



APRIL 28, 2024 - 9:45 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Do Lord
Unclouded Day
Sun's Gonna Come Up
Sweeter as the Days Go By

SPECIAL MUSIC

He Leadeth Me
Joshua Wortham, pianist

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:3-11 (CEB)

MESSAGE

God's Not Done Yet
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

April 28, 2024—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Majestic
Trading My Sorrows
Everlasting God
In the Secret
We Believe
All the People Said Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

He Leadeth Me
Joshua Wortham, pianist

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 9:24

MESSAGE

Faith and Football
Bradley Munchel

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April 28, 2024

A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

Fifth Sunday
of Easter

Welcome, Announcements, & Greeting

Prelude

How Great Thou Art

Organist

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: Who is the cornerstone of our faith?

People: Jesus is our cornerstone!

Leader: Who is our shepherd in these dark days?

People: Jesus is our shepherd!

Leader: Who can save us from this world of pain?

People: Jesus is our savior!

* Opening Prayer¹

Shepherding God, you bring us into your presence and shower us with your love. You lead us beside the still waters and restore our souls. Touch our hearts and minds, that we may live your love and abide in your grace. Amen.

* Hymn No. 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

* 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.

Anthem

I Am Bound for the Promised Land

Chancel Choir

Why We Give

Offertory

He Leadeth Me

Pianist

* 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. 347

Spirit Song

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:3-11

CEB

Message

God's Not Done Yet

Pastor Nathan Decker

* Hymn No. 555

Forward Through the Ages

* 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/2623/worship-elements>

The Flowers on the Altar are given by Donnie and Sherri Snelson, to the glory of God and in honor of their mother and mother-in-law, Mrs. James Snelson, who is celebrating her 93rd birthday today. Mom, as they call her, resides at Beth Shalom Senior Living Home.

Calendar

April 28, 2024 – May 5, 2024

Today: April 28

- 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-Variuos
- 10:45 AM Bridge Small Group-213
- 11:00 AM Traditions- Sanctuary
- 1:15 PM Sueños Christmas
Missions Meeting-Annex
- 3:00 PM Youth Activity- Swaders
Sports Park

Mon: April 29

- 10:00 AM Stephen Min. Training-226
- 6:00 PM Strum & Smile- Music
Suite
- 6:30 PM Boy/Cub Scouts
- 6:30 PM Nutshell Class-226
- 7:00 PM Nominations Team-205
- 7:30 PM Beginner Music Reading-
Music Suite

Tues: April 30

- 10:30 AM Joy Singers-Music Suite
- 3:00 PM Rest Stop
- 6:00 PM How to Reach New
People- Annex
- 6:30 PM Women's Book Club-
Parlor
- 7:00 PM ESL-205, 214, 221,226

Wed: May 1

- 10:00 AM Visitation Team-226
- 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
- 5:45 PM Handbell Choir-Music Suite
- 6:30 PM Crew-206
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir-Music Suite

Thurs: May 2

- 11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-
Trinity UMC
- 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor
- 7:00 PM ESL-205, 214, 221, 226

Fri: May 3

- 6:30 PM Sueños Health & Safety-
DFH

Sat: May 4

- 11:00 AM Preschool Open House-
until 2:00 PM- DFH &
Room 205

Next Sunday: May 5, 2024

- 8:15 AM Nursery until 12 PM
- 8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship- DFH
Graduation Sunday
- 9:45 AM Bridge Worship-Sanctuary
Sun Sch PreK-107
Sun Sch Gr K-5-206
Adult SS-Variuos
- 11:00 AM Traditions Worship-
Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM TDHS Key Club Board
Meeting-116
- 12:15 PM Nutshell Class- DFH
- 4:00 PM Youth Activities- Annex

Sunday Worship Schedule

Date

May 5, Graduation Sunday

Sermon Title

Following the 11th Commandment
TBD

Scripture

John 15:9-17 NCV
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

***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.

Bridge Small Group: All are welcome! Would you like to grow in learning about and practicing prayer while connecting with other church members? Those who attend the Bridge service and anyone else, are invited to come at 10:45-11:45 AM on Sundays, April 28, May 5, and May 19 in Room 213. We will begin with Richard Foster's book, *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home*. POC: Pastor Chad chadbeck@chesterumc.org

CUMC In A Nutshell: Monday, April 29, 6:30 PM, Room 226 **or** Sunday, May 5, 12:15 PM, Fellowship Hall. 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.

