



APRIL 14, 2024 - 9:45 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

I Saw the Light
Goodbye World, Goodbye
Amazing Grace/ Peaceful,
Easy, Feeling
Where Could I Go?

SPECIAL MUSIC

Dry Bones
Dawn of Grace

MESSAGE

Testimony
*Trey, from Friendship
Ministry*

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

April 14, 2024—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Hallelu
Light the Fire
Every Move I Make
Trading My Sorrows

SPECIAL MUSIC

Build Your Kingdom Here
Kidz Zone

Dry Bones
Dawn of Grace

SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 37:1-14

MESSAGE

Never Too Broken
Pastor Nathan Decker

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April 14, 2024

A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

Third Sunday
of Easter

Welcome, Announcements, & Greeting

Prelude

Victory in Jesus

Organist

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Come and see the love God has given to us.

People: Come and see what it means to be children of God.

Leader: Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

People: With joy, we come to see the Lord.

* Opening Prayer¹

God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

* Hymn No. 378

Amazing Grace

* 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.

Reception of New Members

Why We Give

Offertory

Be Still

Chancel Choir

* 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

Special Music

Dry Bones

Dawn of Grace *featuring*
Cheryl Green, Jill Seal,
Mette Shultz, & Terry Wisegarver

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Message

Children's Video

Message

Never Too Broken

Pastor Nathan Decker

* Hymn No. 364

Because He Lives

* Benediction

* Choral Amen

Chancel Choir

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

¹ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2561/worship-elements-april-14-2024>

² <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2706/worship-elements-april-28-2024>

The Flowers on the Altar are given by Kris Spadaccia, to the glory of God and in honor of Joe Spadaccia; her parents, Paul & Judy Sykes; and her brother, Paul Sykes. Happy birthday Kris!

Calendar

April 14, 2024 – April 21, 2024

Today:

8:15 AM Nursery until 12 PM
8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship- DFH
9:45 AM Bridge Worship- Sanctuary
Sun Sch PreK-107
Sun Sch Gr K-5-206
Adult SS-Various

12:15 PM Bridge Builders- 116

11:00 AM Traditions- Sanctuary

4:00 PM Youth Activity- Annex

Mon: 10:00 AM Stephen Min. Training-226

6:00 PM Strum & Smile- Music Ste

6:30 PM Boy/Cub Scouts

7:30 PM Music Reading- Music Ste

Tues: 10:30 AM Joy Singers-Music Suite

3:00 PM Rest Stop

7:00 PM ESL-205, 214, 221,226

7:00 PM SPRC- 213

Wed: 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

5:45 PM Handbell Choir-Music Suite

6:30 PM Crew- 206

6:30 PM Girl Scouts- DFH

7:00 PM Chancel Choir-Music Suite

Thurs: 11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-
Trinity UMC

1:30 PM Woman's Fellowship
Lunch-Pietro's Italian

1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor

7:00 PM ESL-205, 214, 221, 226

Fri:

Sat: 9:00 AM Girl Scout Troop 925,
Breakfast-DFH

6:00 PM Parent Night Out-DFH

Next Sunday: April 21, 2024

8:15 AM Nursery until 12 PM

8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship- DFH

9:45 AM Bridge Worship-Sanctuary

Sun Sch PreK-107

Sun Sch Gr K-5-206

Adult SS-Various

11:00 AM Traditions Worship-
Sanctuary

4:00 PM Youth Activities- Annex

Sunday Worship Schedule

DATE

SERMON TITLE

SCRIPTURE

April 21

Where Have You Seen God Lately?

John 20:1, 11-18 CEB

April 28

Holy Leadership

Timothy 4:1-12 NIV

*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.

New Members: Today, We Welcome into Christian Discipleship:

John & Donna Harper, by Reaffirmation of Faith.

