



July 30, 2023, 9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Do Lord
Soon and Very Soon
Standing in the Need of Prayer
Sweeter as the Days Go By

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Love to Tell the Story
In Christ Alone
Dan Hayes

SCRIPTURE

I Corinthians 1:18-31
CEB

MESSAGE

The Cross and Circle
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 30, 2023—8:30 AM



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

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Glory to God Forever

Awesome is the Lord Most High

10,000 Reasons

Build Your Kingdom Here

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A Service of Worship and Praise

9th Sunday

11:00 AM

after Pentecost

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Prelude

It Is Well With My Soul

Pianist

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: Come and hear the good news. No matter what is happening in your life, God's blessing and love is with you. Come and hear what God wants you to do: live lives of justice and love and truth. Come and get courage and strength to be fools for Christ, embracing Kingdom values rather than those of the world.

People: **We're here, ready to listen, open to change, expecting to be blessed by our time together.**

* Opening Prayer²

Creator, Crucified, Counselor, help us take up your cross. Tie us to your vision of Kingdom building; nail down the injustice of excluding your people; with a sharp spearhead, point out our tribalism, our idolatries, and our feign privileges. Help us take up your cross: so that when You are lifted up You might bring all people to You, so that grace, mercy, and love bloom resurrection communities in the garden of the tomb, so that the circle of faith might expand exponentially to cross boundaries and borders. Lord, help us take up our cross and carry it into the world to share.

* Opening Hymn No. 154 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* stanzas 1, 3, 4, & 6

* 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

Why We Give

Offertory

In Christ Alone

Dan Hayes

* 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. 144

This Is My Father's World

Remain seated.

Children's Message

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Scripture

I Corinthians 1:18-31

CEB

Sermon

The Cross and Circle

Pastor Nathan Decker

* Closing Hymn No. 555

Forward Through the Ages

* Benediction

* Postlude

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

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God by Donna Nunery in memory of her father, William Morrisette, who would have celebrated his 90th birthday on August 3.

¹ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4636/worship-elements-january-29-2023>

² <https://worshipswake.wordpress.com/2023/07/19/take-up-your-cross/>

CALENDAR

July 30 – August 6, 2023

Today	8:15 AM	Nursery until 12 PM	6:30 PM	ESL Teacher Training-205
	8:30 AM	Fresh Start Service-DFH	Fri:	6:30 PM Latino Health-DFH
	9:45 AM	Sun Sch PreK-107	Sat:	10:00 AM Strum & Smile-Music Suite
		Sun Sch Gr K-5-206		
	9:45 AM	Adult SS-Various		
	9:55 AM	The Bridge-DFH		
	11:00 AM	Traditions Service-DFH		
	2:00 PM	Children & Families Team		
Mon:	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts		
Tues:	10:00 AM	Woodfin Funeral-JT Morris		
	2:00 PM	Stephen Ministers-226		
	6:30 PM	ESL Teacher Training-205		
Wed:	10:00 AM	Visitation Team-226		
	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline		
Thurs:	1:30 PM	Prayer Shawl-Parlor		

Next Sunday: August 6

9:30 AM	Nursery until 11:30 PM
9:30 AM	Adult SS-Various
	Sun Sch PreK-107
	Sun Sch Gr K-5-206
	Spiritual Practice-205
10:30 AM	WORSHIP-DFH
1:00 PM	Private Event-DFH
	Key Club Board-116

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
* Aug 6	Hymns That Shaped Our Faith	TBD
Aug 13	Allison Speer & Ice Cream	TBD
Aug 20	Excelling in Generosity	2 Corinthians

* *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."

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.

*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 Welcome into Christian Membership: William “Bill” Johnson by profession of faith. His wife is Mary Ann Johnson.

Our Parish Nurse is NOT available today, 9:00 - 10:45 AM (Office 111).

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.

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>



Latino Health and Safety: August 4 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

CUMC Preschool 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.

KEEP IN PRAYER: family of Monty Woodfin; Bobbie Morrissette; 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; Billy Hopson; Beth Powner; Barbara Goodwyn; Peggy Bishop; Jennifer Brittenham (daughter of Joe & Diane Mannetta); Andrew Dyson; Joe & Diane Mannetta; Malcom & Dollie Stone; Dee Watkins; Lynda Richardson; Jo Kiser; Kitty Lipscomb; Clara Gestwick; David Rossiter (brother of Barbara Goodwyn)

Our Presence July 23, 2023

8:30 Fresh Start Service 104
 9:55 The Bridge Service..... 57
 11:00 Traditions Service 120
 Online..... 33
Total Worship Attendance..... 314

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 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	

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, Saturday, 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 14, at 4:00 PM. We will take the bus to the VA UMC camp Westview on the James in Goochland 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, August 6, 2023

Greeters:	10:30	Karen & Bill Comer
Ushers:	11:00	Beth Stewart*, Ron Dombrowski, Pat Stanfield, Joan & Steve Osborne *Head Usher
Nursery:	9:30	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, 9:30 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

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

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)

Women's Fellowship Luncheon: 3rd Thursdays, 1:00 PM at a local restaurant. *The next gathering is on Thursday, August 16, at Carini's Italian Restaurant (3620 Boulevard, Colonial Heights).* 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: 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)

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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

August 6 – September 3

9:30 AM	Adult and Children's (Pre-K – 5 th) Sunday School;
10:30 AM	ONE WORSHIP SERVICE in Davis Fellowship Hall
August 6	Hymn Sing, Testimonials
August 13	Guest Musician Allison Speer Ice Cream Social after worship
August 20	Blessing of Backpacks Wear a Chester UMC shirt Rise Against Hunger Event @ 12:00 PM
August 27	Guest Preacher Rev. Sylvia Meadows
September 3	Exodus 3:1-15

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.

