

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Sunday, March 8

8:45AM	AWE Worship	Fellowship Hall
9:45AM	Joyful Noise	Room 213
9:45AM	Children & Youth Sunday School	Various
9:45AM	David the King Class	Pastors' Gallery
11:00AM	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00PM	CE Committee Meeting	1st Floor Conf. Room
12:30PM	Lunch Bunch	Offsite

Monday, March 9

6:00PM	Finance Committee Meeting	1st Floor Conf. Room
7:00PM	Boy/Cub Scouts	FH, 2nd FL CR, RC

Tuesday, March 10

1:00PM	CPC Staff Meeting	1st Floor Conf. Room
4:00PM	After-School Tutoring	Rudy Center
5:30PM	Grace Café	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 11

7:00AM	Men's Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
3:00PM	Happy Quilters	Fellowship Hall
7:00PM	AA Living Life	Rudy Center

Thursday, March 12

4:00PM	After-School Tutoring	Rudy Center
6:30PM	AWE Choir Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Room 213

Friday, March 13

8:00AM	AA Big Book Study	Rudy Center
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Saturday, March 14

11:00AM	AA Common Journey	Rudy Center
12:00PM	AWE Musician Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Linda Taylor on the death of her brother, Ed Cunningham, March 4, 2020.

Lenten Devotional: Becoming a Beloved Community, A Matthew 25 journey to the cross, is available in the narthex.

Large print hymns/songs and assisted listening devices are available from an usher.

Chester Presbyterian Preschool is now enrolling for the 2020/2021 School Year. We offer a wonderful, half-day program for students ages 2 ½ - 4 years old. Our goal is to properly prepare students for kindergarten in a fun, nurturing environment. For more information, contact Kim at 804-748-9465 or visit our website at cpcpreschool.org.

Gordon Mapes will be out of the office this week, returning March 16. If you have a pastoral need please contact the church office or your deacon/shepherd.

WELCOME. We're glad you joined us for worship today. We are an engaged community of faith called to deliver God's word, grow in faith and serve all people. We worship on Sunday mornings at 8:45 in the fellowship hall and at 11:00 in the main sanctuary. We pray that you experience Christ's presence in our midst, and that his presence will sustain you in the week ahead.

Children are especially welcome in our worship services and invited to worship at the Pray Ground in the front of the sanctuary. For families who prefer, childcare is available for birth through age 5 in rooms 119 & 120. During the service, parents with young children are welcome, if they prefer, to adjourn to the downstairs conference room and continue listening to the service.

If you are a visitor, we hope you will make Chester Presbyterian Church your church home. Please pick up a copy of *Connections@CPC*, our church newsletter in the narthex. It is full of activities and program schedules to assist you in finding areas of interest in our ministries. Our pastor, staff and officers would be delighted to answer any questions you may have about our many programs and activities, and to discuss membership with you at your earliest convenience.

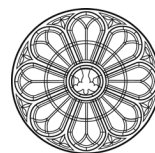
SERVING TODAY

Liturgist	David Hendler
Sanctuary Guild	Cliff & Pam Dameron
Ushers	Richard & Susan Nunnally, Rosemary Price
Greeters	Tom Thompson, John Jabe

Office Hours: 9:00A.M. – 4:30P.M. Monday – Friday. Church staff can be reached at 748-4636:

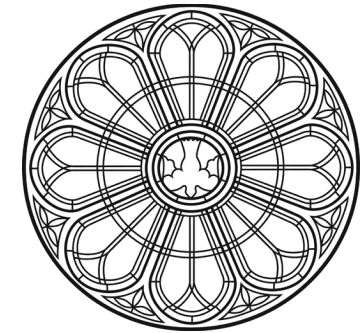
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**God's Call to Chester Presbyterian Church is:
*Deliver God's Word, Grow in Faith, Serve All People.***



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*All who are able may stand.
Bold Type indicates a congregational response



CHESTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday in Lent

11:00AM

March 8, 2020

WE GATHER

WELCOME AND PEACE

The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.

VOLUNTARY

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J.S. BACH

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

As God set Abram, Sarai, and Lot on a journey, God calls us to follow in trust.

God is able to make us more than we have been and blesses us on the way.

As Jesus invited Nicodemus to be born again, Christ invites us to become a new creation.

Christ calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light, and we are saved through him.

Let us worship God!

***HYMN 483**

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

LIEBSTER JESU

CALL TO CONFESSION

We cannot earn God's grace or favor. It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift freely given.

Confident in God's love for us, even when we are ungodly, we confess our sins in faith.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change.

Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith...(Silent, personal confession)

KYRIE 575

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Friends, God is for us, not against us! For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.!

Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE 581**

GLORIA PATRI

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.

