



July 16, 2023, 9:55 AM

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

I Saw the Light  
Are You Washed in The Blood?  
How Great Is Our God  
Mighty to Save

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Chris Daniels

**SCRIPTURE**

Genesis 8:6-12  
Living Bible

**MESSAGE**

The Dove  
*Pastor Nathan Decker*

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

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## **Chester United Methodist Church**

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### **FRESH START SERVICE**

July 16, 2023—8:30 AM



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

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A Service of Worship and Praise  
11:00 AM

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after Pentecost

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*O For a Thousand Tongues/ Crown Him*

Jean Wallace,  
pianist

\* Prayer of Confession<sup>1</sup>

**Helper God,**

**be the hope that overcomes our despair;**

**be the love that overcomes our hatred;**

**be the mercy that overcomes our sin.**

**Set us free from the prisons of our own making,**

**and release us from the bonds that bind us.**

**Forgive us and watch over us.**

**Welcome us home into the loving arms of your mercy.**

**In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

\* Words of Assurance

You are not far from the kingdom of God, for in Christ we are given grace and forgiveness.

Praise God for this marvelous gift!

\* Passing the Peace of Christ

**As the church, we gather together in the spirit of Ruth and Naomi. Where you go, I will go. Where you dwell, I will dwell. Your God will be my God, and your people will be my people. We are bound as one body in love of God, neighbor, and self. Let us share this message of unity as we exchange signs of peace and love.**

\* Opening Hymn No. 451

*Be Thou My Vision*

\* Affirmation of Faith No. 888

\* 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.**

Why We Give

Offertory

*Be Still And Know/ Turn Your Eyes*

Jean Wallace

\* 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!**

Children's Message

\* Hymn No. 700 *Abide With Me* stanzas 1, 3, & 4

Scripture *Ruth 1:1-22* The Voice

Sermon *Bitter Hearts and the Saints Who Accompany Them* Pastor Chad Beck

Naming Our Accompaniment

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**

\* Closing Hymn No. 557 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* stanzas 1-3

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

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

**The Flowers on the Altar** are given by Beth Stewart to the glory of God and in honor of Andy & Eileen Steck and all of the youth and adult VBS volunteers.

<sup>1</sup> Mary J. Scifres, Liturgy for October 31, 2021, In Abingdon Worship Annual 2021

**CALENDAR**  
*July 9-July 16, 2023*

<p>Today: 8:15 AM Nursery until 12 PM          8:30 AM Fresh Start Service-DFH          9:30 AM Sun Sch PreK-107                    Sun Sch Gr K-5-206          9:45 AM Adult SS-Various          9:50 AM Online Worship Service          9:55 AM The Bridge-DFH          11:00 AM Traditions Service-DFH          Mon: 6:30 PM Boy Scouts-205, 221, 226, DFH          Tues: 11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-Parlor          Wed: 12:00 PM The Chimes deadline          Thurs: 10:00 AM Stephen Ministry-116                    1:00 PM Women's Fellowship Luncheon                            Ashton Creek Winery                    1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor</p>	<p>Fri: 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline          Sat: 6:00 PM Family Game Night-DFH</p> <p><b>Next Sunday: July 23</b></p> <p>8:15 AM Nursery until 12 PM          8:30 AM Fresh Start Service-DFH          9:30 AM Sun Sch PreK-107                    Sun Sch Gr K-5-206          9:45 AM Adult SS-Various          9:55 AM The Bridge-DFH          11:00 AM Traditions Service-DFH          12:00 PM TDHS Key Club-116          6:30 PM Play'N'Share- Pt.of Rocks</p>
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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
July 16	The Dove	Genesis 8:6-12
July 23	The Lamb of Victory	John 1:29-34
July 30	The Cross and Circle	I Corinthians 1:18-31



**Online Giving:** To contribute online, scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit [www.chesterumc.org](http://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!*

**Today We Celebrate** the holy baptisms of *George Daniel* and *Scarlet Faye Heyer* who were born to Cody and Melissa [Irvin] Heyer on May 9, 2022. Henry, age 21/2, is the proud big brother. The paternal grandparents are Tracey and Doug Brannon and Paul and Chamie Heyer; Susan and JR Irvin are the maternal grandparents.

