



January 15, 2023

9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Sweeter as the Days Go By
I Feel Like Traveling On
He Knows Just What I Need
Blessed Be Your Name

SPECIAL MUSIC

What If I Give All?
Joshua Wortham

SCRIPTURE

Ruth 2:1-18
NRSV

MESSAGE

“Generosity Beyond the Law”
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>
Jan. 22	When the Glass Windows are Broken	Matthew 18:15-20, NIV
Jan. 29	What’s so Amazing about Preventive Grace	Psalms 139
Feb. 5	What’s So Amazing about Justifying Grace*	Psalms 51, NIV

* *Indicates that we will celebrate Holy Communion*

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FRESH START SERVICE

January 15, 2023—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Sing, Sing, Sing

Majestic

Here I Am to Worship

Blessed Be Your Name

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A Service of Worship and Praise

2nd Sunday

11:00 AM

after Epiphany

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

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Chimes

Prelude

Immortal, Invisible

Organist

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: We gather to worship God,

People: Who creates us and loves us;

Leader: Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

People: Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;

Leader: Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,

People: To seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;

Leader: Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and well-being for all,

People: and whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.

Leader: We gather to worship God.

People: To God be all glory, honor, and praise!

* Opening Prayer²

Give us, God of the earth and of the wheat field, our daily bread. That bread that does not belong to us, that bread is yours and is generous, bread to share, bread that becomes blessed when it reaches each person, when it satisfies hunger and solitude, when it is not hoarded or hidden. But do not give us only bread, give us also the dignity that we are denied in this world of ours where wars and famines and fundamentalisms marginalize, expel, and kill. Give us tables where we can meet to celebrate our human diversities. Give us the ability to embrace, to look kindly; give us outstretched hands and generous hearts, commitment to the fullness of life. Amen.

* Opening Hymn No. 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

* Affirmation of Faith No. 881

The Apostle's Creed

* 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 *In This Very Room* Chancel Choir

Why We Give
Offertory *What If I Give All?* Joshua Wortham
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. 140 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Scripture *Ruth 2:1-18*

Sermon *Generosity Beyond the Law* Rev. Chad Beck

* Closing Hymn *Bringing in the Sheaves* See insert.

* Benediction

* Choral Amen

* *Please stand as you are able.* **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://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/01/call-to-worship-martin-luther-king-jr.html>

² Carvalhaes, Cláudio. *Liturgies from Below: Praying with People at the Ends of the World*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2020

CALENDAR

January 15-22, 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-Variou 9:55 AM The Bridge-Sanc Online Service 11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc Online Service 12:00 PM TDHS Key Club-116 12:15 PM UMW Salad Luncheon-DFH 4:00 PM NO MS/HS Youth</p> <p>Mon. OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>Tues.: 11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-Parlor 10:30 AM Joy Singers-Music Suite 3:30 PM Rest Stop-Annex 6:30 PM Woodmen #159 Board-116</p> <p>Wed.: 6:30 PM GS Service Unit-DFH 7:00 PM Finance-226 Chancel Choir-Sanc</p> <p>Thurs.: 1:00 PM Women's Luncheon-Riptides</p>	<p>1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor</p> <p>Fri.:</p> <p>Sat.: 10:00 AM Strum & Smile</p> <p>Next Sunday: January 22, 2023</p> <p>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 12:15 PM Fiber Friends -221 2:00 PM HVAC BENEFIT CONCERT Youth-Rise Against in Hunger-Blackstone 4:00 PM NO MS/HS Youth</p>
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Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, January 22, 2023

Greeters:	8:30	Andy & Eileen Steck	
	9:55	Stephanie Decker	
	11:00	Linda Large, Betty Labin	
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Bruce Johnson	*Head Usher
	9:55	Gordon Jones*, Beth Stewart	
	11:00	Gordon Morris*, Will Herrmann, Scott Pugh, Don Schmidt, Kay Williams	
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.

UMW Salad Luncheon & Meeting: TODAY, 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. Please bring a cash donation for MaCHO. 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—Fiber Friends: First meeting is Sunday, January 22, 12:15-1:45 PM in Room 221. Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, sewing, quilting, rug hooking, or any type of Fiber Art? 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. All are welcome! We will meet once a month immediately after the 11:00 service, so bring a bag lunch. Coffee and water will be provided. Nursery care will be provided if needed. Please register in the pew pad or contact Beth Powner if you plan to participate. We hope you will come "play" with us and stay for the HVAC Benefit Concert at 2:00 PM! POC: Beth Powner (knit9grammy@gmail.com or 804.586.0735).

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

Personal Financial Wellness & Estate Planning: The Stewardship Committee is developing a series of low stress, faith-based financial and estate planning information sessions for our CUMC members, friends, and community. If you are a financial wellness planner, estate planner, tax advisor, etc. and are willing to use your talent(s) to inform others, please contact Bryon Wall at 678-642-2788 or bryon.wall@bpretail.com.

KEEP IN PRAYER: Dorothy Nugent; 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 Hefele-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; Jo Kiser; Kitty Lipscomb; Doug and Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence January 8, 2023

8:30 Fresh Start Service 105
 9:55 The Bridge Service..... 68
 11:00 Traditions Service 166
 Online/Call In 38
Total Worship Attendance.....377

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 15, 2023

Greeters:	8:30	Maureen Coker	
	9:55	Ed & Marian Garrett	
	11:00	Marian Perkinson, Will Schmidt	
Ushers:	8:30	Wendell Landis*, 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	

Welcome Our New Stephen Ministers: Sunday, January 29, at the 11:00 service. Four new Stephen Ministers will be commissioned. They have all completed the intensive 50 hours of training required and are ready to serve at CUMC. We hope that all present and past Stephen Ministers will attend to help welcome them to our Stephen Ministry Team. Our new Stephen Ministers are Mark Sizemore, Andy and Eileen Steck, and Dianna Poulsen.

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 Darlene Emerson (agentches@aol.com).*

Chester UMC begins celebrating its 150th Year Anniversary this month--January 2023! A book, written by Mary Musselwhite, entitled A Community in Christ, Chester United Methodist Church, ***Our History including Pastors, Sanctuaries, Missions, Choirs, and Fellowship 1873 - 2023***, is now available for pre-order. The cost is \$30 plus an additional \$15 if shipping is required. The book is 314 pages and includes scanned documents, direct quotes from members past and present, and many, many scanned color photographs.

If you would like a copy, please register in the pew pad. Make your \$30 check payable to CUMC and drop it in the offering plate or mail/deliver it to Chester UMC (12132 Percival Street, Chester, Virginia 23831; Memo: History Book). We will reserve a book for you. We anticipate printing more books in the next 30 days based upon response. POC: Mary Musselwhite (softL1@gmail.com) / 804-330-0014)

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.

Bringing In The Sheaves

1.
Sowing in the morning
Sowing seeds of kindness
Sowing in the noontide
And the dewy eve
Waiting for the harvest
And the time of reaping
We shall come rejoicing
Bringing in the sheaves

Chorus:

*Bringing in the sheaves
Bringing in the sheaves
We shall come rejoicing
Bringing in the sheaves*

*Bringing in the sheaves
Bringing in the sheaves
We shall come rejoicing
Bringing in the sheaves*

2.
Sowing in the sunshine
Sowing in the shadows
Fearing neither clouds
Nor winter's chilling breeze
By and by the harvest
And the labour ended
We shall come rejoicing
Bringing in the sheaves

Chorus

3.
Going forth with weeping
Sowing for the Master
Though the loss sustained
Our spirit often grieves
When our weeping's over
He will bid us welcome
We shall come rejoicing
Bringing in the sheaves

Where Are My Offering Envelopes? I know everyone is looking for their Offering Envelopes. I am too! The envelopes were ordered in November from the company we have used for at least 10 years, maybe more. I confirmed they received the order, and I was looking for them to be received before the end of last year.

In my communications with the company, I was never told that they are severely behind on orders. After calling last week begging for our envelopes, I was told that due to personnel issues, printing press breakdowns with parts not being available, and difficulty in getting paper, that it might be March before our order is processed. What?!?!?!?!? That's not acceptable and why didn't you mention this the last three times I talked to you?

I know those that use the envelopes need them. I have contacted four other companies to get quotes and "turnaround times" from them. In the meantime, I am making envelopes for anyone who marked on their 2023 Pledge Card that they wanted them. They will be in the Atrium and each set will be bundled together with a rubber band. They will have your name, address, and giving number on them. We are recycling blank and unused envelopes until we can get printed ones made. If you didn't sign up for envelopes and want some, please contact me (finance@chesterumc.org / 804-748-6006).

I appreciate your understanding and patience while I get this straightened out.

Sincerely,

Julie E Jones, Financial Specialist

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; grades 3-5 in Room 206. POC: Chad Beck

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: Darlene Emerson, agentches@aol.com)

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

Fiber Friends (POC: Beth Powner, knit9grammy@gmail.com. / (804) 586-0735

Monthly on Sunday in Room 221, 12:15 PM, bring a bag lunch. **First meeting is Jan 22.**

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: TUESDAYS, 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, February 2. 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