



December 4, 2022

9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

I'll Fly Away
Do Lord
Angels, From the Realms of Glory
Days of Elijah

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mary, Did You Know?
Dragon Scales

SCRIPTURE

Mark 13:24-37
NIV

MESSAGE

“An Awakened Disciple”
Rev. Chad Beck

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>
Dec. 11	Christmas Musical	
Dec. 18	<i>A Reluctant Grandpa</i>	Luke 1:26-38 CEB
Dec. 24	<i>An Astonished Shepherd</i>	Luke 2:1-21 KJV
Dec. 25	<i>A Not So On-Time Wiseman</i>	Matthew 2:1-12 CEB

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FRESH START SERVICE

December 4, 2022—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Glory to God Forever

Sing to the King

Christmas Offering

Days of Elijah

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A Service of Worship and Praise

Second Sunday

11:00 AM

in Advent

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

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Chimes

Prelude

*O Come, All Ye Faithful with
O Come, Little Children*

Organist

* Lighting of the Advent Wreath¹

Leader: Let me hear what the Lord God will speak, for God will speak peace to God's people, to God's faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

People: Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear God, that God's glory may dwell in our land.

Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will embrace each other.

People: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

Leader: On this second Sunday in Advent, we gather by faith to see the coming of the Human One, faith in God's plans, and faith in the wisdom of the Spirit.

* Opening Hymn No. 213 *Life Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

Reception of New Members

* Opening Prayer²

God of unveiled truth, faithful flame in times of darkened sun and waning moon: lift up our unknowing hearts and waken our sleeping love to announce the coming dawn of unexpected peace; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. Amen.

Special Music

Worship His Glory, Worship the King!

Chancel Choir

Why We Give

Offertory

Mary Did You Know?

Dragon Scales

* 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. 211

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Scripture

Mark 13:24-37

NIV

Sermon

An Awakened Disciple

Pastor Chad

* Closing Hymn No. 206 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

* Benediction

* Choral Amen

* *Please stand as you are able.* **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 Ray and Beverly Trevillian in memory of Herk and Edie Fails.

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 Psalm 85:8-11

² Steven Shakespeare, *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*, New York: Church Publishing, 2009.

CALENDAR
December 4-11, 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
 9:55 AM The Bridge-Sanc.
 Online Service
 11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc
 Online Service

12:00 PM Youth/Gift Collection-DFH
 2:00 PM World Cup Party-Annex
 3:30 PM NO Sunday Soles
 4:00 PM NO MS/HS Youth
 6:30 PM Advent Study-Online

Mon. 9:30 AM Advent Study-Rm 226
 6:00 PM Jean Craig F'ship@Petrey's

Tues.: 11:30 AM Joy Singers Potluck
 1:00 PM History Com-220
 2:00 PM Stephen Ministers-226

Wed.: 9:30 AM Stephen Min Training-205
 1:30 PM Cook Memorial Service- Sanc
 3:00 PM Rest Stop-Annex
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir-Music Suite

Thurs.: 7:30 AM Men's Group-Grant's Coffee
 10:30 AM Bookman F'ship-DFH
 11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer

Thurs.: 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor
 6:00 PM GS Troop 5248-Music Suite
 6:30 PM Disciple Life @ Seal's
 Women's Book Club-Annex

Fri.: 6:00 PM GS TP 925 XMAS Party-DFH
 Sat.: 10:00 AM Strum & Smile

Soccer @ Greenleigh
 5:30 PM GS Troop 925-DFH
 6:00 PM Tacky Light Run

Next Sunday: December 11, 2022

8:15 AM Nursery until 12:00 PM
 8:30 AM XMAS Cantata-Sanc
 9:30 AM Sun Sch Gr K-2 -Rm 204
 Sun Sch Gr 3-5-Rm 206

Adult SS-Variou
 UMW Cookie Sale-DFH
 9:55 AM NO BRIDGE SERVICE
 NO Online Service

11:00 AM XMAS Cantata-Sanc
 Online Service

12:00 PM UMW Cookie Sale-DFH
 12:15 PM Bridge Builders-226

1:00 PM Paint Class-DFH
 3:30 PM NO Sunday Soles
 4:00 PM NO MS/HS Youth
 6:30 PM Advent Study-Online

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

2023 Pledge Cards: If you have not yet submitted your pledge card, you may drop it in the offering plate or visit <https://forms.gle/FFYp4FYKAGMfzpBb7>.



Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, December 11, 2022

Greeters: 8:30 Maureen Coker
 9:55 TBA

11:00 Beth Stewart, Steve Osborne

Ushers: 8:30 Gordon Morris*, Ron Dombrowski, Bruce Johnson *Head Usher
 9:55 No Service

11:00 Gordon Morris*, Emory Large, Geoff LeSueur, Don Schmidt, Beth Stewart

Nursery: 8:30, 9:55, 11:00 Staff Members, Carla Adams, Jessica Hargraves

*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 NOT in today.

Dragon Scales, our musical guest today, is comprised of students from Appomattox Regional Governor's School in Petersburg, VA. This national award-winning, student-led group performs a wide variety of a cappella music. Our own Angelo Galarza is one of the co-directors this year!

We Welcome into Christian Membership:

- ◆ ***Daphne Rhodes Jolly*** by profession of faith. Daphne is the niece of Jim Rhodes.
- ◆ ***James "Jim" Henry Rhodes*** by transfer from St. James United Methodist Church in San Antonio, Texas. Jim is the uncle of Daphne Jolly.

Poinsettia Orders are due TODAY, December 4. (See order form insert.)

Christmas Party for Children and Families! Games/crafts, cookies, and a Christmas gospel lesson. Sunday, December 11, 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM, Davis Fellowship Hall. POC: Pastor Chad

PAINT CLASS: Sunday, December 11, 1:00 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. ALL are welcome—invite a friend! *Please register in the pew pad.* POC: Charlette Brummette (charl208@yahoo.com)

CUMC Christmas Sharing Tree: CUMC has collaborated with Chesterfield Mental Health Support Services for more than 10 years to provide Christmas cheer to roughly 100 developmentally challenged adults who would not otherwise receive Christmas gifts. Visit <https://bit.ly/3VeXuGy> to select individuals to “adopt.” Please place your wrapped gifts under the tree by **Monday, December 19**. Label the gift(s) with the **ID #** from the tag(s) you choose.

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 10	Tacky Light Run, 6 PM, Midlothian Mines Park
Dec. 11	Christmas Cantata Musical, 8:30 and 11:00 AM; NO BRIDGE SERVICE Children's Christmas Party, 9:45-10:45 AM, DFH UMW Cookie Sale, DFH, Davis Fellowship Hall
Dec. 12	Christmas Cantata Musical, 7:00 PM
Dec. 13	Christmas Cantata Musical, 7:00 PM
Dec. 18	Blue Christmas Service, 3:00 PM, Sanctuary
Dec. 19	Deadline for Christmas Sharing Tree Gifts
Dec. 24	Family Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 PM, Sanctuary Traditional Christmas Eve Service, 10:00 PM
Dec. 25	11:00 Service only (no Sunday School)
Jan. 1	11:00 Service only (no Sunday School)

KEEP IN PRAYER: Diane Higgins; family of John Cook; family of Isabel Jones; Bert Watson [Terri] & Chase Watson (son & grandson of Ruby Bishop); Rachel York (granddaughter-in-law of John & Becky York); Debbie Hubley; family of Edie Fails; family of Hazel Miles (Terri Moody’s grandmother); family of Danny Harrington (Victoria Harrington’s husband); Odette Burley (sister of Darlene Emerson & Linda D’Agostino); Steve Gilliatt; Chris Daniels; Alfred Gerard (friend Debbie Hubley); Elsie Smith (3-year-old great-niece of Charleene Holmes); Debbie Freed; Lynda Richardson; Wayne Haley; Paul & Diane Duffy; Joe Kiser; Kitty Lipscomb; Doug and Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence November 27, 2022

Fresh Start Service	118
The Bridge Service	67
Traditions Service	126
Online/Call In	29
Total Worship Attendance.....	340

