



August 4, 2024 - 9:45 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Are You Washed?
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Peace Like a River
Glory to His Name

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:20-22
Matthew 13:51-53
CEB

SPECIAL MUSIC

In The Garden
Angelo Galarza

MESSAGE

Knowing God in Scripture
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

August 4, 2024—8:30 AM



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

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Build Your Kingdom Here
Awesome is the Lord Most High
Power of Your Love
Glorious Day

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A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

Eleventh Sunday
after Pentecost

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Prelude

Angelo Galarza, Organist

* Call to Worship¹

Herb McCulloch, Liturgist

Leader: When we encounter you,

People: We meet the Word.

Leader: When we open the book with an invitation to the Spirit,

People: We read the Word.

Leader: When we listen with open ears, eyes, and hearts,

People: We hear the Word.

Leader: And when we follow no matter how difficult,

People: We become the Word.

* Opening Prayer¹

Holy God, author of the Word made flesh, to whom belongs both the first Word and the last, open us to your Spirit, that as scripture is spoken and your Word proclaimed, we may be comforted, convinced, and changed to the glory of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

* Hymn No. 156

I Love to Tell the Story

* 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.

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Why We Give

Offertory

Organist

* 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. 601

Thy Word Is a Lamp

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:20-22 and Matthew 13:51-53

CEB

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Knowing God in Scripture

Rev. Nathan Decker

Holy Communion

* Hymn No. 600

Wonderful Words of Life

* Benediction

* Choral Amen

Chancel Choir

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

¹ <https://worshipwake.wordpress.com/2020/02/17/word-of-god/>

² Worship and Song Resource, pg. 33, No. 75

The Flowers on the Altar are given by Mary Musslewhite to the glory of God, and in memory of her parents, Sam and Bess Musselwhite.

Calendar

August 4, 2024 – August 11, 2024

Today: August 4

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
 No Youth Sunday School
 11:00 AM Traditions Worship-
 Sanctuary
 12:00 PM Key Club Board-116
 1:30 PM Key Club Meeting- 116
 4:00 PM No Youth Activities

Mon: August 5

6:00 PM Strum & Smile- Music Ste
 6:00 PM Jean Craig- First
 Responders Cookie Delivery

Tues: August 6

7:00 PM SPRC-213

Wed: August 7

10:00 AM Visitation Team-226
 10:00 AM Blood Drive- DFH
 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
 6:00 PM Cub Scouts- 226
 6:30 PM Crew-206

Thurs: August 8

1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor
 6:30 PM Women's Book Club-
 Annex
 7:00 PM Finance Meeting-213

Fri: August 9

Sat: August 10

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Sunday Worship Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sermon Title</u>	<u>Scripture</u>
Aug 11	Knowing God in Tradition	Acts 2:42-47 NRSVUE
Aug 18	Knowing God in Communal Experience	Ephesians 4:1-7 NLT

*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.

Blood Drive, Wednesday, August 7, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM, DFH. Sign up today by using the QR code or visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/local-homepage/events/help.html>. You will receive a \$20 Amazon gift card by email if you donate blood in August.



Rise Against Hunger: Sunday, August 18, 12:15 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. Our goal is to fund and pack 15,000 meals. There are tasks for all ages and ability levels. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Check out the Rise Against Hunger website <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/> or use this QR code. POC: Eric Hougland ehougland88@gmail.com

August Youth Gathering: Sunday, August 18, 9:30 AM, Annex. Calling all middle and high school youth! We will meet after the 8:30 AM worship service to have brunch and fellowship. At 12:15, we will join the church to pack meals for Rise Against Hunger! We would love all youth help to serve this great organization! Please RSVP to Emily Smith, 804-721-2168.



Chesterfield County Fair: August 23-31. Let's make a difference and spread joy in our community! We invite all adults to volunteer. CUMC will be financially compensated for our volunteer hours while seizing the opportunity to connect with our community in a positive way. What a great fundraising event for our Church. To sign up, use this QR code. POC: Stacy Ferrer ssfva@comcast.net

Interested in Becoming a Member? Have you been feeling a nudge from God about joining Chester United Methodist Church, but are unsure how to become a member? Come chat with our new member secretary, Beth Stewart, in the Parlor, Room 122, Sunday, August 11, 18, or 25; between 9:20-9:40 AM or 10:20-10:40 AM. Beth will talk about the new member process and answer any questions you may have. Pastor Nathan has named Sunday, Sept 8, 2024 as "New Disciple Sunday", where new members can join at whichever worship service they attend. Stop by the Parlor to get your questions answered or email your questions to bethstew@gmail.com, so you're ready to join with other new disciples on September 8.

Church Picnic: Sunday, September 8, 12:00 PM. You are invited to join us immediately following the 11:00 AM Traditions worship. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Joshua Wortham's 20th Anniversary at CUMC. In addition to this milestone, it will also be New Disciple Sunday, where we welcome and celebrate those who have recently joined our Church family. Save the date and join us for the Church picnic!