**Our Parish Nurse:** Cindy Webb, or Assistant Parish Nurse, Pat Baake, is available today, 9:00 - 10:45 AM (Office 111).

**Women's Fellowship Luncheon:** Thursday, July 20 at 1:00 PM, at Ashton Creek Vineyard (14501 Jefferson Davis Hwy). Ladies of the church are invited to come to a fellowship luncheon held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. This month's luncheon will meet POC: Joan Osborne (josbor61@gmail.com) on or before Monday, July 17, if you plan to attend.

**Family Game Night:** *Saturday, July 22, 6:00-8:00 PM.* There will be pizza, fun and games for the whole family. POC Charlotte Brummette (Charl208@yahoo.com 804-833-1174).

**Organ Recital & Hymn Sing:** Sunday, July 30, 12:30 PM., Grace Lutheran Church. This recital will be presented by Stephanie Ann Barth, MM, CAGO (nee Sloan). A goodwill offering will go toward the organ maintenance of the Lewis & Hitchcock organ which is nearly 100 years old.

**The United Methodist Women (UMW):** We welcome any women who are looking for an evening circle. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for details.

**Rise Against Hunger** Sunday, August 20, 12:00-2:00 PM in Davis Fellowship Hall. Help us package 10,152 meals to fight global hunger. *Please consider donating beyond your tithed giving to help defer the cost of supplies for this mission event* (Memo: Rise Against Hunger). You may register in the pew pad or go online to [events.riseagainsthunger.org/ChesterUMC2023](https://events.riseagainsthunger.org/ChesterUMC2023)

**Volunteers Needed:** Friday, August 25–Saturday, September 2, Chesterfield County Fair. Let's share God's love and grace with our community. Chester UMC will be financially compensated for our volunteer hours, so this is a great fundraising opportunity for our church. Chester UMC tee shirts will be given to individuals who sign up by Monday, July 31. When signing up, make sure to include your shirt size. Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D44A5A72BA75-chesterfield>.



Fair Sign Up

**KEEP IN PRAYER:** Bobbie Morrissette; Keith [Jeanne] Harper; Hailey Wilde; Becky Kirkman; Ethan [Amanda] Rutledge; Nancy Corbin (friend of Fae Hardee); Victoria Harrington; Linda Willingham; Ruth Devore; family of Sara Deakin; Rev. Eddie and Becky Leonard; family of David Overton; family of Mary Davis; Will Herrmann; Ed Garrett; family of Fred (Fritz) Buck; Billy Hopson; Beth Powner; Barbara Goodwyn; Peggy Bishop; Jennifer Brittenham (daughter of Joe & Diane Mannelta); Andrew Dyson; Joe & Diane Mannelta; Malcom & Dollie Stone; Ginny Virag; Peggy Meehan (friend of Lisa Stanfield); Dee Watkins; Lynda Richardson; Jo Kiser; Kitty Lipscomb; Clara Gestwick; David Rossiter (brother of Barbara Goodwyn).