Chester UMC Pictorial Directory: Next two Sundays, April 14 and 21, are the *last opportunities* to have your picture taken for the Church Directory. Come to the Fellowship Hall between services or after the 11:00 AM service. If you prefer to send in a recent photo, email it to Mary Musselwhite, and include the names of everyone in the photo. (softshl1@gmail.com)

Children's Service: Today! Our youngest disciples from KIDZ ZONE will be assisting with leading the 8:30 AM, Fresh Start Worship Service. There will be interpretive dance and involvement from our kids during worship. POC: Juliana Paradie (julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

Bridge Builders: Meets today, 12:15 PM, Room 116. Are you a disciple who believes God is calling and empowering you to a journey of racial justice and reconciliation? Join us as we pursue avenues within the church and community to build bridges of acceptance for our neighbors who do not look like us, think like us, speak like us, or pray like us. POC: Maureen Coker (mcoker2003@comcast.net)

Woman's Fellowship Luncheon: Thursday, April 18, 1:30 PM, Pietro's Italian Restaurant in Chester. Please RSVP no later than Monday, April 15 to Joan Osborne (josbor61@gmail.com).

Parent Night Out: April 20, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. Drop off your kids, or stay and enjoy the movie, *Sing*. Doors open at 5:50 PM. Register your children using this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdtkbinVpsmp6oRrgd5RnYBiQVNfaPz8ndVZk3gWs_5sFb_CBg/viewform?usp=sf_link POC: Juliana Paradie (julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

Youth Group: Sunday, April 21, 3:00 PM, Ecoff Elementary School. Family activity for all ages! Join us as we participate in the Junior Federated Women's Club of Chester Annual Trash -A -Thon. All of the supplies will be provided. POC: Juliana Paradie (julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

CUMC In A Nutshell: Monday, April 28, 6:30 PM, Room 226 **or** Sunday, May 5, 12:15 PM, Room 226. If you are a new member or considering joining Chester UMC, or just want to learn more about Chester UMC, this class is for you! A light snack will be provided. To sign up, or if have questions, contact the Church Office (804) 748-6006, email the Church Office (office@chesterumc.org), or email Joan Osborne (josbor61@gmail.com) .

KEEP IN PRAYER: John Dietrich; Jimmy Willingham; Rev. Ed Garrett; Bill Johnson; The family of Susan Henry; The family of Joyce Berkley; Kevan Spiers; Casey Jones and family; Mary Ann Bellamy; Elizabeth Cave; Dollie & Malcom Stone; Penny Creed; Bryan Manna; Joe & Diane Manna; Dick Weis; Summer Vaughn; Margie Donald; Lynda Richardson; Charles Smith; Sandra Cherny; Charles Cressell; Karen Cole; Mary Tyree; Billy Hopson; Ken Farmer; Marie Purdue; Dee Watkins; Susie Hall; Carolyn Maxwell; Ella Hilton; Erika Hilton; Jo Kiser.

Our Presence Easter Sunday, April 7, 2024

8:30 AM Fresh Start..... 106
 9:45 AM No Bridge Worship N/A
 11:00 AM Traditions..... 166
 Online..... 41
Total Worship Attendance..... 313

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, April 14, 2024

Greeters:	8:30	Steve & Joan Osborne	
	9:45	Donna Nunery	
	11:00	Jim Rhodes, Marian Perkinson	
Ushers:	8:30	Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer	* Head Ushers
	9:45	Jim Watkins*, JR Irvin	
	11:00	Herb McCulloch*, James Bartlett, Marshall Henry, Dean Hutchinson, Larry Koon	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:45, 11:00	Staff Members, Carla Adams, Samantha Garcia	

Graduate Recognition: On May 5, we will recognize all our 2024 graduates during worship! Whether you are graduating from high school, college, trade school, secondary education, any sort of graduation, we want to celebrate with you! *Sign up in the pew pad today or email Juliana Paradie.* **Please do not forget to send 2 or 3 pictures, no later than April 21,** so we can include you in our PowerPoint presentation. POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

Texting In Church! Join us to help our Church stay connected! To sign up and be a part of our Text Ministry, scan the QR code or text the word “**connect**” to get a weekly text from CUMC about ways you can get involved as we embrace, love, and impact our community. Text the word “**music**” to 804-979-2922 to subscribe to the announcements about upcoming concerts at Chester UMC!



