowski, Bill Comer	*Head Usher
	9:55	Linda D’Agostino*, Jim Watkins	
	11:00	Gordon Morris*, Steve & Joan Osborne, Scott Pugh, Beth Stewart	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00	Staff Member, Carla Adams	

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 on **October 23 or 30**.

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:

*If the interested child is 8 or under, parent or guardian is encouraged to attend. POC: Megan Johnston (shortstrides@hotmail.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 Chad or Jennifer Brame (youthleaders@chesterumc.org).

CarMax Tacky Light Run/Walk: Saturday, December 10, at Midlothian Mines Park. The 6K run/walk begins at 6 PM. Cost through Nov. 17, Adults \$35, Youth \$20 (ages 4-14). Visit <https://bit.ly/3SAuxTC> for more information. **Register at <https://bit.ly/3UMz1IJ>**. **BE SURE TO SIGN UP** for the church team (*Chester Methodist Bells of Love*) on the second page of the online registration form. POC: Natalie Galarza (familygalarza05@gmail.com)

LOOKING AHEAD

Oct. 16	Family Paint Class 1 PM, DFH; CONNECTIONS in Room 116
Oct. 20	Preschool Benefit Concert, 7 PM, Sanctuary
Oct. 21	Feedmore at Greenleigh, 10:30-12:30 AM
Oct. 23	Playground with the Pastor, 5:30 PM, Point of Rocks Park
Oct. 30	Small Group Leaders MTG 12:15 PM, lunch served
Oct. 31	Trunk for Treat, 5 PM, Parsonage Lot
Nov. 5	Turkey Pot Pie Dinner, 6:00 PM, DFH, cost \$12/person
Nov. 13	Deadline for CCHASM Thanksgiving Food Bags and Monetary Donations
Nov. 14	Christmas Shoeboxes for Greenleigh Community due
Nov. 16	Blood Drive, DFH, 11 AM-4 PM
Dec. 10	Tacky Light Run, 6 PM, Midlothian Mines Park

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 Walking Group

3:30 PM, Annex lawn; 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

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; 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)

Adult Small Group Bible Study

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 (POC: Maureen Coker (mcoker2003@comcast.net))

2nd 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.

Middle & High School Youth Meetings: Scheduled Sundays, 4:00 PM, at the Annex Loft. ALL 6th through 12th graders are invited to join in study, missions, and fun! Next meeting is 4 PM, Sunday, October 9. POC: Jennifer Brame (youthleaders@chesterumc.org)

SMALL GROUPS

Women's Fellowship Luncheon will meet at 1:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month at a local restaurant. *The first gathering will be on Thursday, October 20*, at Applebee's (2611 W Hundred RD West, Chester). Email Joan Osborne (josbor61@gmail.com) if you would like to participate.

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

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)

Joy Singers (for our retired folks): Tuesdays, 10:30 AM in the Music Suite. POC: Joshua Wortham.

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)

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

"Strum and Smile" Small Group gathers on Saturday mornings at 10:00 AM. 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

Women's Bible Study-Bible Basics: four 90-minute sessions. Monday Morning Sessions, 10/31, 11/7 at 9:30 AM. Thursday Evening sessions, 11/3, 11/10 AT 7 PM, Room 226 or ZOOM. You may mix and match sessions if needed. POC: Rev. Dr. Marg Kutz (margkutz72@gmail.com)

Join the Fresh Start Class in Fellowship and Service:

- “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.

A Visit to the Marketplace in Jerusalem: 9:40 AM, Room 226, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23. The Seekers Sunday School Class extends a personal invitation for you to join us on a four-Sunday historical and Biblical visit to the Marketplace in the time of Jesus and today. Explore the sights, sounds, buying, trading, and selling of all kinds of items. Be amazed in the comparisons of the Jerusalem Marketplace of today to the operations of more than 3500 years ago. Learn the Biblical stories from the Marketplace. Please bring your Bible. Rev. Dr. Ed Garrett will be our tour guide.

POC: Barbara MacIntyre (tellyouwhatbarbara@aim.com) /804-748-0775)



Call on Us: You have read about the new class of Stephen Ministers who are being trained each Wednesday morning and some Saturdays through mid-December. We are so excited about this amazing group of people who so genuinely care about those who are hurting in our church. It is a lot of work, but also a lot of fun, especially watching them role play, as they practice their new skills! Stephen Ministry is an amazing help to those who may find life overwhelming at times. Our pain is so individual, and for those who might be feeling it now, please reach out to our current team of Stephen Ministers. They are ready to bring you the one-to-one confidential, Christian ministry that can be vital to bringing wholeness back into your life. Call our Referral Coordinator, Vince D’Agostino at 804-461-8529.

Manak Community Health Organization: Thank you, Church, for the generous gifts to the for this organization. We collected more than 50 lbs. of fabric alone! Although the campaign has ended, Diane is still accepting donations of fabric, patterns, sewing supplies, costume jewelry, and books for the organization. If you are downsizing or just finding that you will no longer use any of the items mentioned above, please contact Diane Merryman (dianemerryman@gmail.com, or text 804-586-4189) to meet for an exchange. Please continue to pray for this organization and its leadership as they care for the women in Sierra Leone.

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).

CCHASM THANKSGIVING MEAL GIFT PACKAGES: Chesterfield Colonial Heights Association for Social Ministry Thanksgiving Meal Packages are distributed every year to the needy in our area who have preregistered with CCHASM. A \$15 gift card for perishable items (butter, fresh vegetables, turkey) is included in every package. (CCHASM purchases these at a discount.) **Please consider donating money** for the gift cards because these are always needed. (Checks payable to CUMC; Memo: CCHASM Thanksgiving.) CCHASM assisted over 3,100 Chesterfield County families last year! *Monetary donations and meal packages are due by **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14.***

A COMPLETE MEAL GIFT PACKAGE INCLUDES

- 1 – 40 OZ. CAN of YAMS or SWEET POTATOES
- 1 – 13 OZ. BOX of MASHED POTATOES
- 1 – 14 OZ. CAN of CRANBERRY SAUCE
- 2 – 15 OZ. CANS of CORN
- 2 – 15 OZ. CANS of GREEN VEGETABLES
- 2 – BOXES of “Stove Top”® Stuffing Mix
- 2 – CANS or PACKAGES of GRAVY (*no glass jars*)
- 1 – BOX of HOT CHOCOLATE MIX
- 1 – BOX of TEA BAGS
- 1 – Larger BOX or BAG of COOKIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

- ✓ CCHASM cannot give out expired food.
- ✓ All items must be in their original, unopened, saleable package.
- ✓ If possible, place in doubled paper bags with handles or canvas grocery bags.

Christmas Shoeboxes for Greenleigh Children: Due Monday, November 14, in the Atrium, Missions Closet, or the Sharing bin. To participate in this merry ministry, choose the gender(s) to shop for, select the age range(s) [2-3 yrs., 4-6 yrs. 7-9 yrs., 10-12 yrs.], and purchase items that will fit inside a shoe box. Please wrap the shoebox (but do not seal it) and label it with the gender and age group. **Gift suggestions include** balls, yo-yos, dolls, stuffed animals, puzzles, bubbles, hair accessories, brushes, combs, mirrors, notepads, pens, pencils, Chapstick, toothbrushes, jewelry, socks, hats, gloves, etc. Be creative! (**Please do not include candy, gum, or toy weapons.**) POC: Jan Bryant (804-241-3583)

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). **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)