Sueños Health & Safety for Latino Families: Friday, May 3, (1st Fridays), 6:30 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. Join us for a variety of topic and good food. Childcare will be provided. POC: Pastor Chad chadbeck@chesterumc.org

CUMC Preschool Open House: Saturday, May 4, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Join us as CUMC Preschool is hosting their first open house. Guests will be touring and learning more about our outstanding preschool. There will be games, bounce house fun for the children, and grab lunch at Kristen's Kitchen Food Truck that will be outside from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. Registration for the fall is ongoing but spots are filling up fast! Registration fees will be waived at the open house! Bring a friend! POC: Whitney Graham preschool@chesterumc.org

Graduate Recognition: Sunday, May 5, 8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship Service. We will recognize our 2024 graduates. POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

Red Cross Blood Drive: Wednesday, May 8, 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. All blood types are needed. Each donation helps three people. Make your donation appointment at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=chesterumcva>.

KEEP IN PRAYER: The family of Mack Theodore Daniels; Debra Harms; Gwen Byer; The family of Charles Smith, Jr.; 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; Karen Cole; Dollie & Malcom Stone; Penny Creed; Bryan Manna; Joe & Diane Manna; Dick Weis; Summer Vaughn; Margie Donald; Lynda Richardson; Sandra Cherny; Charles Cressell; Mary Tyree; Billy Hopson; Ken Farmer; Dee Watkins; Susie Hall; Carolyn Maxwell; Ella Hilton; Jo Kiser; Erika Hilton.

Our Presence on April 14, 2024

8:30 AM Fresh Start.....	104
9:45 AM Bridge Worship	34
11:00 AM Traditions.....	166
Online.....	38
Total Worship Attendance	342

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 28, 2024

Greeters:	8:30	Laura Houglund	
	9:45	Ed & Marian Garrett	
	11:00	Linda Large, Will Schmidt	
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Bill Comer	* Head Ushers
	9:45	Linda D’Agostino*, JR Irvin	
	11:00	Gary Williams*, Bob Kutz, Emory Large, Scott Pugh, Kay Williams	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:45, 11:00	Staff Members; Carla Adams, Samantha Garcia	

Celebration of Chad Beck's Ministry: Sunday, June 2, 12:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. Join us as we celebrate Chad Beck's ministry and wish a fond farewell to his family. Potluck style luncheon with chicken tenders provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

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, through May 21, Annex. Led by Pastor Nathan Decker. We are using the book, *Get Their Name*, by Farr, Anderson, and Kotan. Books provided. POC: Pastor Nathan Decker nathandecker@chesterumc.org

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. Please drop off your donations in the Church Mission Closet. POC: Diane Merryman (804) 586-4189 dianemerryman@gmail.com.

Rise Against Hunger: 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 Houglan ehouglan88@gmail.com

Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, May 5, 2024

Greeters:	8:30	Maureen Coker	
	9:45	Donna Nunery	
	11:00	Tim & Beth Stewart	
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Ron Dombrowski	* Head Ushers
	9:45	Herb McCulloch*, Scott Pugh	
	11:00	Beth Stewart*, Andrew Brummette, Marshall Henry, Don Schmidt, Steve Osborne	
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. *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 lbseward@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 are studying the book of Luke.
POCs: Carolyn Landis landisfamily05@gmail.com and Eric Houglund ehouglund88@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 Drive).

Joy Singers: Tuesdays, 10:30 AM, 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: Wednesdays, 5:45 PM, Sanctuary; For Adults. 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: lisajstanfield@gmail.com

Women's Fellowship Luncheon: 3rd Thursdays, 1:30 PM. Next luncheon, May 16. 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. The next meeting date is different than our normal schedule- It has been changed to Tuesday, April 30. 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 jrbrooksiecee@gmail.com

Sueños Health & Safety for Latino Families: 1st Fridays, 6:30 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. Join us for a variety of topics, good food, and 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 Monday, May 6. POC: Susan Petrey for details, 804-938-5396.
- **Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship:** 2nd Thursdays, 10:30 AM, Room 226. Next meeting will be Thursday, May 9. Join us for a time of Christian fellowship. 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.

Methodist Men's Gathering: Sunday, May 19, 5:00 PM, Annex. If you are seeking to give and receive fellowship, mentorship, service to Church and community, and study The Word of God with other men then join us for a Barbecue. We will provide the main protein and you may bring a side dish. So that we know how many people to expect, please be sure to RSVP the Church office at office@chesterumc.org. Or call the Church office at 748-6006. RSVP no later than May 15, please. We will plan our first men's service project, eat and fellowship. 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.

Bridge Builders: Sunday, May 12, 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

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. Register your children today by using this QR Code. VBS is for children that turn age four by September 1st, through children entering the 6th Grade.

**Don't miss out on all the fun at
CUMC Vacation Bible School!
Register today!**

Register Here:

<https://chester-umc.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-child>

POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

