



July 23, 2023, 9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Goodbye, World, Goodbye
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Peace Like a River
Blessed Be the Name

SPECIAL MUSIC

Live Like You Were Dying
Luke Carson

SCRIPTURE

John 1:29-34
NRSV

MESSAGE

The Lamb of Victory
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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FRESH START SERVICE

July 23, 2023—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Everlasting God

I Am Free

Here I Am to Worship

Sing to the King

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A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

8th Sunday
after Pentecost

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Prelude

All People That On Earth Do Dwell

Pianist

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: In the midst of the barren land,

People: Flowers burst into bloom.

Leader: In the midst of the dry desert,

People: Streams of water gush forth.

Leader: In the midst of sorrow and sighing,

People: Joy and gladness dance together.

Leader: We shall see the glory of God!

* Opening Prayer²

**Upside-down God, you announce your coming with exciting news:
the hungry will eat their fill, the oppressed will dance in newfound freedom;
you proclaim your mission with hard news:
the well fed will go hungry, the powerful will lose their status.
We find ourselves squirming as we acknowledge our participation
in structures that oppress and marginalize.
Help us accept and proclaim the coming of your Son as truly good news.
Give us the courage to set aside our privilege,
and help bring about this upside-down world,
where everyone can sing together for joy.**

* Opening Hymn No. 57

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

stanzas 1-5

* Affirmation of Faith No. 881

* 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.**

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Reception of New Members

Bernard "Brooke" & Mary Ann Hamilton

Why We Give

Offertory

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

* 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. 349

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Remain seated.

Children's Message

Pastor Chad Beck

Scripture

John 1:29-34

NRSV

Sermon

The Lamb of Victory

Pastor Nathan Decker

* Closing Hymn No. 357

Just As I Am

stanzas 1, 2, 5 & 6

* 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 by George and Jan Bryant to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their two granddaughters born this year, Eva Jean Bryant and Melanie Leigh Bryant.

¹ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4441/worship-elements-december-11-2022>, Invitation and Gathering. Call to Worship, Isaiah 35.

² <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4441/worship-elements-december-11-2022>, Prayer of Confession, Isaiah 35, Luke 1, Matthew 11.

CALENDAR
July 23--July 30, 2023

Today	8:15 AM	Nursery until 12 PM	Thurs:	1:30 PM	Prayer Shawl-Parlor
	8:30 AM	Fresh Start Service-DFH		4:00 PM	Greenleigh CDT Meeting-Virtual
	9:30 AM	Sun Sch PreK-107			
		Sun Sch Gr K-5-206	Fri:		
	9:45 AM	Adult SS-Various	Sat:		
	9:55 AM	The Bridge-DFH	Next Sunday: July 30		
	11:00 AM	Traditions Service-DFH		8:15 AM	Nursery until 12 PM
	12:00PM	TDHS Key Club-116		8:30 AM	Fresh Start Service-DFH
	12:15 PM	Fiber Friends- 205		9:30 AM	Sun Sch PreK-107
	6:30 PM	Play 'N' Share-Pnt of Rocks Pk			Sun Sch Gr K-5-206
Mon:	9:00 AM	Stephen Leaders-116		9:50 AM	Online Worship Service
	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts		9:45 AM	Adult SS-Various
Tues:	11:00 AM	Contemplative Prayer-Parlor		9:55 AM	The Bridge-DFH
Wed:	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline		11:00 AM	Traditions Service-DFH
	6:00 PM	SPRC Meeting -226		2:00 PM	Children & Family Team Meeting-Virtual
	6:30 PM	Crew 2815 -116			

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
July 30	The Cross and Circle	I Corinthians 1:18-31 CEB
* Aug 6	Hymns That Shaped Our Faith	TBD
Aug 13	TBD	TBD

* *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."

Today We Welcome into Christian Membership:

- ◆ **Bernard "Brooke" & Mary Ann Hamilton** by transfer from Beulah United Methodist Church in N. Chesterfield, VA.

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

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>

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

Volunteers Needed: Friday, August 25–Saturday, September 2, Chesterfield County Fair. Let's share God's love and grace with our community while we make money for our church! Chester UMC will be financially compensated for our volunteer hours. This is an excellent fundraising opportunity! 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>



Play 'N' Share: Today at 6:30 PM (2nd & 4th Sundays), Point of Rocks Park playground, 201 Enon Church Rd, Chester. All ages welcome! Bring the kids out for a fun time playing and socializing. POC: Pastor Chad

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.

