



January 7, 2024, 9:45 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

I'll Fly Away
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Mighty to Save

SPECIAL MUSIC

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Silent Night
Spencer Jensen

SCRIPTURE

John 1:43-51
NRSV

MESSAGE

Come and See Greater Things
Pastor Chad Beck

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

January 7, 2024—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Glory to God Forever
This is Amazing Grace
We Believe
Mighty to Save

SPECIAL MUSIC

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Silent Night
Spencer Jensen

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:4-11
Living Bible

MESSAGE

You Are Beloved
Pastor Nathan Decker

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January 7, 2024

A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

Epiphany & Baptism
of Our Lord Sunday

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Prelude

O Worship the King

Jean Wallace, organist

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

People: ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name,

People: worship the Lord in holy array.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is upon the water.

People: The God of glory thunders, the Lord upon many waters.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful.

People: The voice of God is full of majesty. Let us praise the name of the Lord!

* Opening Prayer²

Living God, when the Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism in Jordan's water you revealed him as your own beloved Son. You anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, now and for ever. Amen.

* Hymn No. 254

We Three Kings

Special Music

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Spencer Jensen

Children's Message

Juliana Paradie

Why We Give

Offertory

Silent Night

Spencer Jensen

* 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

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:4-11

Sermon

You Are Beloved

Pastor Nathan Decker

Holy Communion and Baptism Renewal

* Hymn No. 219

What Child Is This

* Benediction

* Choral Amen

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

¹United Methodist Book of Worship, page 300, based on Psalm 29.

²United Methodist Book of Worship, page 301, The Book of Common Prayer, USA, 20th Century.

Guest Musician: *Spencer Jensen* is a double bassist and educator who is engaged in a diversity of musical styles and creative endeavors. As an orchestral bassist, Spencer has performed several professional orchestras including the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, South Carolina Philharmonic, and Charleston Symphony. Spencer's solo engagements include being featured as a double bass soloist performing with the Brigham Young University Symphony Orchestra, the Palmetto Chamber Orchestra, and Ensemble Eclectica of Columbia, South Carolina. Spencer has also performed and recorded as a jazz and Americana bassist for over twelve years. Spencer received his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Music Performance from the University of South Carolina, his Master of Music degree in Double Bass Performance and Orchestral Studies Diploma from the Eastman School of Music, and his Bachelor of Music degree in Double Bass Performance from Brigham Young University.

Calendar

January 7 – January 14, 2024

Today	8:15 AM	Nursery until 12 PM	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir-Music Suite
	8:30 AM	Fresh Start-DFH	7:00 PM	Church Council-226
	9:45 AM	Bridge Worship- Sanctuary	Thurs: 12:00 PM	Ada Mae Fellowship-226
		Sun Sch PreK-107	1:30 PM	Prayer Shawl-Parlor
		Sun Sch Gr K-5-206	6:30 PM	Spanish Class-220
		Adult SS-Various	7:00 PM	ESL Classes, 205, 214, 226
	11:00 AM	Traditions-Sanctuary	7:00 PM	Finance Meeting-116
	12:00 PM	UMW Executive	Fri: 5:00 PM	Young Families Event
		Committee- 205	Sat: 10:00 AM	Strum & Smile-Music Suite
	4:00 PM	Youth Group		
Mon:	6:30 PM	Boy/Cub Scouts	Next Sunday: January 14, 2024	
	7:00 PM	Jean Craig Fellowship-205	8:15 AM	Nursery until 12 PM
Tues:	11:00 AM	Contemplative Prayer- Trinity UMC	8:30 AM	Fresh Start-DFH
	2:00 PM	Stephen Ministers-226	9:45 AM	Bridge-Sanctuary
	6:30 PM	Spanish Class-220		Sun Sch PreK-107
	6:30 PM	Lions-116		Sun Sch Gr K-5-206
	7:00 PM	ESL Classes- 205, 214, 226	11:00 AM	Adult SS-Various
Wed:	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline	11:00 AM	Traditions-Sanctuary
	5:45 PM	Handbell Choir-Music Suite	12:00 PM	UMW Salad Luncheon-DFH
	6:30 PM	Crew-206	12:15 PM	Bridge Builders-116

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
January 14	8:30 AM / 11:00 AM – You Are to be Love	1 John 2:12-14
	9:45 AM- The Kin-dom of God, La Familia	Mark 1:14-20 CEB

Zelle is a great way to send your donations to the church. Use the QR code here. Once you enroll, all you need to send money to the Church is our e-mail address: finance@chesterumc.org



Altar Flowers for the Sanctuary: To donate Altar Flowers, please sign up in the pew pad or on the flower chart outside of the Church Office and complete the Altar Flower Form. Make arrangements with a florist of your choice, including delivery to the Church and payment to your 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.

*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 AM, **Room 105**.