KEEP IN PRAYER: Wayne & Ginny Virag; Gary Williams; Dee Watkins; Joyce & Kurt Overman; The family of Phil Wallace; The family of John York, Sr.; Deborah Napolitano; Joyce Battle and her family; The family of Jean Huber; Mary Luther; Sheila Russ; Marie Perdue; Carol Davis; Barbara & Buck Dance; Bill Lyon; Karen Cole; Sharon Buchanan; Charles Cressell; Harold Worcester; Debra Harms; Gwen Byer; Bill Johnson; Kevan Spiers; Casey Jones and Family; Mary Ann Bellamy; Elizabeth Cave; Dick Weis; Penny Creed; Bryan Mannelta; Joe & Diane Mannelta; Summer Vaughn; Margie Donald; Lynda Richardson; Sandra Cherny; Mary Tyree; Ken Farmer; Susie Hall; Ella Hilton; Jo Kiser; Erika Hilton.

Our Presence on July 28, 2024

8:30 AM Fresh Start.....	80
9:45 AM Bridge Worship.....	44
11:00 AM Traditions.....	109
Online.....	39
Total Worship Attendance.....	272

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, August 4, 2024

Greeters:	8:30	Maureen Coker	
	9:45	Donna Nunery	
	11:00	Teresa Dombrowski, Jim Rhodes	
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Morris*, Bill Comer	* Head Usher
	9:45	Jim Watkins*, Pat Stanfield	
	11:00	Beth Stewart*, Geoff LeSueur, Tommy Petrey, Jeff Marlin, Bob Kutz	
Communion:	8:30	Emily Galarza, Alexandria Paradie	
	9:45	Sandra Dishman, Paul Marretti	
	11:00	Claudia Nagy, Penn Shultz	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:45, 11:00	Staff Members; Carla Adams, Samantha Garcia	

Youth Mission Trip: Harvest of Hope! September 27 –29. We are headed to Lynchburg to be a part of the Harvest for Hope Ministry! The cost is \$150 per person. Meals and lodging are included. Scholarships are available. We have a total of 27 youth & parents signed up and it is still not too late if your child is interested! Please complete forms and submit payment no later than July 31. Use this link to find out more information <https://endhunger.org/hoh/> .
POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes: A new semester will begin September 3 through November 21, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:00 PM- 8:30 PM. POC: Pastor Nathan for more information. nathandecker@chesterumc.org

Snacks for ESL: CUMC provides snacks for adult ESL students on Tuesday and Thursday evenings throughout the year. We need volunteers to help. Classes begin September 3 and run through May, with semester breaks. If you can volunteer please contact Lynn Crump lynncrumppla@gmail.com.

Help Spread Sunday Smiles! Our Hospitality Team needs volunteers to pick up donuts and brew coffee on the second and third Sundays of each month. Interested in helping? Contact Andy & Eileen Steck andyei10twitchell@gmail.com

Dinner for Six or Eight is a great opportunity to get to know fellow churchgoers. You do not have to be a member of CUMC. Couples and singles gather once a month from September through November and January. Each month someone in the group hosts. We will create groups and let you know when and where the first dinner will be held. The hostess will contact you to decide what everyone might bring. If interested, *sign up today in the pew pad*. Please indicate if you are willing to host. POC: Mary Musselwhite, 804-330-0014

Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, August 11, 2024

Greeters:	8:30	Steve & Joan Osborne	
	9:45	Ed & Marian Garrett	
	11:00	Linda Large, Will Schmidt	
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Ron Dombrowski	* Head Usher
	9:45	Herb McCulloch*, Scott Pugh	
	11:00	Will Herrmann*, James Bartlett, Scott Pugh, Jeff Marlin, Willie Orton	
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. Continuing through Labor Day, *From Jesus to Constantine*, by Professor Bart D. Ehrman. All are welcome. POC: Susan Petrey, 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. Will resume in September. 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>. The Journey Group is going to take a break August 11-September 1. We will reconvene September 8.
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. All adults are welcome. POC: Gordon Jones JONESGJ215@gmail.com

Senior Singles Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Parlor. Will resume in September.
POC: Cynthia Corley cacorley@ctsi.net

Middle & High School, Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Annex Loft. The schedule will vary during the summer. Grades 6-12. POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

Middle & High School: 4:00 PM, Annex Loft. Resumes in August. Grades 6-12. Bring your friends! POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

Bridge Builders: Meets 2nd Sundays, 12:15 PM, Room 116. Join us as we pursue ways to build bridges of acceptance for our neighbors who do not look, think, speak or pray like us.
POC: Maureen Coker mcoker2003@comcast.net