**Our Presence July 9, 2023**

8:30 Fresh Start Service ..... 102  
 9:55 The Bridge Service..... 68  
 11:00 Traditions Service..... 118  
 Online..... 36  
**Total Worship Attendance..... 324**

**CHESTER UMC ONLINE RESOURCES**

- **Website:** [www.chesterumc.org](http://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 Michelle at [office@chesterumc.org](mailto:office@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](mailto:rmachachi@aol.com)).
- **The Chimes** – Submit items to [assistant@chesterumc.org](mailto:assistant@chesterumc.org) no later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November

**Leading Our Worship TODAY, July 16, 2023**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Laura Houglan	
	<b>9:55</b>	Ed & Marian Garrett	
	<b>11:00</b>	Will Schmidt and Linda Large	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Gordon Morris*, Ron Dombrowski	*Head Usher
	<b>9:55</b>	Beth Stewart*, Pat Stanfield	
	<b>11:00</b>	Will Herrmann*, James Bartlett, Tommy Petrey, Scott Pugh, Don Schmidt	
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30, 9:55, 11:00</b>	Staff Members, Carla Adams, Jessica Hargraves	

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** Wednesday, August 9, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM, DFH. Blood donations have been low this summer and all blood types are needed. Those who come to give blood will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a movie merchant of their choice and will have a chance to win a 3-night trip to New York. To make an appointment to donate blood, please visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=chesterumcva>

**Chester UMC's Prayer Shawl Group:** Thursdays, 1:30 PM, in the Parlor. Every week, this dedicated group gathers to create prayer shawls. These beautiful shawls are blessed by one of our pastors before being given to provide comfort for all who receive them. The Prayer Shawl Group is working hard to keep up with demand, and they would really appreciate some help! Don't know how to knit or crochet? Free lessons are available! Can't make it to the group gatherings? Work from home is gratefully accepted! Don't have any yarn? Supplies will be provided! Please consider how you might be able to contribute to this wonderful ministry.  
POCs: Beverly Trevillian (804 337-2367) and Betty Stone ([wv\\_lady@verizon.net](mailto:wv_lady@verizon.net)) / 804 914-0433

**Fresh Start Sunday School Class:** Join us for NOOMA throughout the summer. The name NOOMA is an English phonetic spelling of the Greek word pneuma, which is commonly translated to “spirit” or “breath.” Pneumatology refers to the study of spiritual beings, particularly the interactions between humans and God. NOOMA is a series, by popular pastor Rob Bell, that includes short films, scripture, and discussion of issues that we really care about. The Fresh Start Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:45 in Room 221 (at the top of the “old” stairway). Visitors and new members are always welcome. POC: Susan Petrey (938-5396)

**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 deal with theological, ethical, and practical issues. Each lesson will help us grow toward faith and discipleship. We welcome you to join us. POC: Barbara MacIntyre ([telluwhatbarbara@aim.com](mailto:telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)) .

### **Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, July 23, 2023**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b> Maureen Coker	
	<b>9:55</b> Stephen Decker	
	<b>11:00</b> Beth & Tim Stewart	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b> Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer	* Head Usher
	<b>9:55</b> Jim Watkins*, Andrew Brummette	
	<b>11:00</b> Gary Williams*, Harold Crowder, Henry Marshall, Larry Koon, Kay Williams	
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30, 9:55, 11:00</b> Staff Members, Carla Adams, Jessica Hargraves	



## SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

**Children's Sunday School:** 9:45 AM. Pre-K (Rm. 107); Grades K-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](mailto:chadbeck@chesterumc.org))

**Adult Small Group Bible Study** 9:45 AM, Room 213 "Our Pad" facilitated by  
Jeff Marlin [jeff.marlinabd@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:JLMinNaples@msn.com))

### **The Gathering Small Group** (*on summer break June 4 – September 3*)

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** (*will not meet in August*) 9:45 AM, Annex and  
Google Meet (<https://meet.google.com/ptm-pieh-vve>) POCs: Carolyn Landis  
([landisfamily05@gmail.com](mailto:landisfamily05@gmail.com)); Eric Houglan ([ehouglan88@gmail.com](mailto:ehouglan88@gmail.com))

### **Seekers Sunday School Class**

9:40 AM, Room 226; POC: Barbara MacIntyre ([telluwhatbarbara@aim.com](mailto:telluwhatbarbara@aim.com))

### **Senior Singles Sunday School Class** (*on summer break June 4-September 3*)

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

**New Adult Group** focusing on spiritual practices. Led by Pastor Nathan Decker,  
Pastor Chad Beck, Lay Leader Claudia Nagy, and Music Minister Joshua Wortham.  
Meeting August 6, 13, 20, 27 at 9:30 AM, Room 205.

