

January 14, 2024, 9:45 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Bigger Than Any Mountain Glory to His Name Take My Life I Refuse SPECIAL MUSIC It Is Well With My Soul Joshua Wortham

MESSAGE The Kin-dom of God, La Familia 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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SCRIPTURE Mark 1:14-20 CEB



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FRESH START SERVICE

January 14, 2024-8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Father, Spirit, Jesus I Refuse Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble? I Will Follow

SPECIAL MUSIC

It Is Well With My Soul Joshua Wortham

SCRIPTURE

1 John 2:12-14

MESSAGE

You are to Be Love *Pastor Nathan Decker*

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Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Prelude

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

Organist

* Call to Worship¹

Children of light you have reason to shine! Christ is your light, and while he tarries, you are the light of the world! Children of light, you were *made* to shine, made and remade in the image of God, made to reflect the light of the Burning Sun, made to receive light, and to give it off. Children of light, you'd *better* shine for the Son of Righteousness comes looking for light; looking for *your* light on that great Day of the Lord.

* Opening Prayer²

In the dark winter days when we often get discouraged, we turn, O God, to you. Teach us to abide in Christ, that we may know the joy you intend for your people. As branches attached to the vine of your love, may love and goodness grow within us, through the power of the Counselor, the Holy Spirit. Amen.

* Hymn No. 519

Lift Every Voice and Sing

- * Affirmation of Faith³
- * 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.

A Prayer for the Church by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Reception of New Members

Children's Message

Why We Give

Offertory

It Is Well With My Soul

Joshua Wortham

Juliana Paradie

* Doxology No. 94

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Choral Amen

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!

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

Anthem	By Our Love	Chancel Choir
Scripture Reading	I John 2:12-14	CEV
Sermon	Teaching Children Our Faith: You Are to Be Love	Pastor Nathan Decker
Hymn No. 408	Gift of Love	
Benediction		

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

¹The Africana Worship Book, pg. 42, Safiyah Fosua ²Flames of the Spirit, pg. 27, No. 5, Ruth Duck ³The Africana Worship Book, pg. 189, Carolyn W. Dandridge

Calendar January 14 – January 21, 2024

Today 8:15 AM	Nursery until 12 PM	6:30 PM	Girl Scouts- DFH
8:30 AM	Fresh Start-DFH	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir-Music Suite
9:45 AM	Bridge Worship- Sanctuary	Thurs: 10:00 AM	Worship Committee- Parlor
	Sun Sch PreK-107	1:00 PM	Women's Lunch-Pietro's
	Sun Sch Gr K-5-206	1:30 PM	Prayer Shawl-Parlor
	Adult SS-Various	6:30 PM	Spanish Class-220
11:00 AM	Traditions-Sanctuary	7:00 PM	ESL- 205, 214, 221, 226
12:00 PM	UMW Salad Lunch-DFH	Fri: 5:00 PM	Young Families Event
12:15 PM	Bridge Builders-116	Sat: 10:00 AM	Strum & Smile-Music Suite
4:00 PM	Youth Group	6:00 PM	Family Game Night-DFH
Mon: 6:30 PM	Boy/Cub Scouts		
	Boy/Cub Scouts Joy Singers- Music Suite	Next Sunday:	January 21, 2024
Tues: 10:30 AM	•	Next Sunday: 8:15 AM	January 21, 2024 Nursery until 12 PM
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Tues: 10:30 AM 11:00 AM 3:00 PM 6:30 PM	Joy Singers- Music Suite Contemplative Prayer - Trinity UMC Rest Stop	8:15 AM 8:30 AM	Nursery until 12 PM Fresh Start-DFH Bridge-Sanctuary
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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE SERMON TITLE

January 21

8:30 AM / 11:00 AM You are to Love the Unlovable9:45 AM Baptized into One Body

SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:11-32 CEB 1 Cor, 12:12-13, 26-27

<u>Zelle</u> 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: <u>finance@chesterumc.org</u>

<u>Altar Flowers for the Sanctuary:</u> 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 Assistant Parish Nurse, Pat Baake, is available today, 9:00 AM, Room 105.

Welcome into Christian Membership: We have 28 new members joining the Church today!

<u>UMW Salad Luncheon</u>: Today, 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. To learn more about UMW, our two participating fellowships, and how you can become involved, call Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396.