United Methodist Men: Meets 3rd Sundays, 4:30 PM. If you are seeking to give and receive fellowship, mentorship, service to Church and community, and study The Word of God with other men. POC: Brion Seward 1bseward@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

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

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. Resumes in the Fall. Rehearsals for our retired folks. This group sings for local nursing home residents and community groups. POC: Joshua Wortham. music@chesterumc.org

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

Handbells: Wednesdays, 5:45 PM, Sanctuary; Resumes in the Fall. For Adults. POC: Joshua Wortham music@chesterumc.org

Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study: Thursdays, 7:30 AM at Grants Coffee Co., 11884 Chester Village Drive. POC: Gordon Morris gordo1545@aim.com

Contemplative Prayer Group: Thursdays, 11:00 AM, Trinity UMC. Resumes in the Fall. Read scripture, pray, chat, connect with God. 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 conversation. Our next luncheon will be held on August 15 at Antonio's Restaurant, 11956 Iron Bridge Plaza. RSVP to Joan Osborne no later than Monday, August 12. POC: Joan Osborne josbor61@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Group: Thursdays, 1:30 PM, Parlor, or 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 wva_lady@verizon.net

Women's Christian Book Club: Thursday, August 8, 6:30 PM, Annex- Potluck Dinner. (changed date and location). August book is, *The Potluck Club (Book 1)*, by Shepard & Everson. POC: Jennifer Brame jrbrooksieec@gmail.com

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

United Methodist Women (UMW) is to “be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.”

To learn more about UMW call Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396.

- **The Jean Craig Fellowship** will meet on Monday, August 5, 6:00 p.m. Meet in the church parking lot for our annual bus trip to visit local first responders along Route 10 to deliver homemade cookies and thanks. On Monday, September 9, 7:00 p.m. Room 205, We will put together birthday cake kits for our CUMC food pantry. Call Susan Petrey for details, 804-938-5396.
- **The Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship** will resume meeting in the fall. Call Martha Miles, 804-748-5476, for details.
- **Salad Luncheon:** October 13, 12:00 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. All Women of the Church are invited to a luncheon meeting of the UMW Sunday, immediately following 11 o'clock worship. Speaker TBA. Bring a salad or dessert to share. The Jean Craig Fellowship will host.

Bridge Builders: Meets 2nd Sunday, 12:15 PM, 116. Next meeting is September 8. Are you a disciple who believes God is calling you on a journey of racial justice and reconciliation? To build relationships in the community promoting understanding, compassion and togetherness? Join us as we pursue ways to build bridges of acceptance for our neighbors who do not look, think, speak or pray like us. “Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God”-Micah 6:8. POC: Maureen Coker mcoker2003@comcast.net

Bridge Builders Jail Ministry: As part of our mission to make change in the community, Bridge Builders has a Jail Ministry with the Chesterfield County Jail HARP program (Helping Addicts Recover Progressively). A team of volunteers go to the jail the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month facilitating a book study. These men have shared joys, sorrow, dreams and talents such as poetry, music, songs and stories with us; enriching the lives of the men as well as the volunteers! *How can you get involved?* Become a volunteer by submitting paperwork for access into the jail, write notes to the men, provide monetary donation for study books and praying for the men in the HARP program as well as those ministering to them. POC: Maureen Coker mcoker2003@comcast.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. August 6 we'll visit the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, picnic on the grounds and tour the Samurai Armor exhibition. During the school year we meet weekly on Tuesday afternoons at the Annex. Do you have a special gift to share with these young people or just an abundance of love to give? Call Susan to volunteer or to sign up to provide a meal. Make a check payable to CUMC, (memo: Rest Stop) to help cover our small expenses including gas for the church bus. You will leave REST STOP with a joyful heart, receiving more than you gave! Please prayerfully consider how you can help. Contact REST STOP Team Leader Susan Petrey, 804/938-5396, for more information.



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 confidential, one-to-one, Christian care and support to help you get through a tough time. So don't struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers are here to care. To find out more about Stephen Ministry, call Steve Osborne at 407-921-0227.

A Place of Miracles Cafe Clothing Closet is so thankful for the many contributions. Their current wish list is luggage. Duffle bags, suitcases, roller suitcases, bookbags. POC: Diane Merryman at dianemerryman@gmail.com, 804-586-4189.

Texting In Church: Stay connected! Sign up and be a part of our Text Ministry, by scanning the QR code and texting the word "connect" to get important texts from CUMC about ways you can get involved as we embrace, love, and impact our community. Stay informed. You can also text the word "music" to 804-979-2922 to subscribe to the announcements about upcoming concerts at Chester UMC!



Transportation Needed: Bennie Wilkinson is in need of transportation to and from Church on Sundays. He prefers the 11:00 AM, Traditions Worship. If you can provide a ride for Bennie, please visit the link below or use the QR code to sign up. POC: Will Schmidt at 804-931-3660.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FAAAA2DA1F9C34-50214483-help#/>