



January 8, 2023

9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Boundless Love
Glory to His Name
Where Could I Go?

SPECIAL MUSIC

Come to the Water
Mette Shultz

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-18
CEB

MESSAGE

“The Angry HEN”
Rev. Nathan Decker

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>
Jan. 15	Generosity Beyond the Law	Ruth 2:1-18, NRSV
Jan. 22	When the Glass Windows are Broken	Matthew 18:15-20, NIV
Jan. 29	What's so Amazing about Preventive Grace	Psalms 139

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FRESH START SERVICE

January 8, 2023—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Awesome Is the Lord Most High

Everyday

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

This Is Amazing Grace

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A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

Baptism of
Our Lord

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

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Chimes

Prelude

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Organist

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: In the beginning when God created

People: A wind swept over the waters, A breath warmed the dark voices, A Spirit called forth creation.

Leader: God gave in grace:

People: Let there be light for all to see, Let there be water for all to splash in, Let there be life in the midst of death. Yes, let there be life beyond death.

Leader: And God invited and invites us to respond, rejoicing!

People: It was good, It was awesome and awe-filled,

Leader: It *is* good.

* Unison Prayer of Confession²

Loving Lord, we confess we have not always heeded your prophets' voices. We admit we have not acknowledged John the baptizer who proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. We acknowledge in our failure to do so, we missed John's all too important declaration about the greater One who was coming. God, today we gather needing grace and the gift of forgiveness granted through your Son. Amen.

* Unison Words of Assurance³

When we confess our sins and shortcomings, God shows up and shows out! Receive God's forgiveness. Put regret behind you and walk in the joy of the Lord!

* Opening Hymn No. 384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Why We Give

Offertory

Come to the Water

Chancel Choir

* Doxology No. 94

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. 347

Spirit Song

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-18

CEB

Sermon

The Angry HEN

Rev. Nathan Decker

Reception of New Members

p. 33

Baptismal Renewal

* Closing Hymn No. 431

Let There Be Peace On Earth

* 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 <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/call-to-worship-for-baptism-of-the-lord-sunday2>, Nathan Decker

^{2,3} <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/follow-me/epiphany-baptism-of-the-lord-year-b-lectionary-planning-notes/epiphany-baptism-of-the-lord-year-b-liturgical-resources>

CALENDAR
January 8-15, 2023

<p>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-Various 9:55 AM The Bridge-Sanc Online Service 11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc Online Service 12:00 PM Confirmation Orientation-Loft 12:15 PM Bridge Builders-116 4:00 PM MS/HS Youth-Annex Loft 7:00 PM Online Sm Gp Leaders Mon. 7:00 PM Jean Craig F'ship-205 Tues.: 11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-Parlor 10:30 AM Joy Singers-Music Suite 3:30 PM Rest Stop-Annex 7:00 PM Online Sm Gp Leaders Wed.: 7:00 PM Trustees-Annex Chancel Choir-Sanc</p>	<p>Thurs.:10:30 AM Bookman F'ship-DFH 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor 6:30 PM Disciple Life-Annex Boy Scout Leaders-116 Fri.: Sat.: 10:00 AM Strum & Smile</p> <p>Next Sunday: January 15, 2023 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-Various 9:55 AM The Bridge-Sanc Online Service 11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc Online Service 12:15 PM UMW Salad Luncheon-DFH 4:00 PM NO MS/HS Youth</p>
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<u>Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, January 15, 2023</u>	
Greeters:	8:30 Maureen Coker 9:55 Ed & Marian Garrett 11:00 Marian Perkinson, Will Schmidt
Ushers:	8:30 Wendell Lanids*, Ron Dombrowski *Head Usher 9:55 Jim Watkins*, Diane Median 11:00 Gordon Jones*, Geoff LeSueur, Jeff Marlin, Willie Orton
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 will not be in Office 111 on Sunday mornings until mid-March.

Today, We Welcome into Christian Discipleship:

- + *Emily and William Smith* by profession of faith. Last Sunday, we celebrated the holy baptism of their 5-month-old son, Gabriel.
- + *Nancy Carrouth* by profession of faith

UMW Salad Luncheon & Meeting: Sunday, January 15, at 12:15 PM. **All Women of the Church** are invited! Our speaker will be Abigail Vo, a member of the board of directors of Manak Community Health Organization (MaCHO) in Sierra Leone. The Jean Craig Fellowship will host. Bring a cash donation for MaCHO and a salad or dessert to share. POC: Susan Petrey (804-938-5396)

January Women's Fellowship Luncheon: Thursday, January 19, 1:00 PM at Riptides Seafood Restaurant in Chester (11212 Iron Bridge Road). *All Ladies of the church are invited!* If you plan to attend, please be sure to RSVP to Joan Osborne (josbor61@gmail.com/ 540-270-4251) on or before Monday, January 16, so that she can ensure there are seats for everyone.

Dedication of Our Beautiful, Refurbished Stained Glass Windows: Sunday, January 22, during the 11:00 Traditions Service. This is the first 2023 event commemorating our church's 150th Anniversary.

