



May 12, 2024 - 9:45 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

I'll Fly Away
Are You Washed in the Blood?
Amazing Grace / Peaceful, Easy Feeling
Bigger Than Any Mountain

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Want to Go
Joshua Wortham

SCRIPTURE

John 17: 1, 6, 20-23 NIV

MESSAGE

Mothers, Jesus, and Unity
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

May 12, 2024—8:30 AM



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

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My Savior Lives
Open Up the Heavens
You Are My King
This is Amazing Grace

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A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

Ascension
Sunday

Welcome, Announcements, & Greeting

Prelude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Organist

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: Jesus prayed for his disciples, giving them into God's eternal care.

People: Jesus prays for us, giving us into God's care.

Leader: Know that you have been blessed with the love of the Savior.

People: We live in that love and seek to serve God.

Leader: Open your hearts and spirits now to hear God's word.

People: May our lives be open to God's Spirit and reflect God's love. Amen.

* Opening Prayer

God of incredible surprises, as we gaze into the clouds, remind us that we are standing on holy ground. Place our feet on the pathways of peace and hope. Draw our attention from the vision of the Lord rising to the heavens to be with you and help us to focus on the ministries that you would have us do. Keep us ready and willing always to serve you all our days. Amen.

* Hymn No. 546

The Church's One Foundation

Stanzas 1, 2, 4, & 5

* 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

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Chancel Choir

Why We Give

Talina Sarmiento Beck

Offertory

I Want to Go

Joshua Wortham

* 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. 557

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Stanzas 1-3

Scripture Reading

John 17: 1, 6, 20-23

NIV

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* Hymn No. 547

O Church of God, United

* 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/2785/worship-connection-may-12-2024>

The Flowers on the Altar are given by Charles and Cheryl Green, to the glory of God, and in memory of Ruby G. Green, beloved mother of Charles.

Calendar

May 12, 2024 – May 19, 2024

Today: May 12- Mother's Day

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- Sanctuary
4:00 PM No Youth Activity Today

Mon: May 13

6:00 PM Strum & Smile- Music Suite
6:30 PM Boy/Cub Scouts
7:30 PM Beginner Music Reading- Music Suite

Tues: May 14

10:30 AM Joy Singers-Music Suite
3:00 PM Rest Stop
6:00 PM How to Reach New People- Annex
7:00 PM ESL-205, 214, 221,226
7:00 PM Church Council-213

Wed: May 15

12:00 PM Chimes & Bulletin Deadline
5:45 PM Handbell Choir-Music Suite
6:00 PM Cub Scouts- 226
6:30 PM Crew-206

6:30 PM Girl Scout Service- DFH
7:00 PM Chancel Choir-Music Suite

Thurs: May 16

1:30 PM Women's Fellowship
Lunch- River's Bend Grill
1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor
7:00 PM ESL-205, 214, 221, 226

Fri: May 17

Sat: May 18

5:00 PM Young Families' Picnic- Goyne Park

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2:00 PM ESL Team Meeting- 226
4:00 PM Youth Activity- Annex
5:00 PM Methodist Men's Gathering- Annex

Sunday Worship Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sermon Title</u>	<u>Scripture</u>
May 19	A Tribe Called Love in a Tribal World	Acts 2:1-18 NRSVUE
May 26	Take Me Into the Most Holy Presences	Isaiah 6:1-8 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.

Women's Fellowship Luncheon: Thursday, May 16, 1:30 PM, River's Bend Grill, 13283 River's Bend Blvd, Chester. RSVP by Monday, May 13. POC: Joan Osborne josbor61@gmail.com

Bridge Small Group: Sunday, May 19, 10:45 AM, Room 213. Would you like to grow in learning about and practicing prayer while connecting with other church members? All are invited. We use Richard Foster's book, *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home*. POC: Pastor Chad chadbeck@chesterumc.org

Young Families' Community Picnic: Saturday, May 18, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM at Goyne Park. We will have a pavilion reserved and hot dogs will be served as a main dish. Bring a side dish to share. Sign up today, using this QR code. POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org



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 smoked pulled pork and you are asked to bring a side dish and beverages to share. So that we know how many to expect, please be sure to RSVP by signing up in the pew pad today or email the Church Office at office@chesterumc.org, RSVP no later than Wednesday, May 15. We will plan our first men's service project, eat, and fellowship. Remember, "Iron Sharpens Iron," *Proverbs 27:17*. POC: Brion Seward lbseward@comcast.net

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 Chad and his family. Potluck style luncheon with chicken tenders provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. For questions or more information please email office@chesterumc.org

Blood Drive Update: The American Red Cross wants to thank you for donating blood! On May 8 they collected 25 donations on their goal of 26. Each donation potentially helps three blood recipients. Our next Blood Drive will be Wednesday, July 3 in Davis Fellowship Hall.

