

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
January 8, 2017
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

1st Sunday after the Epiphany **Liturgical Color: White**

Preservice music (11:00) "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "We Three Kings"

*Call to Worship
 Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord
People: and consider what wondrous things God has done:
 Leader: The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!
People: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:
 Leader: The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!
People: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:
 Leader: For Christ has come; The Word Made Flesh to dwell among us;
People: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done!

*Processional Hymn "The First Noel" UMH # 245

*Passing of the Peace
 Time with the Children
 (All children under 12 years are invited to the front. Afterwards, during second service only, children ages 3 thru kindergarten are invited to children's church and will be escorted to room #113. Parents may pick them up there after the service.)

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Litany of Charge and Installation of Officers see insert

*Hymn of Preparation "In the Bleak Midwinter" UMH # 221

The Psalter Psalm 29 with response UMH # 761

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed UMH # 881
" 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen."

*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."*

The Anthem "Celtic Silent Night"
The Chancel Choir

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings
 Offertory

*The Doxology **"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"** *UMH # 95*

*Prayer of Illumination (in unison)
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us this day. Amen.

*Gospel Reading Matthew 2: 1-12 # 835

Sermon "King for a Day" Rev. Wilkes

*Hymn of Commitment "We Three Kings" UMH # 254

*The Benediction
 *The Recessional "Irish Blessing"
 May the road rise to meet you; May the wind blow at your back;
 May the sun shine warmly on your face; May the rain fall softly on your field.
 And until we meet again, until we meet again,
 May God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen

*Chiming of the Trinity
 *The Postlude

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The flowers are place on the altar to the Glory of God and  
 in memory of Larry Stanton and in honor of Judy Miller,  
 given by their children and grandchildren.

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Stewardship: Great News!! Because of our November/December and end of year giving, we were able to make the final apportionment payment for 2016 and meet all of our mission/ministry needs for the year. Thank you church!

Most of you give through the Sunday morning offerings but below are some other ways to give if you so choose.

Electronic Debit Giving: The card reader is now available in the lobby. Touch any key to begin and then follow the posted directions. **Be sure to leave a receipt with your name printed on it in the locked black receptacle.**

This is the only way your offering can be posted to your contribution records. A second receipt is also offered for your personal convenience.



Also takes Discover, American Express & Apple Pay.

Direct Draft Giving is now available for free: We are now offering the opportunity for automatic draft from your bank to our bank, Clover Community Bank. Please pick up and/or hand in your authorization for Direct Draft form from Shirley in the office, or put in the offering plate. This method has proven to be an effective and timely way to regularly give to the church. "I am an electronic giver" cards are in the pews for your use if you choose to use this method of giving.

Giving On-Line: Giving to FUMC is now available online through our website: www.cloverfumc.org.
Thanks for your support of the mission and ministry of FUMC.

Two cemetery plots in the "Cross Section" of Lakeview Memory Gardens, in Filbert, were donated to our church in 2014. We would like to sell these two spaces to a church member for a total of \$2000.00 plus a \$95 transfer fee. The money received will go toward the general fund. If any of you are interested in purchasing these lots or have questions please contact Beverly Alsobrooks [trustee] at 704-460-9173, Rev. Tommy Wilkes or the church office at (803) 222-3496.

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- Reverend Tommy Wilkes, Senior Pastor – twilkes@cloverfumc.org
 - Reverend Brandon Lazarus, Associate Pastor – bclazarus@umcsc.org
 - Reverend J. Richard Gibson, Pastor Emeritus
 - Reverend Meg Wilkes, Minister of Christian Educ. & Spiritual Formation – mwilkes@cloverfumc.org
 - Jon Valentine, Director of Children & Youth Ministries – jvalentine@cloverfumc.org
 - Cheri King, Director of Music Ministries – cking@cloverfumc.org
 - Christine Payseur, Church Business / Technical Coordinator – cpayseur@cloverfumc.org
 - Shirley M. Davis, Administrative Assistant / Financial Secretary – sdavis@cloverfumc.org
 - Natasha Bilousova, Pianist
 - Tracie Kite, Sexton – kite@tracie.com
 - Hope Long, Nursery
 - Windy Barte, Lay Leader
 - Ray Reavis, David Edwards, Bob Grindle, Conference Lay Members
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Wonderful Wednesday, January 11 Hosted by Forever Young & Friends
Menu: Beef Tips, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Slaw, Bread & Assorted Desserts

Name: _____ Number _____

OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

Contact pastors or Shirley Davis @ 222-3496 or sdavis@cloverfumc.org to add to joy and prayer concerns:

Recent Concerns: Jim Currence, Susan Camp, Amber Berry (Angela Travis' sister), Estelle Camp, Lacy Robinson, Carson Deal, Glenn Adams, Wayne Mullinax, Rolfe Sukkert, Frances Funderburk, Dave Stanton, Jr., Kathy Hayes, David Adams, Mitch Barr, Joe Killian, Mike Bono, Randy Flora, Sandy Chapman, Devin Pierzinski, Dave Jones, Margaret Pendleton, Eloise Mallen, Naurice Smith (White Oak, York)

Note of Sympathy: Christian sympathy is extended to Hugh Robinson and family in the death of his sister-in-law, Joyce Robinson.

Military: Lt. Col. Nicholas S. Hare, Senior Chief Martin Johnson, Major Blair Preston, 2nd Lt. Rion Cartin, LCPL Chris Propst, M.Gy. Sgt. Terry Kenneth Lowman, Jr.