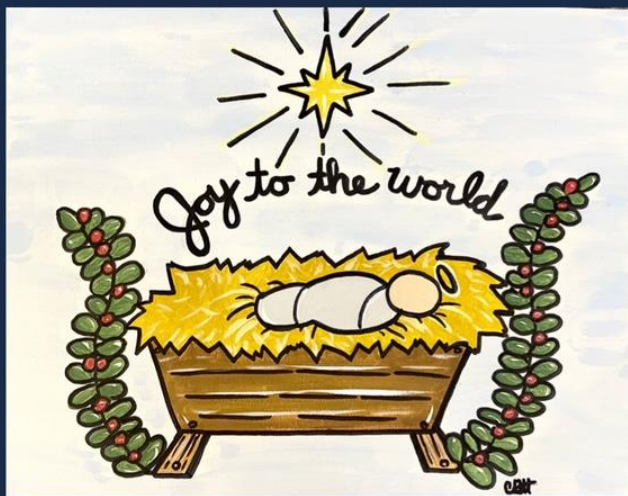
CHESTER UMC ONLINE RESOURCES

- **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, December 4, 2022

Greeters:	8:30	Ed & Marian Garrett	
	9:55	Laura Houglund	
	11:00	Marian Perkinson, Betty Labin	
Ushers:	8:30	Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer, Ron Dombrowski	*Head Usher
	9:55	Jim Watkins*, Diane Medina	
	11:00	Gary Williams*, Joan & Steve Osborne, Tommy Petrey, Kay Williams	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00	Staff Members, Carla Adams, Jessica Hargraves	

Chester United Methodist Church
invites you



Paint Class

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

AT 1:00

IN THE DAVIS FELLOWSHIP HALL

ALL ARE WELCOME

INVITE A FRIEND!

Christmas Cookie Sale: The UMW will be selling Homemade Christmas Cookies by the tin in the fellowship hall following both worship services on Sunday, December 11 . Proceeds will go to support our gifts to local, national, and international missions, including, but not limited to, our CUMC Food Pantry, United Methodist Family Services, Branches, and the United Methodist Committee on Relief. How it works: You come to the fellowship hall, select your tin, go down the row, and select your choice of cookies to fill the tin. These are not prefilled tins unless you call and specifically request prefilled. All orders due no later than December 4. *Sign up in the pew pad* with your name, phone number, whether you'd like a \$5, \$10 or \$20 tin, and whether you have any food restrictions (gluten, peanuts, etc.) Questions? Call Katey McCarney, 402-0084.

Cookies Needed!!! The UMW will be selling Homemade Christmas Cookies by the Tin in the Fellowship Hall following both worship services on Sunday, December 11. UMWomen and members of the congregation, please commit to donate homemade cookies. *Call or email Katey McCarney* (402-0084, ks.petrey@gmail.com) and leave your name, a phone number, how many dozen, and what kind of cookie you will prepare. Cookies should be delivered to the church kitchen Saturday, December 10, 9-12.

Chester UMC Celebrates 150 Years in 2023! Your History Committee (co-chairs Daphne Curtis and Mary Musselwhite) and members, Betty Stone and Dee Watkins, have been working on many elements to make this a special celebration. Take a moment to look in the Narthex and see the 1891 Altar and Pulpit and items in the display case!

150th Anniversary of Chester United Methodist Church--an Exciting Time in Our Church
The History Committee is pleased to announce that we will celebrate our 150th Anniversary beginning in January 2023! We've written a book that includes the history of Chester United Methodist Church (including Pastors, Sanctuaries, Missions, Choirs, and Fellowship from 1873 – 2023) and it is being printed to be available for purchase. The book is 314 pages with hundreds of scanned documents and photographs representing our 150 years. If you would like a copy, the cost is \$30 with your check made payable to CUMC (Memo: History) *Please reserve your copy in advance by contacting Mary Musselwhite* (softshL1@gmail.com, 804-330-0014). Perhaps you would like a copy for your children who grew up in our church. If you want to order a book and have it shipped, please add \$10 and be sure to include the shipping address. We anticipate that the books will be available by November 30!

