

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
April 9, 2017
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

Palm Sunday

Liturgical Color: Purple

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "All Glory, Laud and Honor" -arr. Smith

*Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, we proclaim with our presence that you are Lord of our lives,
People: but inside sometimes we struggle.
 Leader: We give You praise and glory at one moment,
People: then we seem to forget about you the next.
 Leader: As we move from the Glory of Palm Sunday to the Foot of the Cross,
People: we are reminded again how much we need you.
All: Help us Lord.

*Processional Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" UMH # 278

*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.)

Prayer of Confession, Absolution and Pardon

People: Yes, Lord, we said we would. We confess but there is so much we have left undone. Yes, God, you know we will, but you alone know how much of our race is yet to run. Oh, Father of time and talents, let us not fail in the task, but give us both time and will to complete the course you have set before us. Teach us the value of now.
 (pause for a moment of silence, confession and reflection)

Leader: Jesus said ~ Lo, I am with you until the end of the age~
 In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven;

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven...

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation "Lamb of God" FWS # 2113

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed UMH # 881

*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 "Ride on King Jesus" *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 26: 31-34 # 862

Sermon "The Strength of the Shepherd" Rev. Wilkes

*Hymn of Commitment "Are Ye Able" UMH # 530

*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 "Postludium" -Young

Invitation to Newcomers: Those desiring to unite with our congregation through Baptism, Profession of Faith or Transfer of Membership are encouraged to signify this on the attendance pad, on a visitor card and/or contact one of our Pastors. We are thankful to have newcomers among us. We do have some joining FUMC by letter of transfer, baptism and profession of faith on April 30th. Others are welcome to join on that day.

 The flowers placed on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and
 in celebration of the 20th Wedding Anniversary of Daryl and Shelly Pierzinski.

"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can." ~ John Wesley

Please continue to remember the church in your giving as we begin this new year of ministry together. 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.

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Reverend Tommy Wilkes, Senior Pastor – [twilkes@cloverfumc.org](mailto:twilkes@cloverfumc.org)  
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Windy Bartee, Lay Leader  
Ray Reavis, David Edwards, Bob Grindle, Conference Lay Members  
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No meal this week. Please sign up for the meal on April 19th.

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: Estelle Camp, Jon McClain Beamguard, Sandy Chapman, Lacy Robinson, Betsy Mullis (Starr's sister), Eloise Mallen, Susan Self, Rolfe Sukkert, Margaret Pendleton, Katie Clark, 2017 Confirmands, Doris Shepard (Barb Millay's mother), Jimmy Dixon, Lottie Priester, Loretta Malenfant, Glenn Adams, Dave Stanton, Jr., Joe Killian, Randy Flora, Dave Jones, Naurice Smith (White Oak, York)

A note of sympathy: Christian sympathy is extended to Jane Turpin in the death of her sister.

Christian sympathy is extended to Steve Grigg and family in the death of his mother.

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.

Flowers for the Cross: Everyone is invited to bring flowers from home to put on the rugged crosses next Sunday for Easter.



Sunday 4/9-* (Palm Sunday) 8:30 and 11:00 in the Sanctuary and
*Genesis at 10:50 in the MFC

There will also be an evening community service at Green Pond UMC at 6:30pm

Thursday 4/13- *Maundy Thursday Service with communion at 7:00pm

Friday 4/14-*Good Friday Service including a passion drama at 7:00pm

Saturday 4/15-Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00am

Sunday 4/16- Easter Sunrise service at 7am followed by breakfast

*Traditional Services at 8:30 and 11:00 in the Sanctuary

*Genesis at 10:50 in the Mission and Fellowship Center

*childcare provided

Easter Egg Hunt & Fun

Join us Saturday, April 15th, from 10:00am to noon for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. There will be crafts, refreshments and, of course, the EGG HUNT!

We will also hear the Easter story and get to see the empty tomb!