<u>Spanish as a Hospitality:</u> Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 PM, Room 220, Learn to speak basic Spanish. Sign up in the Pew Pad or contact Vince D'Agostino. (<u>vdagos@comcast.net</u>)

Suenos ESL Classes: English as a Second Language: Tuesday and Thursday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM, Rooms 205, 214, 221, 226. POC: Pastor Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.com)

<u>Feed More Food Distribution:</u> Friday, January 19, 9:30 AM, Greenleigh Mobile Home Park. Ten volunteers are needed to impact our community by helping with food distribution. Sign up by Monday, January 15. Please contact CUMC Missions Chair, Eric Hougland at 804-212-7857 or ehougland88@gmail.com if you have any questions. Click on the link to sign up. <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44ACAF2CAAF5C16-47049617-feed#/</u>

<u>Community Kids & Family Game Night:</u> Saturday, January 20, 6:00 PM, DFH. Join us for pizza, lemonade, games and fellowship! All are welcome! Bring a dessert or snack to share. POC Juliana Paradie(julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

<u>Youth activity:</u> Sunday, January 21, 4:00PM, Annex Loft. Youth, we will be watching Football Playoffs. For those not interested in football, there will be other activities during that time. Don't miss out and bring your friends. POC: Juliana Paradie (julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

<u>Women's Fellowship Luncheon:</u> 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)

<u>Small Group Leadership Workshop and Lunch:</u> Sunday, January 21, 11:00 AM, DFH. POC: Beth Stewart <u>bethstew@gmail.com</u>

KEEP IN PRAYER: Janis Hargrave; Lynda Richardson; Charles Smith; Sandra Cherny; Susan Henry; Charles Cressell; Karen Cole; Mary Tyree; Tiffany Croxford; family of Clifford David Irvin, Jr.; Minoo Oden; Ken Farmer; Isaias; Marie Purdue, Dee Watkins; Dollie and Malcom Stone; Daphne Jolly's mother; Diane Mannetta; Susie Hall; Billy Hopson; Carolyn Maxwell; Bill Burton; Ella Hilton; Erika Hilton; Jo Kiser; Kitty Lipscomb; Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence January 7, 2024

8:30 Fresh Start	75
9:45 Bridge	
11:00 Traditions	
Online	
Total Worship Attendance.	

CHESTER UMC ONLINE RESOURCES

- Website: <u>www.chesterumc.org.</u>
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ChesterUnitedMethodistChurch/.
- Facebook Closed Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChesterUMC/.
- Instagram: Instagram.com/chesterumc
- Daily Email News: Visit <u>http://eepurl.com/blV9Tv</u> to subscribe.
- Daily Devotionals from Pastor Nathan: <u>https://www.facebook.com/BetterTogether.Devos/</u>.
- YouTube: <u>https://www.youtube.com/c/ChesterUMC.</u>
- **Prayer Chain Email:** to subscribe or to submit a prayer request, email Michelle at <u>office@chesterumc.org</u> with "Prayer Chain" or "Prayer Request" in the subject line.
- CUMC Library Catalog: <u>https://16538.rmwebopac.com</u> (password: CUMC). Search for titles, peruse our inventory, and much more. POC: Ron Dombrowski (<u>rmachachi@aol.com</u>).
- The Chimes Submit items to <u>assistant@chesterumc.org</u> no later than the 3rd Wednesday of **January**, March, May, July, September, and November.

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
Nurserv:	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. Monetary donations are always appreciated! Checks payable to CUMC (memo: Backpack). Thank you for your support of the ministry.

<u>Volunteer for ESL Childcare & Activities!</u> 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, <u>emilysquires945@gmail.com</u>

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 is \$10 per person for registration and lunch. POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org.

Blood Drive: Wednesday, February 7, 10:00 AM, DFH. All blood types are needed! Donors will receive a \$20 Amazon Gift Card as a thank you! Share your heart!. Check out <u>rcblood.org/heart</u>.

<u>Super Bowl Soup Luncheon</u>: 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 21, 2024			
Greeters:	8:30	Cathy Epps	
	9:45	Stephanie Decker	
	11:00	Barbara Dance, Janis Hargrave	
Ushers:	8:30	Dave Coker*, Bill Comer * Head Usher	
	9:45	Jim Watkins*, Herb McCulloch	
	11:00	Gary Williams*, Emory Large, Geoff LeSueur, Jeff Marlin, Kay Williams	
Nursery: 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 Staff Member: Carla Adams, Jessica Hargraves			

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

<u>Children's Sunday School, KIDZ ZONE</u>: 9:45 AM. Pre-K (Rm. 107); Grades K-5 (Rm. 206) Come join our Kidz Zone Ministry. POC: Juliana Paradie (julianaparadie@chesterumc.org).