NEW Women's Bible Study: Sundays, February 5 - March 12 (six weeks) from 6:30 – 8:00 PM in the Upper Room (226). We will be using the new Beth Moore study called, “Now That Faith Has Come,” a study from Galatians. Sign Ups for the study will begin in the new year. Any questions can be directed to Marg Kutz (margkutz72@gmail.com) or Darlene Emerson (agentches@aol.com).

Journey Sunday School Class: Beginning December 4, Advent study, “Christmas Gifts That Don't Break,” by James W. Moore.

Seekers Sunday School Class began a 5-week Adam Hamilton Advent study on November 20. In, *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem*, lessons examine Mary, Joseph, Mary's visit to Elizabeth, the trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem, and events at the manger. We welcome you to join us as we study the people and events surrounding Christ's birth. Room 226 (above the Music Suite) at 9:40; POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

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

- Began November 27 (First Sunday of Advent)—Prepare the Way for the Lord a four-week study by Adam Hamilton.

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.

Advent Study for Women: The Christmas stories are so familiar that we often miss the significance and new messages for us who seek the Christ child in 2022. Even though the weeks leading to Christmas are crazy busy, you have time for this 3-session study. You can come to the church for three 60-minute IN-PERSON sessions on Mondays at 9:30 AM or three 30-minute ONLINE sessions on Sundays at 6:30 PM. We will all look at the Christmas stories in Matthew, Luke, and John. The Bible is our only study book. No homework. Just make time for three 30-minute online sessions (Sundays) or three 60-minute in-person sessions (Mondays). Marg Kutz will facilitate this study. *Please sign up on the registration sheet in the pew pad.*

- **Study Dates: Sundays,** 6:30 - 7:00 PM, Dec. 4, 11, 18 (The link for these online sessions will be sent to you when you sign up.)
- **Mondays,** 9:30 - 10:30 AM, Dec. 5, 12, 19 in Room 226 (The Upper Room)

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

Sunday Soles—Faith on the Move Walking Group ON HIATUS UNTIL JANUARY

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

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

Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, Mar. 12, Apr 16 (due to Easter), and May 14.

Middle & High School Youth Meetings (POC: Jennifer Brame (youthleaders@chesterumc.org))

Scheduled Sundays, 4:00 PM, at the Annex Loft. ALL 6th through 12th graders are invited to join in study, missions, and fun!

Women's Online Advent Study (facilitated by Marg Kutz)

Sundays at 6:30 - 7:00 PM, Dec. 4, 11, 18, Virtual

SMALL GROUPS

Women's Fellowship Luncheon will meet at 1:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month at a local restaurant. *The next gathering will be on Thursday, December 15, location TBA.* 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, **Nov. 21, Dec. 5, and Dec. 19, 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: Next meeting – Thursday, December 8. 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)

Estudio Bíblico de Mujeres: el primer y tercer miércoles de cada mes, a las 7:00 PM en el Centro Comunitario YMCA en Greenleigh. Para más información habla con Pastor Chad.

"Strum and Smile" Small Group: 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, and let loose in a variety of musical madness. POC: Pastor Nathan

Women's In-Person Advent Study (facilitated by Marg Kutz)

Mondays, at 9:30 -10:30 AM, Dec. 5, 12, 19 in Room 226 (The Upper Room)



Poinsettia & Wreath Order Form

7-inch pots of Red Poinsettias (\$20.00 each)
Fresh Wreaths (\$35.00 each)



Fresh Poinsettias will adorn our church from Sunday, December 11, through Christmas Eve. We will also hang fresh wreaths on the Sanctuary windows through January. Please order wreaths to donate to the church. ***All orders are due by Sunday, December 4.***

Name _____ **Cell Phone** _____

E-Mail _____

My Order: _____ (Qty.) Red Poinsettia(s) at \$20.00 each \$ _____
 _____ (Qty.) Fresh Wreath(s) at \$35.00 each \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____

Please include payment with your order.
(Checks payable to CUMC; Memo: Poinsettias/Wreaths)

I would like my Poinsettia/Wreath Dedication(s) to read (circle *honor* or *memory*):

In Honor/Memory of _____

By _____

In Honor/Memory of _____

By _____

In Honor/Memory of _____

By _____

In Honor/Memory of _____

By _____