Prayer Labyrinth During Holy Week

A labyrinth is a single winding path to the middle with the same winding path back out. Labyrinths have been used throughout Christian history as a form of prayer and meditation. One common interpretation of the practice is through the word releasing, receiving, and returning. The path to the middle is used to **release** your sin, burdens, fears, doubts, pains, etc. The middle is used to **receive** God's love, grace, and mercy. The path out is then used to **return** to the world to live out the very love, grace, and mercy you have received.

FUMC Clover will have a prayer labyrinth in the mission and fellowship center from Monday 4/10-Friday 4/14 and again on Monday 4/17 (church office closed. Labyrinth opened only 6:00-9:00). The labyrinth will be open from 9-5 and again from 6:00-9:00. You will be invited to walk the labyrinth as a part of the journey of Holy Week. We are also looking for volunteers each evening to unlock the church doors at 6:00pm, light candles, turn on music, and lock the doors at 9:00pm. If you are able and willing you can email Brandon at blazarus@cloverfumc.org or sign up on the signup sheet in the lobby.

Youth, Children and Tweens

YOUTH ~ Today: Jr. High ~ 6:00pm Sr. High ~ 7:00pm

Youth Council will meet at 4:00 on this afternoon.

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.

NO BIG/TWEENS OR YOUTH ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12TH. NO YOUTH EASTER SUNDAY EVENING.

YOUTH WILL BE GOING TO HENDERSONVILLE, NC THIS THURSDAY, THE 13TH, to see waterfalls and enjoy downtown Hendersonville. We will leave at 8:30am and be back at 5:00pm. Bring \$ 20.00 for food.

Forever Young and Friends

Wisdom and Grace August 7-10

We enjoy this spiritual formation every year as a part of our Forever Young continuing education and faith emphasis for a life time of growth and service. Porch rockers and worship, good teaching and good food, fellowship and prayer are important aspects of this annual opportunity in beautiful Lake Junaluska! Cost will be \$75 for registration plus \$345 per person double occupancy, which covers all buffet meals there and all workshops. Forever Young will help to cover some of the cost for registration. Please sign up today.

First payment - \$170 due May 2nd Second payment -\$175 due June 27th

Tai Chi - for senior adults. We are taking a break during Holy Week. Please plan to come and walk the Labyrinth for meditation and prayer instead! Next meeting on Thursday, April 20th at 9:30am.

It's time to Start cleaning out and clearing out at home!for the Forever Young Spring Yard Sale!

Please mark your calendars and make plans to drop off your donation items beginning

Sunday **April 30** thru Thursday May 4

(Earlier in the week is most helpful, please!)

Thank you so much for your donations and support! Remember our **Spring** yard sale is the **ONE Forever Young** Fundraiser we do each year to cover our expenses!

Your generosity and efforts for participating in the Yard Sale are a large part of what makes this vital Senior Adult ministry possible. We are grateful!

Crucifer Training

We will be offering Crucifer training on Sunday, April 23rd, at 9:45 in the sanctuary.

Circles are meeting this week:

Esther Circle will meet at 10:00 on Monday, April 10th in the Steve Camp classroom. Anne Adams will give the program. We will clean the kitchen after the program. Please come join us. If you have questions, call Windy Bartee at 803-222-7533.

Martha Circle will meet at 7:00pm on Monday, April 10th.

Rebekah Circle will meet at 6:30pm on Tuesday, April 11th to clean our area of the kitchen. Note time has changed.

Disaster Response Trip

The flooding in fall of 2015 and Hurricane Matthew last fall brought destruction to many parts of our state. Our church quickly responded with supplies, donations, and prayers. Some also individually lent their skills and time to help with the rescue efforts and emergency response. We knew that the road to rebuild would be long.

Pastors Tommy and Brandon will be participating in some relief efforts from May 8-9. We will leave Monday morning, work through the day, work half a day on Tuesday, and return later Tuesday afternoon. The exact location and scope of the work will depend on the size and skill-set of our team. If you have questions or are able and willing to join please contact Brandon blazarus@cloverfumc.org.

Support Our College Students and Graduates' Names Needed

On April 19th the Wonderful Wednesday meal will be prepared by the Higher Education Committee. The money raised will go towards supporting our students who are away at college. If you are interested in helping with the meal or with the work of the Higher Education Committee, join us Tuesday, April 4th, at 6:30pm in the library for a planning meeting.

