

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
August 13, 2017
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Red

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: We are called by Jesus to be in ministry and mission to this world.

People: But we wonder if we are going to be able to do this mighty work.

Choir: "When our confidence is shaken in beliefs we thought secure, when the spirit in its sickness seeks but cannot find a cure, God is active in the tensions of a faith not yet secure."

Leader: As we have listened to Jesus' words of teaching, seen the healing ministry, so we must place our trust in the call to go and serve.

People: Lord, prepare us this day to truly be the disciples you would have us be.

Choir: "God is love, and thus redeems us in the Christ we crucify; this is God's eternal answer to the world's eternal why, May we in this faith maturing be content to live and die."

Leader: Lord, help us to take your Gospel in Word and Action to the hurting world before us.

All: Lord, give us your Grace and Power to make a difference in this world as we live into your Kingdom of Heaven. AMEN.

*Processional Hymn "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" UMH # 121

*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

Scripture II Corinthians 5: 13-21 # 1006

*Hymn of Preparation "There Is a Balm in Gilead" UMH # 375

*Affirmation of Faith A Modern Affirmation UMH # 885

*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 "We Walk by Faith" *The Chancel Choir*

Offertory Prayer 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 10: 1-15 # 843

Sermon "I Want to be a Missionary" Rev. Tommy Wilkes

*Hymn of Commitment "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" UMH # 344

*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

*Postlude

*indicates worshippers are invited to stand, if able.

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.

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 The flowers are placed on the altar today to the Glory to God and  
 in loving memory of Nancy & Pressley Robinson by the Pressley Robinson Family  
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2017 Financial Update

Needed to meet General Fund Budget as of 7/31/17	\$ 378,070
Actual General Fund Spending as of 7/31/17	\$ 340,358
Received for General Fund as of 7/31/17	\$ 348,981

Financial Stewardship

Please continue to remember the church in your giving as we continue this 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.

If you decide to give electronically or through Direct Draft, please feel free to drop an "Electronic Giver" card in the offering plate on Sundays as an act of worship.

Reverend Tommy Wilkes, Senior Pastor – twilkes@cloverfumc.org

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Windy Bartee, Lay Leader

Ray Reavis, David Edwards, Bob Grindle, Conference Lay Members

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: Ella Mae Hendrix, Carolyn Grigg, James Valentine, Jr., Ken Moses, Wayne Leroy, Rhett Hurst, Mike Bono, Marshall Caldwell, Ann Stewart, Janet Maslankowski, Alan Abernathy, Estelle Camp, Sandy Chapman, Eloise Mallen, Rolfe Sukkert, Margaret Pendleton, Doris Shepard (Barb Millay's mother), Jimmy Dixon, Glenn Adams, Dave Stanton, Jr., Dolly & Joe Killian, Randy Flora, Dave Jones, Naurice Smith.

Note of Sympathy: Christian sympathy is extended to Teresa Hurst and family in the death of her grandmother, Mrs. Eunice Peebles.

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.

The Missions Committee would like to invite everyone to a luncheon, immediately following the 11:00 service on today. We will receive a witness from our missionaries after their return from Ecuador. We will also have some additional witnessing from our Salkehatchie volunteers, plus some other presentations. Jacksons will be providing our meal. There is no charge for the meal, but we'll have a love offering for those that would like to contribute to an international mission in October of this year.

The Esther Circle will meet in the Steve Camp classroom on Monday, August 14th, at 10:00. We will plan for the Women in the Church Sunday on August 20th. Suzanne Thompson will have someone present our circle program. Afterwards some of us will travel to see our Rock Hill folk and eat lunch at Jacksons Cafeteria. If you do not have a circle and the mornings suit you, come on and join us. Call Windy for more information. 803-222-7533.

UMW Sunday, August 20: Our speaker will be the former Miss South Carolina, Jane Jenkins Herlong. Please plan to be here.



Jane Jenkins Herlong CSP, CPAE

www.janeherlong.com

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Youth Fellowship: Jr. High, 6:30 on Wednesdays; Sr. High, 7:30 on Wednesdays.

Contact Jon Valentine for information about youth ministries at FUMC, jvalentine@cloverfumc.org

Promotion Sunday will be August 20th, during the Sunday School hour. Be sure to be here when we recognize all the children in their participation with Sunday School/Godly Play and honor those who are being promoted to their new classes! Please join us!

This afternoon at 5:00pm there will be a Youth Council meeting to build the calendar for the fall and winter.

5th Quarter: The youth will have a 5th quarter after the home football game on September 1st.