WE NURTURE**CHILDREN’S BLESSING****PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

READING Genesis 12:1-4

LESSON John 3:1-17

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION *Husb-Husb*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Apostles’ Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***HYMN 53** *O God, Who Gives Us Life*

NOEL

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE GIVE THANKS

M4M *Grace Café* Bruce Fletcher

OFFERING *God so Loved the World* JOHN STAINER

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that who so believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

***DOXOLOGY 606** OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, we dedicate to you not only these gifts, but also ourselves, in deep gratitude—for your call on our lives, your guidance in the baptismal journey, and for blessing us that we may be a blessing to others. **Accept what we bring for your own good purposes. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

WE REACH OUT

***HYMN 215** *What Wondrous Love Is This* WONDROUS LOVE

DIMINISHING LIGHT**BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Toccata in E minor* JOHANN PACHELBEL

SCRIPTURE**Genesis 12:1-4**

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” ⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The End of Worship, the Beginning of Service

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Members: Betty Crenshaw; Dorinda Davidson, Jafar and Lee Farman; Tim Fesperman; Marcia Hale; Susan Hendle; Sally Noe; Deborah Regal; Ed Rinaca; Sarah Smith; Larry Turner Sr.; Elly Uhrig.

Family: Nancy Hartsoe's niece, Jaime Laufer; Bob Lynn's sister, Jean Lynn; Diana Martyn's sisters, Patty Farnsworth and Janine Bessert and Diana's nephew, Taylor Gesmundo; Nancy Muller's father, Alfred Weidner; Cliff Noe's brother, Bruce Noe; Brita Simmon's cousin Wesley Stacey; Sarah Smith's grandmother, Nancy Smith; Ginger Summers nephew, William Summers; Kathy Talley's daughter; Margaret Welleford's sister-in-law, Sandra Welleford.

Friends: Sharon Entwistle's friend, Jim Warwick; Bruce Fletcher's friend, Vern Garton; David Hendler's friend, Sandra Sullivan, Sandra's mother and husband; Cliff Noe's friend, Ralph Floyd; Bryan Schiano's friend, Bill Hyne; Mary Schiano & Cathy Marny's friend, Tawni Barlow; Brita and Cecil Simmon's friend, Miranda Hölljes; Sarah Smith's friend, Leslie Roberts.

Shut-Ins and Assisted Living Facilities: Phyllis Burkey; Wayne Alfred; Evelyn Peebles; Judy Danford; Tim Williams; Jean Oliver; Catherine Spence; Dick Uhrig; Larry Grina; Helen Hines; Nancy Porterfield.

Our Military: especially members and friends serving overseas, Christopher Noe, Alex George and Shane Johnston-Fisher.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Lunch Bunch will gather at Grill Colonial Italian Restaurant (CIR and Grill) at 2510 Boulevard in Colonial Heights today at 12:30PM. Join us for a welcome breath of Spring, fun and, of course food! Bring a friend, new or known so we can share some laughter and community! Look forward to seeing everyone! Bob & Marnie forestend@verizon.net or 804-432-5607.

Spoken Word Chorus: We are putting together another Spoken Word Chorus. Would you like to join in?! The group will be participating in both worship services on May 3. We will plan 3 rehearsals between April 17 and May 2, Fridays at 4:30 or Saturdays at 10 (exact dates are yet to be determined). Adults of all ages are welcome! If you are interested, please contact Ann Dunbar by March 18 at dunbarpt@gmail.com or by phone 804.731.8272.

Our Food Pantry: This week's need is beef-a-roni, chilli and \$10.00 Kroger gift cards. Thank you for your generosity.

Grace Café welcomes you for dinner every Tuesday, 5:30-6:30PM, in the fellowship hall. This week's menu: bbq, coleslaw, fries and assorted desserts.

Grace Café Servers: Bruce Fletcher will be recruiting servers for Grace Café after each service today. Regulars please sign up again. And we would like to see some new faces too. Cost you about an hour on one Tuesday this quarter. Pretty easy duty. Thank you.

Gift of the Arts Performing Arts Series: Cardinal Brass performing Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00PM in the sanctuary. A VCU music Columbia project ensemble founded and lead by Dr. Ross Walter. Come to Grace Café at 5:30PM for some jazz with your pre-concert dinner! Free admission (donations graciously accepted).

Spring Yard Sale: Is your closet overflowing? You haven't been able to get your car in the garage for almost a year? Must be time or the CPC Yard sale! Please start gathering your unwanted, yet gently used items for the yard sale which will be on May 2, 2020. We are unable to store items long term, so plan on dropping off your items the week before the sale, starting Sunday, April 26th. Please call Jude Osborne at 804-304-6889 if you intend to drop off items after normal church office hours. Thank you for your donations!