Youth Group: Today, Sunday, January 7, 4:00 PM, grades 6th-12th, at the Annex Loft. Come out for some fun and hear an amazing lesson that is being taught by one of our incredible leaders. Bring a friend! POC: Juliana Paradie (julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

UMW Executive Committee: Today, Sunday, January 7, 12:00 PM, Room 205 for a brief meeting, light refreshments will be served.

Jean Craig Fellowship: Monday, January 8, 7:00 PM, Room 205 to prepare Birthday Cake Gift Kits for our CUMC Food Pantry. Call Susan Petrey 804-938-5396.

Spanish as a Hospitality: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 PM, Room 220, Learn to speak basic Spanish. New semester, January 9 through March 7. Sign up in the Pew Pad or contact Vince. POC: Vince D'Agostino (vdagos@comcast.net)

Suenos ESL Classes: English as a Second Language: Tuesday and Thursday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM, Rooms 205, 214, 226. New semester, January 9 through March 1. POC: Pastor Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.com)

Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship: will meet on Thursday, January 11, 12:00 PM, Room 226. For details call Martha Miles 804-748-5476.

UMW Salad Luncheon: Sunday, January 14, immediately following 11:00 AM Worship. All women of the Church are invited to a luncheon meeting of the UMW. The Jean Craig Fellowship will host. Bring a salad or dessert to share. To learn more about UMW, our two participating fellowships, and how you can become involved, call Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396.

Women's Fellowship Luncheon: Thursday, January 18, 1:00 PM, Pietro's Italian Restaurant, Chester. (3rd Thursdays) We will visit Pietro's Italian Restaurant, 2601 Osborne Road, Chester. RSVP by Monday, January 15. POC: Joan Osborne (josbor61@gmail.com)

Offering Envelopes are still in production and should be here in a few weeks. In the meantime, please feel free to use an envelope in the pews or ask your Usher for a blank one.

KEEP IN PRAYER: Sandra Cherny; Susan Henry; Karen Cole; Mary Tyree; Tiffany Croxford; family of Clifford David Irvin, Jr.; Minoo Oden; Ken Farmer; Isaias; family of Al Perdue; Marie Purdue, Dee Watkins; Gail King; Dollie and Malcom Stone; the family of Louise Sheets; Daphne Jolly’s mother; Diane Mannetta; Susie Hall; Billy Hopson; Carolyn Maxwell; Bill Burton; Ella Hilton; Erika Hilton; Rev. Eddie and Becky Leonard; Lynda Richardson; Jo Kiser; Kitty Lipscomb; Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence December 31, 2023

8:30 Fresh Start.....	94
9:45 Bridge.....	0
11:00 Traditions.....	147
Online.....	38
Total Worship Attendance.....	279

CHESTER UMC ONLINE RESOURCES

- **Website:** www.chesterumc.org.
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/ChesterUnitedMethodistChurch/>.
- **Facebook Closed Group:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChesterUMC/>.
- **Instagram:** [Instagram.com/chesterumc](https://www.instagram.com/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, Sunday, January 7, 2024

Greeters:	8:30	Bill & Karen Comer,	
	9:45	Ed & Marian Garrett	
	11:00	Tom Petrey, Steve Osborne	
Ushers:	8:30	Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer	* Head Usher
	9:45	Linda D’Agostino*, Andrew Brummette	
	11:00	Beth Stewart*, Herb McCulloch, Willie Orton, Tom Petrey, Steve Osborne	
Communion:	8:30	Dawn York, Paige Irving	
	9:45	John & Dawn Hall	
	11:00	Claudia Nagy, Tracey Kellam	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:45, 11:00	Staff Member: Carla Adams, Jessica Hargraves	

BACKPACK Ministry: Your donations, especially new or increased ones, will help us answer the needs. Food items we always need include tuna, tuna helper, chicken, chicken helper, spam, canned pasta, pasta-roni, rice-a-roni, pop tarts, oatmeal, and applesauce. Donations of food items can be placed in the mission closet in the container marked for backpack. Cash donations are always appreciated! Thank you for your support of the ministry.

Chester UMC Rose Window Notecards: The Rose Window was dedicated in 1957, it was installed in the Atrium following the 2007 renovation. The cost is \$10 per package of 10 cards, plus envelopes. Proceeds benefit the Chester United Methodist Women's mission projects. POC: Susan Petrey (804) 938-5396.

Volunteer for ESL Childcare & Activities! Our ESL (English as a Second Language) ministry with children and families is growing! We need volunteers to assist with childcare, crafts, and nurture activities. Please sign up in the pew pad. POC: Emily Squires, emilysquires945@gmail.com

Journey Middle School Retreat 2024: March 15-17, 2024, Young Life's Rockbridge Alum Springs Camp, Goshen, VA. Journey, a weekend getaway retreat for Middle School students is coming on March 15-17. Any adults that would like to volunteer and teens that would like to attend, contact Juliana at julianaparadie@chesterumc.org . Price: \$195 per person. For details of the weekend, click this link: <https://journeyweekend.com/>

Youth Academy: January 20, 9:00 AM- 4:00PM, Join the Living Waters District Youth (6th-12th graders) for our First Living Waters District Youth Academy! Cost: \$10 per person for registration and a pizza lunch. POC: Juliana at julianaparadie@chesterumc.org.