Ladies, you are invited to sing! The ladies choir will be preparing a piece to sing on UMW Sunday and we will practice on Wednesday at 7:40 in the choir room. Ladies-Youth through adults are welcome to join us in this ministry of worship and song. No experience necessary! For more information, please contact Cheri King @ cking@cloverfumc.org

Handbells: Stay tuned for fall ringing opportunities and information. We will begin rehearsal on Sunday, September 10th. Time, TBA.

Wanted! Men to join the United Methodist Men's Club. We meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 6:00pm. All are welcome.

The Food Project Ministry: Next week's 3rd Sunday donation is Dried Beans. Thank you for your continued support.

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

ALL SAINTS MEMORIAL PARK BRICK ORDERS DUE BY WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6, 2017

It is time to order memorial bricks to remember those family members and friends that have passed away. If you would like to order a brick in memory of a loved one, please fill out one of the forms located on the "sign up" table near the door to the Missions & Fellowship Center. Bricks cost \$ 75.00. Make checks out to FUMC and mark for Memorial Brick. Please either turn everything into the church office or place in the offering plate in an envelope. The bricks will be placed in the Memorial Park and recognized at a later time. If you have any questions, please call Suzanne Thompson (222-7334) or Sherry Adams (222-9921).

Popcorn and a Movie ~ Tuesday, August 22 The bus leaves at 12:30pm.

...Now featuring The Spitfire Grill "Percy, upon being released from prison, goes to the small town of Gilead, to find a place where she can start over again. She is taken in by Hannah, to help out at her place, the Spitfire Grill. Percy brings change to the small town, stirring resentment and fear in some, and growth in others." (from movie review)

As always, we will use the powerful art of film to reflect on themes that explore life's meaning and our human response. As we watch and discuss movies together, we seek to learn more about ourselves, and we are reminded through one another of the God who loves us and walks closely with us through all seasons of life. The Popcorn and a Movie experience is for our senior adults. We meet at Dick and Kirkie Gibson's house every 4th Tuesday of the month. There is room for up to 12 participants! Sign up in the church lobby so Kirkie can prepare the right amount of popcorn. ☺ We hope to fill all our spots!

Total Solar Eclipse, August 21 ~ Total Blackout! TRIP

Safety Glasses – We have 60 pairs of special glasses.

Location – We have rented a picnic shelter at Sesquicentennial State Park just north of Columbia in the totality zone. Directions: I-77 South, take exit 17, go North on Hwy 1 (Two Notch Rd.) for 2 miles, park will be on the right. Tell the gate person you are with the First UMC Group at shelter 002 in picnic area A.

Cost of the Trip – admission to the park – you pay when you arrive. Under 65 per person is \$ 5.00; SC seniors over 65 per person is \$ 3.25.

Food – Pack your own lunch. If you plan on staying late at the park, you may want to pack extra food. Cokes, Diet Coke, Sprite & water will be provided. Coolers are leaving church by 7:00am that morning.

Bring a snack (sweet or salty) to share with the group in the afternoon.

Bring – a chair (if you want one), sun screen, bug repellent, etc.

Time – we have the picnic shelter from 8:00am until park closing. To view the eclipse safely, it would be best to be at the park by 11:00. The partial eclipse starts at 1:13pm.

Traffic May be Heavy – People are traveling at different times. There is a list of people going if you need to find a ride.

Bus – The bus will leave the church at 7:30am.

Other – There is lots to do at the park; fishing, bike trail, walking trails, etc. Website is sesqu@scprt.com.

If possible wear a green shirt on this trip.

Friends, as Christians who are involved in the life of this wonderful church, we have the awesome honor and important responsibility of keeping in touch with our high school graduates as they go on to higher education and/or their vocational lives in locations beyond home or even nearby! The goal of this outreach is a Jesus kind of goal ~ to remember one another, to remind our graduates that we love them and are here for them as they continue to grow into young adulthood. **Do you have a student in your household, who has graduated this past year and is moving on to college or entering young adult life beyond high school?** Or a student who is already sponsored but has changed locations/addresses? **PLEASE LET US MINISTER SUPPORT TO THIS YOUNG PERSON! GIVE US THEIR ADDRESS AND PHONE CONTACT INFO!!** We will assign a sponsor and stay connected with them. CALL Rev. Meg Wilkes @ 222-3496 ext. 17☺ **Would you like to be a sponsor for someone young who deserves a good word and kind support from their church family?** CALL Rev. Meg Wilkes @222-3496 ext.17☺ We will connect you with a young person ~ just to send some emails and a care package or two through the year. More info to come....**BUT PLEASE RESPOND NOW!**