Our First Wonderful Wednesday Dinner of the New Year will be on January 11, hosted by Forever Young & Friends. The menu is Beef Tips, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Slaw, Bread and Assorted Desserts. Please plan to join us for great food and fellowship! A sign-up sheet is on the table near the elevator.

The Worship Committee will meet on Sunday, January 15th, at 4:00pm in the church library.
The SPRC will meet on Thursday, January 19th, at 6:30 in the church library.

Thank you: Dear church friends, Tommy and I would like to thank those of you who offered gifts and cards to our family this year. Thank you for thinking of your pastors during Christmas. We are certainly thinking of you – always! Your words and signs of appreciation are important to us. Happy New Year!
With love, *Tommy & Meg Wilkes*

I want to thank everyone for all the cards, gifts, caroling and visits during my birthday and Christmas. Special thanks to Brandon, Geraldine Anderson, and Rebekah Circle for their thoughtfulness all during the year. It means so much to be remembered. Thank you all. *Ruth Wallace*

Please check your information:

We have placed the most recent directory of members on a table in the hall near the lobby. We have several members whose phone numbers are no long in service or no longer have a landline phone and some with address changes. **Please check your information and mark any necessary changes or send updates to sdavis@cloverfumc.org or call church office, 222-3496.** We will be printing a new Ministry Book in the next few weeks and would like to have correct information for our members. Thank you.

Keeping our children safe ~ Darkness to Light Training Program, End Child Sexual Abuse

Stewards of Children is a prevention training program that teaches adults how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. The program is designed for organizations that serve youth and for individuals concerned about the safety of children. It is the only nationally distributed, evidence based program proven to increase knowledge, improve attitudes, and change child protective behaviors. **Join us for this special event at 1:00pm on January 29th. Please sign up by January 20th.** For more information please contact Shirley Davis at the church office, 803-222-3496.

Youth, Children and Tweens

YOUTH ~ January 8th: Jr. High ~ 6:00; Sr. High ~ 7:00 in youth room # 202

BIG, TWEENS, and Youth at 6:30pm right after the Wonderful Wednesday meal.

BIG (Believers in God) - Preschool in the nursery classroom

Kindergarten through 3rd grade in the BIG classroom

TWEENS - 4th, 5th, and 6th graders welcome!

Meeting again this year in the 5th grade Godly Play room

YOUTH - Junior and Senior High Youth *together* in the youth room upstairs.

January 26 is A DAY FOR EATING GREAT FISH!!!—Come join us for the **Forever Young and friends** annual seafood dinner together at **Captain Steve's Seafood Restaurant in Fort Mill!** We will **leave the church at 11:00am** for our reservation at 11:30. This is a joyful outing that usually brings out dozens of folks! Please contact the church office (222-3496) to get your name on the list or **sign up** at the table under the large bulletin board in the lobby of the church. We will be making our reservations soon! Don't miss out. HAPPY NEW YEAR! Contact Rev. Meg Wilkes for more information about Forever Young and Friends mwilkes@cloverfumc.org or 803-222-3496 to leave a message.

Forever Young & Friends and the Esther Circle will be collecting gently used coats, hats, gloves & other warm clothing to be given out at the January Food Project. Please place items in the container near the food donation table.

The Food Project Ministry: Next week's 3rd Sunday donations are: canned fruit – 2 cans; canned vegetables – 2 cans; canned soup – 2 cans. Thank you for your continued support.

2017 Officers & Staff

Sange Sullivan
Bob Grindle
Windy Bartee
Shirley Leroy
Dee Wise
Grace White
Bob Dowd
Linda Abernathy

Margie McCarter
Ray Reavis
Karen Stallings
Geoff Dubiski
Suzanne Thompson
Ann Shearer
Ashley Gordon
Jan Meyer

David Edwards
Renee Gallien
Sam Cain
Jeannette Stabler
Dennis Cameron
Jeannine Wyatt
Doug Baysinger
Beverly Alsobrooks

Tommy Wilkes
Brandon Lazarus
Dick Gibson
Meg Wilkes
Tracie Kite
Hope Long

Cheri King
Jon Valentine
Christine Payseur
Natasha Bilousova
Shirley Davis

Litany of Charge and Installation of Officers

The Pastor's Charge to all First United Methodist Church of Clover 2017 Officers:

Dear friends: You have been called by God and chosen by the people of God for leadership in the church. This is a blessing and a serious responsibility. It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us and for us. In love we thank you for accepting your obligation and challenge you to offer your best to the Lord, to God's people, and to our ministry in the world. Live a life in Christ and make him known in your witness and your work.

Pastor: Today we will install the following 2017 officers of the church:

(Names will be called by the pastor)

Pastor: Do you on this day acknowledge that you are a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?

Response: I do.

Pastor: Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world and to First UMC of Clover?

Response: I will.

Pastor: Will you live to enable this church to be a people of love and peace?

Response: I will.

Pastor: Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen?

Response: I will.

Pastor:

We also recognize those persons who have been elected to office by the United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Youth, and Staff Persons who work by vocation for the church and other officers of the church who are already installed in ministry at FUMC.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants who have been given particular ministries in your church. Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service. Keep before them the example of our Lord, who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all. Let them share his ministry and consecration that they may enter into His joy. Guide them in their work. Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them your purposes are accomplished, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

To the Congregation:

Let us rejoice that God provided laborers for the vineyard. Will you do all you can to assist and encourage them in the responsibilities to which they have been called, giving them your cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers?

Response: We will.

Pastor:

Dear friends, rejoice that God provides laborers for the vineyards. Will you do all that you can to assist and encourage these church leaders in the responsibilities to which they have been called, giving them your cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers?

The Congregation: We will.