New Small Group Forming—Fiber Friends: First meeting is Sunday, January 22, 12:15 PM in Room 221. Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, sewing, quilting, rug hooking, or any type of Fiber Art? We are so lucky to have our wonderful Prayer Shawl group; now we want to add another group for all ages. Bring your home project with you to work on as we chat and snack together. It's a great way to meet new people while sharing our love of the Fiber Arts. We welcome church members and anyone you know in the community. For more information, please contact Beth Powner (knit9grammy@gmail.com/804-586-0735). We will meet once a month immediately after the 11:00 service, so bring a bag lunch. Coffee and water will be provided. Have little ones? A nursery will be provided upon request. This is a group that we can grow in time while making a positive difference in our church and community. Please RSVP to Beth if you are planning to come. If you forget, come anyway!

KEEP IN PRAYER: Patrick & Melanie Mims; Skip Davis (the brother of Bob & Jonnie Davis’ daughter-in-law); family of Debi Sheffield (sister of Sherri Snelson); David Irvin (father of Melanie Mims); Sue Ellen Hudson (mother of Melanie Mims); family of Susan KHeffe-Irvin (stepmother of Melanie Irvin Mims); family of Paul Duffy; Carey Lynn (Harley/Lorraine Young’s daughter-in-law’s brother); Susan & David Irvin (mother and stepfather of Melanie Irvin Mims); Sue Hellen Hudson (mother of Melanie Irvin Mims); family of Jackie Carson (Luke Carson’s mother); family of John Cook; Bert Watson [Terri] & Chase Watson (son & grandson of Ruby Bishop); Rachel York (granddaughter-in-law of John & Becky York); Lynda Richardson; Wayne Haley; Joe Kiser; Kitty Lipscomb; Doug and Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence January 1, 2023

11:00 Traditions Service 193
 Online/Call In 32
Total Worship Attendance..... 225

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, January 8, 2023

Greeters:	8:30	Laura Hougland	
	9:55	Donna Nunery	
	11:00	Hunter Beazley, Martha Miles	
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Bill Comer	*Head Usher
	9:55	Linda D’Agostino*, JR Irvin	
	11:00	Gordon Morris*, Marshall Henry, Dean Hutchins, Bob Kutz, Emory Large	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00	Staff Members, Carla Adams, Jessica Hargraves	

HVAC Benefit Concert: Sunday, January 22, 2:00 PM. A collection of our own singers, instrumentalists, and the choir will present a thrilling concert as we raise funds for our Sanctuary HVAC replacement. POC: Joshua Wortham

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. *Please sign up in the pew pad or contact Marg Kutz (margkutz72@gmail.com) or Darlene Emerson (agentches@aol.com).*

150th Anniversary of Chester United Methodist Church--an Exciting Time in Our Church: In preparation for our 150th Anniversary celebration this year, the History Committee has written a book that includes the history of Chester United Methodist Church (including Pastors, Sanctuaries, Missions, Choirs, and Fellowship from 1873 – 2023). The 314-page book has hundreds of scanned documents and photographs. *To reserve your copy, contact Mary Musselwhite (softshL1@gmail.com, 804-330-0014).* The cost is \$30 (payable to CUMC; Memo: History) If you want to order a book and have it shipped, please add \$10 and include the shipping address.

Catch the Wave! Empowering the women of Sierra Leone empowers the whole community. The generous donations from Chester UMC are ready to ship along with donations from friends in Northern Virginia. By sending these supplies you are helping them start their own businesses. The shipping crate is full and ready to travel but needs a little help getting to its final destination. This crate of supplies ships for \$3,000 and every \$10 donation will help send it on its way! If you would like to make a donation for this trip, please go to manakhealth.com to make a donation. Many thanks for your interest in this project!

REST STOP: Tuesdays (during the school year), 3:00 PM-5:30 PM at the Annex. Did you know that CUMC has a community ministry assisting high school youth who are struggling to receive a quality education due to food insecurity, unstable housing, poverty, and other extraordinary issues? REST STOP's mission is to build community while fostering new relationships with these high school students, providing support, care, and love. REST STOP has supported many kids over the past several years, and several students who were "regulars" have graduated. The time they spent at REST STOP was a factor in their success.

Do you have a special gift to share with these youth or just an abundance of love to give? This vital ministry is in its 6th year, and we welcome your time, talents. A small team is already assembled to support this ministry, but **we could sure use your help!** You will leave REST STOP with a joyful heart, receiving more than you gave! Please prayerfully consider how you can help. Contact REST STOP Team Leader Susan Petrey, 804/938-5396, for more information or to volunteer on the REST STOP Team.

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 Houglan (ehouglan88@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

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!

Beth Moore Study (POCs: Marg Kutz, margkutz72@gmail.com; Darlene Emerson, agentches@aol.com)

Sundays, Feb. 5 to Mar. 12, 6:30 -8:30 PM in Room 226

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, January 19, at Riptides Seafood Restaurant* in Chester (11212 Iron Bridge RD . 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 on Mondays at 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: MONDAYS, 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, January 5. 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