Small Group Study- How To Reach New People. Tuesdays, 6:00 PM, April 23 through May 21, Annex. Led by Pastor Nathan Decker. We will use the book, *Get Their Name*, by Farr, Anderson, and Kotan. Books provided. *Sign up in the pew pad, today!* Or, use this QR code to join the Study. POC: Pastor Nathan Decker

ESL Volunteers and Food Donations: As we continue to embrace, love, and positively impact our neighbors, we are serving by providing English as a Second Language (ESL) classes to about 30 adults. Many come directly after work on Tuesdays and Thursdays, so we are providing them with a snack. We are in need of food donations and servers for May. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lynn Crump at 804-513-0260 or lynncrumppla@gmail.com

A Place of Miracles is collecting gently used baby clothing, children’s clothing up to size 10, and other baby items. Drop off your donations in the Church Mission Closet.
POC: Diane Merryman (804) 586-4189 dianemerryman@gmail.com.

Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, April 21, 2024

Greeters:	8:30	Andy & Eileen Steck	
	9:45	Stephanie Decker	
	11:00	Betty Labin, Linda Large	
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Ron Dombrowski	* Head Ushers
	9:45	Gordon Morris*, Scott Pugh	
	11:00	Will Herrmann, Willie Orton, Steve & Joan Osborne, Tommy Petrey	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:45, 11:00	Staff Members, Carla Adams, Samantha Garcia	

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. Beginning April 7, *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, by Amy-Jill Levine. Jesus' final days were full of risk. Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the passion story. Visitors and new members are always welcome. POC: Susan Petrey, 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, /Andrew Brummette.

Journey Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Annex and Google Meet, Join by video link: <https://meet.google.com/ptm-pieh-vve>. We will continue our conversations about the book "*God is Speaking*". POCs: Carolyn Landis landisfamily05@gmail.com and Eric Hougland ehougland88@gmail.com

Seekers Sunday School Class: 9:40 AM, Room 226. 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 adults are invited. POC: Barbara MacIntyre telluwhatbarbara@aim.com

Senior Singles Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Parlor. We are starting the book, *When All Else Fails, Read the Instructions*, by James Moore. POC: Cynthia Corley cacorley@ctsi.net

Middle & High School, Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Annex Loft. Bring your friends! Grades 6-12. POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

Middle & High School: Regular meetings are at 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

Bridge Builders-Jail Ministry: Meets 2nd Sundays, 12:15 PM, Room 116. Please join us as we look to strengthen our Jail Ministry with Chesterfield County HARP. POC: Maureen Coker mcoker2003@comcast.net

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 Mondays, 2:00 PM, Community Room at Chester Village Senior APTS (11701 Chester Village DR).

Joy Singers: Tuesdays, 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

Sueños ESL Classes: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM, Rooms 205, 214, 221, 226. POC: Pastor Chad Beck (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

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

Women's Fellowship Luncheon: 3rd Thursdays, Join us at a local restaurant for good food and great conversation. POC: Joan Osborne josbor61@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Group: 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 wvalady@verizon.net

Women's Christian Book Club: 1st Thursdays, 6:30 PM, Parlor. Our next book is "*An Extra Mile: A Story of Embracing God's Call.*" by Sharon Garlough Brown. Amazon link: <https://a.co/d/00FiwSj> 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: Mondays, 6:00 PM, 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: 3rd Saturdays, 6:00 PM, Join us for food and a variety of fun activities! POC: Charlotte Brummette Charl208@yahoo.com (804) 833-1174

The United Methodist Women (UMW): Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, to learn more about UMW, our two participating fellowships, and how you can become involved.