KEEP IN PRAYER: Dollie & Malcom Stone; Brian Vokey; Harold Worcester; The family of Mack Theodore Daniels; Debra Harms; Gwen Byer; Jimmy Willingham; Rev. Ed Garrett; Bill Johnson; The family of Susan Henry; Kevan Spiers; Casey Jones and family; Mary Ann Bellamy; Elizabeth Cave; Karen Cole; Dick Weis; Penny Creed; Bryan Manna; Joe & Diane Manna; Summer Vaughn; Margie Donald; Lynda Richardson; Sandra Cherny; Charles Cressell; Mary Tyree; Ken Farmer; Dee Watkins; Susie Hall; Carolyn Maxwell; Ella Hilton; Jo Kiser; Erika Hilton.

Our Presence on May 5, 2024

8:30 AM Fresh Start..... 105
 9:45 AM Bridge Worship 58
 11:00 AM Traditions..... 155
 Online..... 39
Total Worship Attendance 357

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, May 12, 2024

Greeters:	8:30	Steve & Joan Osborne	
	9:45	Stephanie Decker	
	11:00	Hunter Beazley, Martha Miles	
Ushers:	8:30	Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer	* Head Ushers
	9:45	Jim Watkins*, JR Irvin	
	11:00	Herb McCulloch*, Dean Hutchins, Larry Koon, Bob Kutz, Beth Stewart	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:45, 11:00	Staff Members; Carla Adams, Samantha Garcia	

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

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. Our goal is to achieve a 50% increase in our number of meals. Snacks and drinks will be provided.
POC: Eric Houglan ehouglan88@gmail.com

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.

Join Us for a Special General Conference Presentation! Sunday, June 23, 5:00 PM. Location TBD. Mark your calendars for this event. Guest Speakers- *Beth Givens*: Newly appointed District Superintendent of the Coastal District and seasoned General Conference delegate from Virginia. *Mochel Morris*: A respected retired Virginia clergywoman who attended the General Conference as an observer. You can expect to gain valuable insights into the workings of the General Conference and learn about the latest developments and decisions impacting our community. Have your questions answered by these knowledgeable speakers. This event is open to everyone! Your presence and participation are warmly welcomed. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your understanding and engagement with our shared journey. We look forward to seeing you there! POC: Pastor Nathan Decker

Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, May 19, 2024

Greeters:	8:30	Laura Houglan	
	9:45	Ed & Marian Garrett	
	11:00	Jim Rhodes	
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Ron Dombrowski	* Head Ushers
	9:45	Gordon Morris*, Scott Pugh	
	11:00	Will Herrmann*, James Bartlett, Emory Large, Geoff LeSueur, Tom 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. *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 study the book, *The Ten Commandments From The Backside*, by J. Ellsworth Kalas, from May 19-Aug. 4. Kalas opens new possibilities of insight into the familiar Ten Commandments by restating them in the positive. Discover how the law was meant to make life richer and more fulfilling. Gain new insights into positive possibilities for holy living. All adults are welcome.
POC: Barbara MacIntyre telluwhatbarbara@aim.com

Senior Singles Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Parlor. We are studying 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. (No Meeting in May)
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. (No meeting May 16 & 23) POC: Lisa Stanfield: lisajostanfield@gmail.com

Women's Fellowship Luncheon: 3rd Thursdays, 1:30 PM. 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 May read is *Woman of God*, by James Patterson. Here is the amazon link ... <https://a.co/d/7u8hnUA>. Next meeting June 6. POC: Jennifer Brame jrbrooksiee@gmail.com

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. POC: Susan Petrey for details, 804-938-5396.
- **Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship:** 2nd Thursdays, Room 226. Join us for a time of Christian fellowship. POC: Martha Miles, 804-748-5476

Backpack Ministry: We are in the final month 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

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 Team Leader, Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396, for information and volunteering.

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.



Chester UMC Commissions Stephen Ministers: On Sunday, May 19, we will commission six new Stephen Ministers- Pat Baake, Lynn Crump, Linda Mottley, Tory Powner, Sandy Sims, and Beth Van Den Berg. They have been through 50 hours of specialized training in Christian caregiving. We are delighted to have them join our team of Stephen Ministers. Lift-up our new Stephen Ministers in your prayers, asking that God bless their ministry and work through them to bring hope and healing to those they will serve. Pray for the continued ministry of all of Chester UMC's Stephen Ministers.

Remember Our Veterans On Memorial Day: As we honor those who lost their lives in service to our nation, let's also remember our veterans at Richmond VA Health Medical Center and Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center, by making and/or writing cards for them. Please address envelopes with phrases such as "To a Special Veteran," "Just for You," or "To Someone Special." Do not sign your last name or seal the envelope. In your cards include sentiments such as "I am thankful for your service to our country." Please place cards in the Sharing Bin outside the Welcome Center or in the Mission Closet by Sunday, May 19.

POC: Karen Cole karen.k.cole67@gmail.com

Chancel Choir Tour Home Concert: Sunday, June 9, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary. Join us for a captivating musical experience! The Chancel Choir invites you, your friends, and your family to our Home Concert. All are welcome to join us for this special musical performance.

Come, be a part of our musical journey! POC: Joshua Wortham music@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!



VBS Volunteers Needed: Be a Hero! We are looking for VBS Volunteers to help out on 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 1 through children entering the 6th Grade. Don't miss out on all the fun at CUMC Vacation Bible School! Register today, using this link:

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

POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