<u>Adult Small Group Bible Study:</u> 9:45 AM, Room 213 "Our Pad" facilitated by Jeff Marlin jeff.marlinabd@gmail.com.

<u>Fresh Start Sunday School Class:</u> 9:45 AM, Room 221; Visitors and new members are welcome. Call Susan Petrey for details (804) 938-5396.

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

<u>The Gathering Small Group:</u> 9:45 AM, Room 205; Join with other young families for a time of study and fellowship. POC: Brion & Sonja Seward <u>lbseward@comcast.net</u>, 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: <u>https://meet.google.com/ptm-pieh-vve</u> POCs: Carolyn Landis (<u>landisfamily05@gmail.com</u>); Eric Hougland (<u>ehougland88@gmail.com</u>)

<u>Seekers Sunday School Class:</u> 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 *Evangelism: 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)

<u>Middle & High School, Sunday School Class:</u> 9:45 AM, 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)

Bridge Builders-Jail Ministry: Meets 2nd Sundays, 12:15PM, Room 116. Next Meeting, Today, 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)

<u>Middle & High School</u>: 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

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

<u>Joy Singers</u>: 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. <u>music@chesterumc.org</u>

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

Learning Spanish as Church Hospitality! Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 PM. Have fun learning to speak some basic Spanish. POC: Pastor Chad <u>chadbeck@chesterumc.org</u>

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

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

<u>Thursday Morning Men's Group:</u> 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)

<u>Prayer Shawl Group:</u> Thursdays, 1:30 PM, 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 (804) 914-0433 <u>wvalady@verizon.net</u>

<u>Women's Christian Book Club</u>: 1st Thursday, 6:30 PM, Annex Loft. Our January read is Sensible Shoes: A Story about the Spiritual Journey by Sharon Garlough Brown. <u>https://a.co/d/eUG2Gea</u> POC: Jennifer Brame <u>jrbrooksieee@gmail.com</u>

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

<u>Strum and Smile</u>: 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

<u>**Kidz Zone Night:**</u> Meets 3rd Saturdays, 6:00 PM, Join us for food and a variety of fun activities! POC: Charlotte Brummette <u>Charl208@yahoo.com</u> (804) 833-1174

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

<u>Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship:</u> meets second Thursdays, 10:30 AM, Room 226. For details call Martha Miles 804-748-5476.

<u>Game Night for 5th & 6th graders:</u> We will be having game night for 5th and 6th graders on Friday, January 26, from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Youth Annex. Come out for some fun and get to know some of our youth. POC: Juliana Paradie (julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

<u>Valentines For Veterans:</u> Valentine's Day is a great time to be creative and make your own Valentine cards and write poetry or send a heartfelt greeting. We will be collecting Valentines for Veterans from January 21-February 4. Please DO NOT sign your last name and do not seal the envelopes. We have to sort them by religious and non-religious content. Address the envelopes with phrases like "To a Special Veteran", "To Someone Special", "You're Special to Me". Drop cards off in the Sharing Bin outside the Welcome Center or in the Mission Closet in the Church. We are still collecting packages of boxer shorts in sizes S - XXXL. Thank you for your cards and prayers for our veterans. POC: Barbara MacIntyre telluwhatbarbara@aim.com

Lenten Small Group Study: How To Reach New People. Led by Pastor Nathan Decker. Sundays, February 18 through March 24, 9:45 AM. We will use the book, Get Their Name, by Farr, Anderson, and Kotan. Books provided. POC: Pastor Nathan Decker

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: <u>https://journeyweekend.com/</u>

<u>Save the Date</u>: Saturday, April 13, 2-4 PM, *Afternoon Tea* Fundraiser hosted by the Chancel Choir. Watch for more info!



<u>VBS Volunteers needed:</u> VBS is around the corner, and we are in our planning stages. We are looking for VBS Volunteers to help on June 24-28 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please sign up with this QR Code. POC: Juliana Paradie (julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

Welcome Our Newest Members

Reaffirmation of Faith

Chester & Patricia Baake Lauren Cox Joan Marie Crowder Jackie Farley David & Sarah Glass John & Dawn Hall Jane Haycox Bob & Jane Huffman Mary Luther Herb & Penny McCulloch Richard & Sharon Robertson Jane Spain Elsie Whitton Bill Talley, V & Aime-Anne Talley Beth VanDenBerg

Profession of Faith

Patty Miller Dick & Lynn Weis Rex & Judy White