In addition to supporting those in college we also need your help supporting those who will be graduating soon. If you or a member of your family will be graduating this fall (or graduated early) please send their name, contact info, and plans for next year to blazarus@cloverfumc.org. Keep an eye out in the bulletin and next month's newsletter for more information on graduate recognition Sunday.

The Food Project Ministry: Next week's 3rd Sunday donations are the following items: Dried Beans. Thank you for your continued support.

The Newsletter deadline is April 25th. Please put our item in the church Newsletter mailbox or you can email it to Ann.Shearer@clover.k12.sc.us.

Trip to Billy Graham Library on Thursday, April 27th. Everyone is welcome,

Leaving the church at 9:00am. Our tour time is 10:00.

We will tour the Billy Graham Library, eat lunch at the Graham Brothers Dairy Bar, and browse in the Ruth's Attic bookstore and gift shop. Bring money for your lunch. Lunch Combos (sandwich, side & drink) run from \$ 6.00 to \$ 9.00. They have ice cream, too. Have extra money in case browsing turns to buying in Ruth's Attic.

If you drive, you will need to tell the guard you are with the First United Methodist Church, Clover, SC group.

Sign-up sheet is on table with dinner sign up. As many people that want to go are welcome, we just need to let the folks at the Library know how many to expect.

A United Methodist Men retreat is scheduled for April 28th--April 30th. We will leave on Friday afternoon and return on Sunday morning. The retreat will be held at Lake Murray where we have reserved a large house on the lake. The cost will depend on how many people participate (between \$75 and \$100 each). We will enjoy fishing or golf, food, fellowship and spiritual recharging. If you are not a member of the UMM and are interested in possibly joining us on this outing, please contact Sam Cain (slammer@bellsouth.net), Johnny Adams, Tommy Wilkes or Brandon Lazarus.

Salkehatchie

Each year we have dozens of members who attend Salkehatchie mission trips. Our most attended trips are to Bishopville (June 24- July1), Clover (July 15-22), and Shaw (July 22-29). For a full list of camps visit <http://www.salkehatchie.org>. **Please register ASAP online** and indicate the church will send in payment. The cost of the trip is \$230 but the church will cover half the cost (\$115) for each camper, youth or adult. The check will need to be given to Shirley in the church office and written out to FUMC Clover for \$ 115 with the camp name you will be attending. For more information contact Tommy at twilkes@cloverfumc.org

United Methodist Women will host the fourth annual "Festival of Tables" ladies luncheon on Saturday, May 20, 2017. Tables can be reserved for \$ 5.00 and decorated in your chosen theme, using your tableware and decorations. Guest tickets are \$ 8.00 each. Last year one hundred women attended to preview the decorated tables and enjoy a delicious lunch. To reserve a table or for further information contact Linda Abernathy (222-7591) or Grace White (222-7528). Hope you will join us!

Check Out the New Kitchen Items

Here are a few to look for: 4 large slow cookers, 144 plastic glasses, 6 heavy duty plastic pitchers with lids, 2 tea dispensers and a yellow dispenser for lemonade, several different sizes of serving utensils, cutting boards and a few more odds and ends.

The items will be of use to all of us in cooking meals and hosting events. All these purchases were made possible by a donation from the Forever Young fund raising events.



Summer Camp! 2017

The most Awesome summer camp experience you can imagine.AND it's all about body, mind and

Spirit!

Asbury Hills is a United Methodist Camp designed to help your child/youth grow in Christ.

First UMC loves to help sponsor children for this amazing *week long* experience filled with activities, adventure and spiritual guidance for **Elementary ages through High School!**

Please contact Rev. Meg Wilkes if you are interested in receiving funds to help supplement the cost.

OR

If you are able to afford supporting someone ELSE who cannot afford to pay for this experience.

please contact Rev. Meg Wilkes to GIVE!!

First week of the camp is June 4-9

Last week is July 30 –August 4

STUDY UP about all that Asbury Hills can be for you! VISIT <http://asburyhills.org/>

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