- **Jean Craig Fellowship:** 1st Mondays, 7:00 PM, Room 205. Next meeting will be May 6. POC: Susan Petrey for details, 804-938-5396.
- **Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship:** 2nd Thursdays, 10:30 AM, Room 226, for a time of Christian fellowship. Next meeting will be May 9. POC: Martha Miles, 804-748-5476.

Backpack Ministry: We are in the final months of school and because of your generous support, we have been able to send food home each weekend to help 55 families. Almost every week our bin in the Church Mission Closet has received donations of food items we use. This enables us to use our monetary donations more wisely. Thank you to all who give food, money, and support to this vital ministry. POC: Karen Comer kgcomer@verizon.net

Stephen Ministry: Are You Stressed? Discouraged? Feeling Down?

You don't have to go through difficult times alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you with confidential, one-to-one, Christian care and support to help you get through a tough time. So don't keep it all inside and struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care. To find out more about Stephen Ministry, please call Steve Osborne at 407-921-0227.



Rest Stop is a Chester UMC after school program designed to provide rest and encouragement to at-risk youth from Thomas Dale High School. Do you have a special gift to share with these young people or just an abundance of love to give? Make a check payable to CUMC, (memo: Rest Stop) to help cover our small expenses including gas for the church bus. Contact Rest Stop Team Leader, Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396, for more information or to volunteer.

Chester UMC Men: If you are seeking to give and receive fellowship, mentorship, service to Church and community, study of The Word of God with other men then be on the lookout for upcoming news regarding our United Methodist Men. Remember, "Iron Sharpens Iron", *Proverbs 27:17*. POC: Brion Seward 1bseward@comcast.net

CUMC Preschool is Hiring Teachers & Assistants: CUMC Preschool is looking for energetic, creative, confident, and loving teachers and assistants for the 2024-2025 school year starting this fall. Apply Now! Send your resume to preschool@chesterumc.org. POC: Whitney Graham 804-748-2275.

Feed More Food Distribution: Friday, April 19, 9:30 AM- 12:30 PM, Greenleigh Mobile Home Park. Come be a part of Chester UMC in action! We are looking for 10 volunteers to assist with this event. If you are new to mission work, or a veteran of this event, this is a great way to serve your community and build relationships! Sign up no later than April 15. In cooperation with the Chester YMCA, Feed More is serving the Greenleigh Community (14006 Stevenhurst DR, Chester, VA 23831) by providing a monthly food distribution at the mobile home park. The food distribution is a monthly event held on the third Friday of each month. Contact CUMC Missions Chair, Eric Hougland 804-212-7857 or ehougland88@gmail.com Use this link to sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44ACAF2CAAF5C16-48945634-feed/>

Chester UMC Arts & Crafts Show: Saturday, April, 27, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Rain-or-Shine. Davis Fellowship Hall & Welcome Center parking lot. Free Admission. Peruse handmade crafts from CUMC crafters and many more. *Breakfast and lunch items will be on sale.* If you craft and are interested in obtaining a space, or know someone else who might be interested, download the application at <https://chesterumc.org/craft-show/>. \$60 for an outside 10' by 10' space. POCs: Katey Petrey McCarney CUMCcraftshow@gmail.com / 804-402-0084 and Susan Mundell Petrey 804-938-5396

Youth Sunday: Sunday, April 28, 8:30 AM. Our amazing teenagers will preach and participate in many ways throughout Worship. Invite your family and friends and see our teenagers in action. POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

VBS Volunteers Needed: We are looking for VBS Volunteers to help June 24-28 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please sign up in the pew pad today or use this QR code. POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org



Vacation Bible School: June 24-28 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. Start registering your children today by using this QR Code. VBS is for children that turn age 4 by Sept. 1 through children entering 6th grade. POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

Rise Against Hunger: Save The Date! Sunday, August 18, 12:30 PM, Fellowship Hall. We are aiming to achieve a 50% increase in our number of meals. Snacks and drinks will be provided. POC: Eric Hougland ehougland88@gmail.com