

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
November 12, 2017
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: White

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, we live in a world of change

People: Every day is filled with uncertainty.

We are surrounded by the twists and turns of life

Leader: And we often feel we have little or no control over things that happen to us.

People: Lord, we come to stand in your eternal presence and light.

Leader: We come to you to find ourselves.

People: To find our way, to find hope, to fill our lamps with your healing oil.

**All: We come to you because in Christ you promised that you will be with us
until the end of time. Help us Lord to be reminded of all promises to us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.**

*Processional Hymn

“The Battle Hymn of the Republic”

UMH# 717#

*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.)

Recognition of Veterans

Dennis Cameron

Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Psalter

Psalms 78 with refrain

UMH# 799

The Anthem

“Keep Your Lamps”

The Chancel Choir

Soloist: Robin Wallace, Djembe: Ray Reavis

*Hymn of Preparation

“Give Me Oil for My Lamp”

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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.

*Scripture

Matthew 25: 1-13

#860

Sermon

“Extra Oil”

Rev. Tommy Wilkes

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Format: we will be receiving communion by Intinction. Please come by the outer aisles and receive the bread and wine. The Altar is open for anyone who would desire to come and pray following your communion time.

*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 memory of Lois Ogle,  
mother of Geraldine Anderson and grandmother of Todd Blanton,  
given by Todd Blanton  
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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.

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Hope Long, Nursery

Windy Bartee, Lay Leader

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

Wonderful Wednesday Meal, November 15

Menu: Pinto Beans, Mac & Cheese, Slaw, Cornbread & Dessert

Sponsored by: United Methodist Women ½ proceeds to Missions, ½ to Refrigerator Fund

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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: Fred Byers, Josh & Sarah Valentine (trip to Pakistan), Sandy Chapman, Barb Millay, Jim Heckle, Josie Skinnell, Dolly Killian, Larry Beamguard, Tammy Bailes, Tom Dann, Rhett Hurst, Domingo Jesus Roges, Margaret Pendleton, Eloise Mallen, Rolfe Sukkert.

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.

Veterans' Day Flags: Please help us recognize the important people who have served our country as we celebrate Veterans' Day. Flags will be available on the table near the volunteer office to place at bricks in the Memorial Park to honor our veterans from Tuesday, November 7th to Tuesday, November 14th. Veterans' Day celebrates the service of all U. S. Military veterans. Flags will be collected on Wednesday, November 15h, so we can use them again.

The Worship Committee will meet this afternoon at 4:00pm in the church library.

Circles will meet this week:

Esther Circle will meet in the Steve Camp classroom on Monday, November 13th, at 10:00am. We are asking for coats and sweat shirts to give to others. Also please bring non-perishable food for the food pantry. Thanksgiving is at our door step. Louise Jackson will be presenting our program.

Martha Circle will meet at 7:00pm on Monday, November 13th at the church.

Rebekah Circle will meet at 7:00pm on Tuesday, November 14th at the church.

From Our Nurture Committee

This year's Nurture Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14th at 11:00am in the Missions and Fellowship Center. This year's date was pushed back just a bit later than usual due to some conflicts in scheduling. Tommy & Meg Wilkes will be sharing music with us this day.

Please contact Ashley Gordon at 704-576-6743 with any questions.

Coat Give Away at the Food Project: Please donate gently used or new coats, heavy sweatshirts/sweaters, hats and gloves to be given away at the Food Project in November and December. A tub will be located at the Food Project table starting November 5th. Thank you for your support, Esther Circle and Forever Young & Friends.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Since 1993 Operation Christmas Child has delivered 146 million shoeboxes to children in 104 countries. Each box represents a simple gift delivered with the Good News of Jesus Christ into the hands of a boy or girl living in the midst of poverty and despair. Pick up a box in the lobby and fill it with gifts you know a child will enjoy. We will be receiving filled boxes until November 19th.

Our Community Thanksgiving Service will be at **Green Pond UMC** (note change) on Tuesday, November 21st, at 6:30pm. Please come and enjoy special music, singing, prayer and a message from the Reverend Sharon Gamble. Members are asked to bring a "pick up" to share in a celebration following the service.

Youth, Children and Tweens

Youth: TODAY Jr. High ~ 6:00pm Sr, High ~ 7:00pm

OUR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM practices have begun. It is going to be a wonderful time of song and storytelling! **BE SURE TO BE HERE FOR PRACTICE at 6:30pm Wednesday.**

Our Wednesday night programs:

BIG (children) and Tweens at 6:30pm
Youth Fellowship at 6:30.

Be sure to check out the table in front of the Youth Room for all our upcoming event sign-up sheets!
Escape Room Tournament September through January

Be on the lookout for emails, posters, and Instagram posts for full details.
If you haven't already, text 1clovermyf to 95577 for text reminders!!

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

Tweens are collecting donations for the Animal Shelter. Please bring any new/old towels, blankets, or toys and unopened dog food.

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

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

Poinsettias ~ 2017

United Methodist Women (UMW) will be decorating our church for the upcoming Advent Season. Members will again have the opportunity to purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. They will decorate our church on three Sundays, December 10th, December 17th and Christmas Eve, December 24th. The cost is \$ 13.00 each. Twenty five poinsettias will be purchased and any amount collected over the cost of 25 plants will be donated to the UMW General Fund for missions. A list of the donated poinsettias will be in the bulletin on Sunday, December 17th. Orders will be taken through Monday, December 4th. After the service on Christmas Eve, plants can be taken home. Thank you for your support.

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IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

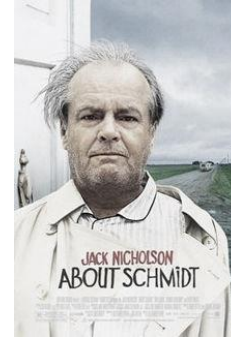
Senior Adults:

Join us for Popcorn and a Movie! At Dick and Kirkie Gibson's house.

Next feature ~ *About Schmidt* starring Jack Nicholson

A funny (and sad) film that will remind us how to appreciate the life we have as we discover, with Warren (Jack's character), that there is more to ourselves than we may have realized. Come talk theology with a group of wise and seeking senior adults enjoying the art of film and the search for the Divine! Even, maybe especially, in Jack Nicholson.

THURSDAY November 16th ~ Leaving the church @ 1:00pm



“Give Me Oil for My Lamp”

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning
Keep me burning till the break of day

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the Servant King
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna, let us sing

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising
Give me joy in my heart, I pray
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising
Keep me praising till the break of day

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the Servant King
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna, let us sing

Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving
Give me peace in my heart, I pray

Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving
Keep me loving till the break of day

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna