

I Saw The Light

I wandered so aimless life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord I saw the light

*I saw the light I saw the light
No more in darkness no more in night
(And) now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light*

Just like a blind man I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back
his sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light

I was a fool to wander and stray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord I saw the light

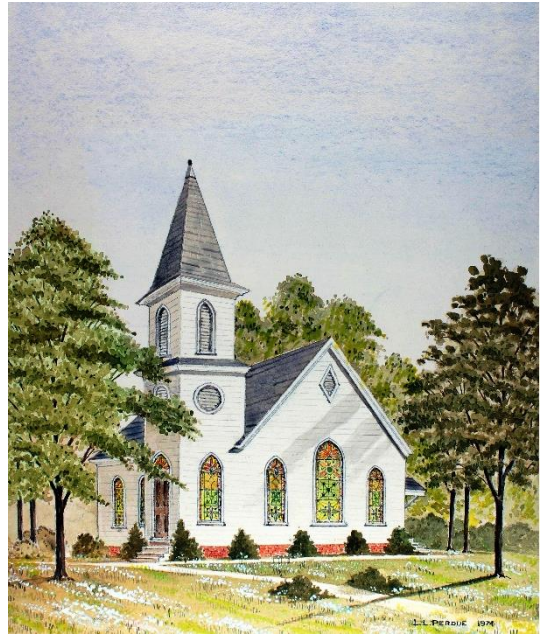
How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out
The universe displayed

*Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
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And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God how great Thou art



 ***Chester United
Methodist Church***

**Celebrating 150 Years of Caring for
Church and Community**

Sunday, April 23, 2023

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A Service of Worship and Praise
10:30 AM

1st Sunday After
Easter

Prelude

That Will Be Glory

Jack Price, Trumpet

Welcome and Greeting

* Fresh Start Worship Song *Awesome Is the Lord Most High*

* Apostles' Creed No. 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born
of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried,
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* 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.**

Anthem

Ride On, King Jesus

Chancel Choir

* The Bridge Worship Song

I Saw the Light

Why We Give

Offertory

He Never Failed Me Yet

Chancel Choir
Craig Seal, soloist

* 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

Rev. Cynthia Corley

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

Special Music

They Could Not

Joshua Wortham

Scripture

Luke 24:13-35

NRSV

Children's Message

Sermon

150 Years of Recognizing Jesus

Pastor Nathan Decker

Holy Communion

* Closing Hymn No. 77

How Great Thou Art

* Benediction

* *Please stand as you are able.* **Bold print indicates a response in unison.**

Awesome Is the Lord Most High

Great are You Lord mighty in strength
You are faithful and You will ever be
We will praise You all of our days
It's for Your glory we offer ev'rything

*Raise your hands all you nations
Shout to God all creation
How awesome is the Lord most high*

Where You send us God we will go
You're the answer we want the world to
know
We will trust You when You call our name
Where You lead us we'll follow all the way

*Raise your hands all you nations
Shout to God all creation*

*How awesome is the Lord most high
We will praise You together for now and
forever*

How awesome is the Lord most high

Hallelujah hallelujah
How awesome is the Lord most high
Hallelujah hallelujah
How awesome is the Lord most high

*Raise your hands all you nations
Shout to God all creation
How awesome is the Lord most high
We will praise You together for now and
forever
How awesome is the Lord most high*

Hallelujah (4x)

CALENDAR
April 23-30, 2023

Today	9:15 AM	Nursery until 11:45 AM	4:00 PM	Greenleigh CDC-Virtual
	9:30 AM	Sun Sch Gr K-2-Rm 204	6:30 PM	Disciple Life-Annex
		Sun Sch Gr 3-5-Rm 206	7:00 PM	ESL-205, 206, 221
	9:45 AM	Adult SS-Various	Fri.:	2:30 PM
	10:30 AM	Combined Worship on		Tea Set Up-DFH
		Parsonage Lawn		until 4:30 PM
	11:45 AM	Potluck Picnic on	Sat.:	10 AM
		Parsonage Lawn		Tea Set Up-DFH
				until noon
	12:30 PM	Bridge Builders-116	2:00 PM	Afternoon Tea-DFH
	4:00 PM	NO MS/HS Youth		
	6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study-226	Next Sunday: April 30	
Mon.:	9:30 AM	Stephen Ministers-226	8:15 AM	Nursery until 12 PM
	2:00 PM	Staff Meeting	8:30 AM	Fresh Start Service-DFH
	6:00 PM	GS TP 365-205	9:30 AM	Sun Sch Gr K-2-Rm 204
	6:30 PM	Cub/Boy Scouts-various		Sun Sch Gr 3-5-Rm 206
Tues.:	10:30 AM	Joy Singers-Music Suite	9:45 AM	Adult SS-Various
	11:00 PM	Contemplative Prayer	9:50 AM	The Bridge-Sanc
	3:00 PM	Rest Stop-Annex	11:00 AM	Traditions Service-Sanc
	7:00 PM	ESL-205, 206, 221	12:15 PM	Fiber Friends-205
Wed.:	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline	2:00 PM	MS/HS Youth Trash-a-Thon
	6:00 PM	SPRC-226	4:00 PM	Men's Grill-n-GaGa-Annex
Wed.:	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study-226
Thurs.:	1:30 PM	Prayer Shawl-Parlor		

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
Apr. 30	Offending God in the Offering	Malachi 1 <i>The Message</i>
* May 7	Growing from Babies to Living Stones	1 Peter 2:2-10 NRSV
May 14	Not Orphans, but Children of God	John 14:15-21 ERV

* *Indicates that we will celebrate Holy Communion*



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

*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 available today, 9:00 - 10:45 AM (Office 111).

NEW Women's 4-Week Bible Study STARTS TODAY, 6:30-7:30 PM, in the Upper Room (226). *Sermon on the Mount: The Consolidated Core Teachings of Jesus*, a 4-Week Study on Matthew Chapters 5-7. Jesus is not only the Lord and Savior for Christians but a great rabbi for all. His teachings are consolidated into three chapters in the Gospel of Matthew (5, 6, 7). For more than 2,000 years, these chapters, known as the Sermon on the Mount, have served as the most concise, clear, universal lessons known to humanity. You are invited to dip your toes into this "sermon" on April 23, 30, May 7, and 21 (we will skip Mothers' Day). There is no homework and no book except your favorite Bible. POC: Marg Kutz (margkutz72@gmail.com.)

Ladies' Afternoon Tea: Saturday, April 29, 2:00-4:00 PM. We have 2 or 3 seats available at this delightful, annual event sponsored by the Chancel Choir. Contact the Church Office if you want to join us for fellowship, tasty treats (savory and sweet), and quality entertainment. (Cost \$25 adults/ \$15 12 and under).

Summer Mission Trip Info MTG: Sunday, April 30, 12:15 PM, Room 116. Lynn Crump is planning another mission trip to Southwest Virginia for the week of June 11-17 or June 18-24. The team reports that there is still much work to be done, and they will again assist flood victims with home repairs. A variety of skills are needed, and youth are invited to participate. POC: Lynn Crump (804-513-0260 / lynncrumppla@gmail.com)

Fiber Friends: Sunday, April 30, 12:15 PM, Room 205. Because of special 150th celebration on April 23, Fiber Friends will meet on the 5th Sunday this month only (April 30). Bring a bag lunch and whatever project you are working on. We'll enjoy fellowship and snacks while we knit, crochet, sew, needlepoint, rug hook, etc. New members are always welcome! Our May meeting will be back on the 4th Sunday (May 28). POC Beth Powner knit9grammy@gmail.com /804-586-0735.

Trash-A-Thon: Sunday, April 30, 2-4 PM at Goyne Park & Ecoff Elementary; Chester UMC adults, youth, and children will join the JFWCC (Junior Federated Women's Club of Chester) in their Annual Trash-A-Thon. After cleanup, we will return to the Church Annex for gabbing, grilling, and intergenerational competition. POC: Jennifer Brame (youthleaders@chesterumc.org)

Men's Grill-n-Gaga: April 30, 4:00 PM on the Annex lawn for a time of grilling meats, veggies, playing Gaga, and enjoying monthly fellowship. The middle and high school youth will eat with us after their Trash-A-Thon. POC: Scott Pugh (scott.pugh@bldr.com /804.536.1771)

KEEP IN PRAYER: Peggy Bishop; Desiree Davis; Jennifer Brittenham (daughter of Joe & Diane Mannetta) Fred Buck; Ella Harris (friend of the Dodd family; family of George Sawyer; family of Victor Cunningham (father of Donna Elbon); Ethan Rutledge [Amanda]; Andrew Dyson; Diane Mannetta; Malcom & Dollie Stone; Ginny Virag; family of Grace Verghese; Peggy Meehan (friend of Lisa Stanfield); Diane Mannetta; Dee Watkins; Jeanne Shelburne; Rachel York (granddaughter-in-law of John & Becky York); Lynda Richardson; Jo Kiser; Kitty Lipscomb; Doug and Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence April 16, 2023

8:30 Easter Cantata Service 187
9:55 No Bridge Service
11:00 Easter Cantata Service 263
Online..... 63
Tuesday Cantata Service 281
Total Worship Attendance 794

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, April 23, 2023

Greeters: **9:30** Marian & Ed Garrett
 10:30 Stephanie Decker, Ruth Devore
Ushers: **10:30** Gordon Jones*, Geoff LeSueur, Jeff Marlin, Willie Orton, Tommy Petrey
Nursery: **9:15 – 11:45** Staff Members, Carla Adams, Jessica Hargraves

Want to see "Little Shop of Horrors" at the Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen (directed by Amy Perdue, music directed by Joshua Wortham), but don't want to make the drive? We're offering shuttle service in the church van! Tickets are \$15 each (check payable to Joshua or exact change, please). This includes your ticket, gas money for the van, and paying for the driver's ticket. *Contact Joshua Wortham* if you are interested in the following date:

DATE CHANGE: Saturday, May 13, load up at 6:45 PM, show at 8 PM

Friends and family are welcome of course! Spread the word! Alternatively, if you want to do a different date, and/or drive yourself, purchase tickets here:

<https://cacga.na.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/13711>

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Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, April 30, 2023

Greeters:	8:30	Andy & Eileen Steck	
	9:55	Will Schmidt	
	11:00	Marian Perkinson, Janice Hargrave	
Ushers:	8:30	Wendell Landis*, Ron Dombrowski	*Head Usher
	9:55	Jim Watkins*, Diane Medina	
	11:00	Gary Williams*, Marshall Henry, Scott Pugh, Don Schmidt, Kay Williams	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00	Staff Members, Carla Adams, Jessica Hargraves	

Chester UMC ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

Saturday, May 6, 9 AM - 4 PM, Rain-or-Shine
Davis Fellowship Hall & Welcome Center Parking Lot
Reserve Your Craft Space ASAP
FREE ADMISSION



Peruse handmade crafts from CUMC crafters and many more. Don't miss this opportunity to pick up a few Mother's Day gifts while you browse. *Breakfast and lunch items will also be on sale.*

If you craft and are interested in obtaining a space, or know someone else who might be interested, download the application at <https://chesterumc.org/craft-show/>. More information is listed on the application.

COST \$50 for an **INSIDE 8' by 10' Space**

COST \$60 for an **OUTSIDE 10' by 10' Space**

Make checks payable to Chester United Methodist Church and mail with your application to:

Chester United Methodist Women

Attn: Katey McCarney

12132 Percival ST

Chester VA 23831

POCs: Katey Petrey McCarney (CUMCcraftshow@gmail.com) / 804/402-0084)

Susan Mundell Petrey (804/938-5396)

Jean Craig Fellowship (UMW): Monday, May 1, 7:00 PM, Room 205. We will continue working on hygiene kits for UMCOR. POC: Call Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396

Estate Planning Sessions: Join us **Sunday, May 7**, as we learn legal ways to ensure your loved ones, wishes, assets, and you are cared for when you are no longer able to do so. Our 30-minute Estate Planning sessions are for very young working adults to seniors planning future care and legacies. Remember, without a legally documented plan, you place decision-making in the hands of strangers. Mark your calendar, invite a friend/neighbor, and we will see you in the fellowship hall after your morning worship service of choice. POC: Bryon Wall (678) 642-2788.

PLANT and SEED SWAP: Sunday, **May 7 (NEW DATE)**, 12:15 PM, Welcome Center. Do you have more okra or pea seeds than you know what to do with? Bought 12 tomato plants and only have room for 6? Bring your extras and meet other green thumbs and wannabe green thumbs. Let's swap seeds, share plants, and maybe talk a little dirt! POC: Katey Petrey McCarney, 804/402-0084.

CUMC BLOOD DRIVE: Wednesday, May 10, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. Please register at <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html> to donate your life-saving blood or platelets.

Seekers Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Room 226. We are studying TROUBLESOME BIBLE PASSAGES by Douglas E. Wingeier and David Lowes Watson. This book addresses 23 scriptures that are often not fully understood, so we may ignore or overlook them. These passages deal with theological, ethical, and practical issues. Each lesson will help us grow toward faith and discipleship. Lesson 1 is on Genesis 3:1-24, "Is All This Sinning Really Necessary?" We welcome you to join us. POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

REGISTER NOW!

Monday, June 19, through Friday, June 23
9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Grades PK-5.

Register your child at
<https://forms.gle/2avsJE5wDUK77RX17>
or scan the QR code.

If you are interested in helping,
contact Andy & Eileen Steck
(andyei10twitchell@gmail.com)



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 19-23, 2023
CHESTER UNITED METHODIST
WWW.CHESTERUMC.ORG
Pre-K through 5th Grade





Are You Stressed? Discouraged? Feeling Down?

You don't have to go through difficult times alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you with confidential, one-to-one, Christian care and support to help you get through a tough time. So don't keep it all inside and struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care. To find out more about Stephen Ministry, please call Vince D'Agostino at 804-461-8529.

Job Opportunity: St. Mark's UMC in Petersburg is hiring a part time Administrative Assistant. The job is 16 hours per week. Experience with Microsoft Office Suite required. Contact our Church Office for a complete job description.



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NEW PRE-K Sunday School Class begins Sunday, May 7, 9:45 -10:45 AM in Room 107. We are so excited to restart this class! Please bring us your children who will be 4 by September 30 (potty trained). Jackie Farley, who sings in the Chancel Choir, will be the lead teacher. Using Christian PK Sunday School curriculum and understanding how preschoolers learn, the lessons will include more than stories, for example:

1. the birth of Jesus will include family care, baby care, travel, and even a farm puppet to talk about the manger.
2. the creation story will involve preparing a “garden” for Adam and Eve made of blankets, food, and living needs for today. The children will “cook” in the “kitchen.”

The PK classroom needs some gently used/new items (Preschoolers love a good story but *really* learn by doing.) Please donate from this list:

- play dishes, play food, pots/pans
- all plastic/vinyl baby doll
- animal hand puppets
- safe transportation vehicles (hot wheels to tractors and in between)
- toy farm animals, forest creatures, dinosaurs, bugs, etc.



Please, prayerfully consider helping in our NEW PK classroom. We need an assistant every Sunday or a team of volunteers who serve on a rotating schedule. *Please contact Pastor Chad if you have a heart for our PK children.*

Altar Flowers for the Sanctuary: To donate Altar flowers, *please sign up* on the flower chart outside the Church Office and complete an Altar Flower Form. The available dates are Apr 23, 30; May 14, 21; June 18, 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Aug 6, 13, 27; Sept 3, 10, 17, 24; Oct 8, 22; Dec 3, 31. Make arrangements with the florist of your choice, including delivery to the church and payment to the florist. (The suggested price is \$55-\$65.) Special pricing and free delivery to the church have been arranged with River’s Bend and Petals & Bows Florists. Thank you for helping to beautify the Altar for worship.

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

Children's Sunday School: 9:45 AM. Pre-K (Rm. 107 – begins May 7); Grades K-2 (Rm. 204); grades 3-5 (Rm. 206). POC: Pastor Chad Beck

Middle and High School Youth Sunday School

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

Adult Small Group Bible Study

9:45 AM, Room 116; Facilitated by Jeff Marlin (jeff.marlinabd@gmail.com)

Fresh Start Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Room 221; POC: Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396

Friendship Ministry Class

10:40 AM, Room 116, for adults who are cognitively challenged.

POC: Mari and Dan Hayes (JLMinNaples@msn.com)

The Gathering Small Group (formerly Adult Small Group for Millennials)

9:45 AM, Room 205; for singles/couples with/without children at home.
facilitated by Brion & Sonja Seward and Andrew Brummette.

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)

Senior Singles Sunday School Class will not meet today, April 16.

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

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

April 23, 12:30 PM (new date), and **May 21, 12:15 PM** (new date), Room 116

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

Scheduled Sundays, 2:30 PM, Annex Loft; 6th -12th grades join in study, missions, and fun!

Fiber Friends: April 30 (date change). Typically meets on 4th Sundays in **Room 205**, 12:15 PM,

bring a bag lunch. POC: Beth Powner, knit9grammy@gmail.com. / (804) 586-0735)

Men's Grill-N-Gaga: Sunday, April 30, 4:00 PM at the Annex. Join us for grilling, GaGa, and

fellowship. POC: Scott Pugh (scott.pugh@bldr.com / 804-536-1771)

Play 'N' Share: May 7, 21, 4:30 PM (1st & 3rd Sundays), Point of Rocks Park playground (*201 Enon Church Rd, Chester*). All ages are invited! POC: Pastor Chad.

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)

Village People Study, Socialize, & Service Group: 1st and 3rd Mondays at 2:00 PM, Community Room at Chester Village Senior APTS (11701 Chester Village DR).

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

Contemplative Prayer Group: Tuesdays, 11:00 AM in the Church Parlor. We read scripture and then focus, pray, chat, and connect with God. POC: Lisa Stanfield (lisajostanfield@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)

Women's Fellowship Luncheon: 3rd Thursdays, 1 PM at a local restaurant. *The next gathering will be on Thursday, May 20* (location TBD) POC: Joan Osborne (josbor61@gmail.com).

Prayer Shawl Group: Thursdays, 1:30 PM, Church Parlor. OR, you can work on your project at home. All are invited to join us! We can provide yarn and will happily teach you how to knit or crochet. POCs: Beverly Trevillian (804-337-2367); Betty Stone (wva_lady@verizon.net/804-914-0433)

Women's Christian Book Club: *Next meeting Thursday, May 4, 6:30 PM.* Meets on 1st Thursdays, 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: Saturday mornings at 10:00 AM, Music Suite. Guys & 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. POC: Pastor Nathan