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**Play 'N' Share:** Sunday, July 23, 6:30 PM. (every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday), Point of Rocks Park  
playground (*201 Enon Church Rd, Chester*). All ages are invited! Next event is Play 'N' Share is a  
"Fresh Expression" of church in which we go where people are gathering in our community. Over  
time, as we build relationships with people who do not go to church, we invite them to be part of  
a small Christian group with us. POC: Chad Beck ([chadbeck@chesterumc.org](mailto:chadbeck@chesterumc.org)).

## OTHER SMALL GROUPS

**Middle & High School Youth Meetings** (POC: Jennifer Brame ([youthleaders@chesterumc.org](mailto:youthleaders@chesterumc.org))  
Monthly gatherings in June, July, and August for rising 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

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

**Village People Study, Socialize, & Service Group**: 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 2:00 PM, in June, July, and  
August. Community Room at Chester Village Senior APTS (11701 Chester Village DR).

**Joy Singers** (for retired folks): **Tuesdays**, 10:30 AM in the Music Suite. (*will resume in  
September*) 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 ([lisa.jstanfield@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.jstanfield@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](mailto:vannstan34@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.  
POCs: Beverly Trevillian (804-337-2367); Betty Stone ([wva\\_lady@verizon.net](mailto:wva_lady@verizon.net)/804-914-0433)

**Women's Christian Book Club**: Next meeting, *Thursday, August 3, 6:30 PM*. Meets on 1<sup>st</sup>  
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](mailto:jrbrooksiee@gmail.com))

**ESL**: Classes will resume Tues., August 29, meeting every Tuesday and Thursday, 7:00-8:30  
PM.

**"Strum and Smile" Small Group**: (*resumes September 9*). 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! POC: Keith Woods ([the.gibson.kw@gmail.com](mailto:the.gibson.kw@gmail.com))

**Latino Health and Safety**: First Fridays, 6:30 PM, in Davis Fellowship Hall. Next event:  
*Friday, August 4*. A variety of topics related to health and safety, as well as food from different  
regions, will be presented at each gathering. Childcare provided. POC: Pastor Chad.

## Summer Worship Schedule

*Nursery Available for all Services*

### July

8:30 AM	Fresh Start Service
9:45 AM	Children's Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 <sup>th</sup> ) Adult Sunday School
9:55 AM	The Bridge Service
11:00 AM	Traditions Service

### August 6 – September 3

9:30 AM	Children's Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 <sup>th</sup> ) Adult Sunday School
10:30 AM	Combined Worship Service

**Altar Flowers for the Sanctuary:** To donate Altar flowers, *please sign up in the pew pad or on the flower chart outside the Church Office and complete an Altar Flower Form.* The available dates are July 23; Aug 6, 13; 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 Florist and reduced delivery fee with Petals & Bows Florist. Thank you for helping to beautify the Altar for worship.

**What Is Stephen Ministry?** Scan the QR code to learn more about this one-to-one, Christ-centered ministry of care. Stephen Ministers are available to members of our congregation and community who are experiencing life difficulties. POC: Steve Osbourne ([sosboro60@gmail.com](mailto:sosboro60@gmail.com))



**Chester UMC is proud to be a Bridge Church** welcoming those who wish to remain United Methodist after their church disaffiliates. We will be a safe place of support and opportunities for connection and discernment, without pressure to assimilate or join our congregation. For more information about Bridge Churches, visit <https://nextsteps.vaumc.org/bridge-churches/>.

**Today's Sermon** is inspired by this stained-glass window from our original 1927 chapel. Our historical collection of stained-glass windows is now proudly displayed in the Sanctuary.