Latino Health and Safety: August 4th and 1st Friday of each month, 6:30-8:00 PM, in Davis Fellowship Hall. 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

Bridge Builders Meets Sunday, September 24 at 12:15 PM, Room 116. POC: Maureen Coker mcoker2003@comcast.net.

KEEP IN PRAYER: Bobbie Morrisette; Keith [Jeanne] Harper; Hailey Wilde; Becky Kirkman; Carol Davis; 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 16, 2023

8:30 Fresh Start Service	83
9:55 The Bridge Service	46
11:00 Traditions Service	83
Online.....	43
Total Worship Attendance	255

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 Michelle at 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).
- **The Chimes** – Submit items to assistant@chesterumc.org no later than the 3rd Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Leading Our Worship TODAY, July 23, 2023

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

Fresh Start Sunday School Class: will meet Sundays, August 6-September 3 at 9:15 a.m. Then September 10 we will resume meeting every Sunday morning at 9:45 in room 221. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information.

Seekers Sunday School Class: 9:40 AM, Room 226. We are studying TROUBLESOME BIBLE PASSAGES by Douglas E. Wingeier and David Lowes Watson. We welcome you to join us. POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

"Strum and Smile" Small Group: *Resumes, August 5* and meets every Saturday morning at 10:00 AM. In the CUMC Music Suite. 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: Keith Woods

Stephen Ministry: Lonely? Experiencing a Difficult Time? Don't suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and help you through a crisis or difficult time. To find out more, call Vince D'Agostino at 804-461-8529. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care. No problem is too small, and we are here to walk with you through your journey back to wholeness.



THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

- **Jean Craig Fellowship** will meet on Monday, August 7 at 4:00 PM. We will take the bus to the VA UMC camp Westview on the James in Gouchland for a tour and picnic. We welcome any women who are looking for an evening circle. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for details.

Fiber Friends: (*resumes September 24*) Meets 4th Sundays at 12:15-1:45 PM; Room 205. All who enjoy knitting, crocheting, macrame, hand knitting, needlepoint, etc. are welcome to join! Bring a bag lunch. POC: Beth Powner (knit9grammy@gmail.com / 804 586 0735).

Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, July 30, 2023

Greeters:	8:30	Andy & Eileen Steck	
	9:55	Donna Nunery	
	11:00	Marian Perkinson	
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Ron Dombrowski	*Head Usher
	9:55	Jim Watkins*, Beth Stewart	
	11:00	Gordon Jones*, Bob Kutz, Willie Orton, Tommy Petrey, Scott Pugh	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00	Staff Members, 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 (chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

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 213 "Our Pad" 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 (*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);
Eric Hougland (ehougland88@gmail.com)

Seekers Sunday School Class 9:40 AM, Room 226. We welcome you to join us. POC: Barbara MacIntyre (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)

New: Spiritual Practices during the month of August, 9:45 AM, Room 205.

August 6, Creating a Prayer Closet in Your Heart. POC: Pastor Nathan.

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Play 'N' Share: Next meeting today, 6:30 PM (2nd & 4th Sundays), Point of Rocks Park playground (*201 Enon Church Rd, Chester*). All ages are invited! POC: Pastor Chad

OTHER SMALL GROUPS

Middle & High School Youth Meetings Monthly gatherings in July and August for rising 6th through 12th grade. (POC: Jennifer Brame (youthleaders@chesterumc.org))

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: 3rd Monday at 2:00 PM, in 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. (*resumes 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 (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)

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: 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 (jrbrooksieeee@gmail.com)

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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 Aug 6; Sept 3, 10, 17, 24; Oct 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.

REST STOP is a Chester UMC after school program designed to provide rest and encouragement to at-risk youth from Thomas Dale High School. Our regular activities include snacks, conversation, homework, tutoring, games, outdoor activities and dinner. Do you have a special gift to share with these young people or just an abundance of love to give? A small faithful team is assembled to support this ministry, but you are encouraged to join the effort! Contact REST STOP Team Leader Susan Petrey, 804/938-5396, for more information or to volunteer.

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/> .

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 th) 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 th) Adult Sunday School
10:30 AM	Combined Worship Service

CUMCPS is looking for a God loving, caring, and nurturing, individual to join the preschool team. We are looking for an assistant in the 4-year-old classroom. You will be assisting the teacher with lessons, crafts, and guiding children. If you are interested, please contact Jen Barnes at preschool@chesterumc.org, or call (804) 748-2275

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.