Super Bowl Soup Luncheon: Super Bowl Sunday, February 11, 12:00 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. Join us for good food and fellowship. Proceeds will go to the United Methodist Women's mission projects. The whole congregation is invited to join us for a soup luncheon immediately following 11:00 AM Traditions Worship. The menu includes a variety of heartwarming homemade soups, corn muffins, desserts, and beverages. The cost at the door is \$10 per person. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information

Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, January 14, 2024

Greeters:	8:30	Laura Hougland	
	9:45	Donna Nunery	
	11:00	Sharon Buchanan, Linda Large	
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Ron Dombrowski	* Head Usher
	9:45	Gordon Morris*, JR Irvin	
	11:00	Gordon Morris*, Harold Crowder, Larry Koon, Bob Kutz, Tom Petrey	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:45, 11:00	Staff Member: Carla Adams, Jessica Hargraves	

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

Children's Sunday School, KIDZ ZONE: 9:45 AM. Pre-K (Rm. 107); Grades K-5 (Rm. 206) Come join our Kidz Zone Ministry. POC: Juliana Paradie (julianaparadie@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; Visitors and new members are welcome. Call Susan Petrey for details (804) 938-5396.

Friendship Ministry Class: 10:40 AM, Room 116, for adults who are developmentally challenged. POC: Mari and Dan Hayes (JLMinNaples@msn.com)

The Gathering Small Group: 9:45 AM, Room 205; Join with other young families for a time of study and fellowship. POC: Brion & Sonja Seward 1bseward@comcast.net, and Andrew Brummette.

Journey Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Annex and Google Meet, *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*. Join by video link: <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. Jan.7-Feb.11 and after Lent. Join us as we learn to overcome the intimidation associated with evangelism. In EVAGELISM: A WAY OF LIFE by Rebecca Pippert & Ruth Siemens we will find help with topics such as overcoming fear, getting people interested, communicating creatively and talking with friends about Jesus. All are welcome. POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

Senior Singles Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Parlor, POC: Cynthia Corley (cacorley@ctsi.net)

Bridge Builders-Jail Ministry: Meets 2nd Sundays, 12:15PM, Room 116. Next Meeting, Sunday, January 14. "Acceptance is the Answer". Please join us as we look to strengthen our Jail Ministry with Chesterfield County HARP (Helping Addicts Recover Progressively Program). POC: Maureen Coker (mcoker2003@comcast.net)

Middle & High School Youth: 4:00 PM, Annex Loft. Come out for some fun and hear an amazing lesson that is being taught by one of our incredible leaders. Bring your friends! Grades 6-12. POC: Juliana Paradie (julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

OTHER SMALL GROUPS

Faith Keepers Women's Prayer Group: Mondays, 9:00 AM at Grants Coffee Co. (11884 Chester Village DR). POC: Sherri Morris (smorris787@aim.com)

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

Joy Singers: Tuesdays, at 10:30 AM in the Music Suite. Rehearsals for our retired folks. This group sings for local nursing home residents and community groups.
POC: Joshua Wortham. music@chesterumc.org

Contemplative Prayer Group: Tuesdays, 11:00 AM, Trinity UMC. Read scripture, focus, pray, chat, connect with God. POC: Lisa Stanfield: lisajostanfield@gmail.com

Learning Spanish as Church Hospitality! Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 PM. Next class begins January 9, 2024. Have fun learning to speak some basic Spanish.
POC: Pastor Chad chadbeck@chesterumc.org

Chancel Choir rehearsals, Wednesdays, 7:00 PM. Singers of all skill levels are welcome to join!
POC: Joshua Wortham music@chesterumc.org

Handbells for adults, Wednesdays, 5:45 PM, Sanctuary. POC: Joshua Wortham.

Thursday Morning Men's Group: Thursdays, 7:30 AM at Grants Coffee Co. (11884 Chester Village DR). POC: Gordon Morris (gordo1545@aim.com)

Women's Fellowship Luncheon: 3rd Thursday, 1:00 PM. We visit a different local restaurant each month for a time of fellowship and good food. 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 (wvalady@verizon.net/804-914-0433)

Women's Christian Book Club: 1st Thursday, 6:30 PM, Next meeting December 7, Annex Loft. December book link <https://a.co/d/dZXKcLi>. POC: Jennifer Brame (jrbrooksiee@gmail.com)

Sueños Health & Safety for Latino Families: 1st Fridays, 6:30 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. Variety of topics, good food, childcare provided. POC: Pastor Chad chadbeck@chesterumc.org

Strum and Smile: Meet Saturday mornings, 10:00 AM, Music Suite. This is a group of guys and gals who play stringed instruments with no intention of performing. POC: Keith Woods

Kidz Zone Night: Meets 3rd Saturdays, 6:00 PM, Join us for food and a variety of fun activities!
POC: Charlotte Brummette Charl208@yahoo.com (804) 833-117