

An Order for the Christian Worship of God  
January 7, 2018  
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

Epiphany Sunday

Liturgical Color: White

Pre Service "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "Fantasia on Gloria" -J. Mansfield

\*Call to Worship  
Leader: Arise! Shine!  
**People: God's light has come to reveal The Way.**  
Leader: Arise! Shine!  
**People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**  
Leader: Arise! Shine!  
**People: God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.**  
Leader: Arise! Shine!  
**People: Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us. Guide us and strengthen us in this New Year to be your people and to walk in your ways. Amen.**

\*Processional Hymn "We Three Kings" UMH #254

\*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.)*

Installation and Prayer for our Church Leaders and Officers for 2018 (see insert)

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

The Anthem "Star of Wonder" Chancel Choir  
*Flute: Jason King*

\*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 Giving of Tithes & Offerings  
Offertory "Away in the Manger" -A. Page  
\*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  
\*Offertory Prayer  
\*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 Lesson Matthew 2: 1-12 # 835  
Sermon "Guiding Light" Rev. Tommy Wilkes  
Prayer of Confession and Pardon UMH #12  
Sacrament of Holy Communion  
\*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 "We Three Kings of Orient Are" -J. Hopkins

\*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 on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Larry Stanton by his children and grandchildren.  
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Thank you for your faithfulness in giving to Christ's Church as we end this year of Ministry!  
Peace to you ~ Rev. Thomas Wilkes

**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](http://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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Reverend Meg Wilkes, Associate Minister – [mwilkes@cloverfumc.org](mailto:mwilkes@cloverfumc.org)

Reverend J. Richard Gibson, Pastor Emeritus

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Natasha Bilousova, Pianist

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Hope Long, Nursery

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](mailto:sdavis@cloverfumc.org) to add to joy and prayer concerns:

**Recent Concerns:** Ron Eaddy, Anne Adams, Lisa Dann, Dorothy Gallien, Carolyn Grigg, Sandy Chapman, Barb Millay, Rhett Hurst, Mitch Barr, Jean Rodriguez (Kim Britton's mother), J.B. Jenkins (Starr Jenkins' brother), Fred Byers, Dave Blanton, Jim Heckle, Josie Skinnell, Dolly Killian, Larry Beamguard, Tammy Bailes, Tom Dann, Margaret Pendleton, Eloise Mallen, Rolfe Sukkert, Dave Jones.

**Military:** Captain Thad Wilson, Lt. Col. Nicholas S. Hare, Senior Chief Martin Johnson, Major Blair Preston, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Rion Cartin, LCPL Chris Propst, M.Gy. Sgt. Terry Kenneth Lowman, Jr.

#### **Our dear church family,**

We have so enjoyed this Advent and Christmas season with you. The many worship services and celebrations have meant more to us that we have words to express and we hope the same has been true for you. To those who have remembered us in particular ways, with cards and gifts, we want to extend a special and warm thank you. Your thoughtful gestures encourage us so much in our ministry with you, and help us to experience God's love for ourselves and for our own family. Merry Christmas to you all, First UMC family, and a Happy New Year to you and yours!

Love and the peace of Christ,

*Pastors Tommy and Meg Wilkes*

**Confirmation 2018:** Confirmation is a wonderful time where young people are able to ask questions about the faith and learn the basic doctrines and teachings of the Church and Scripture. At the end of this experience, young people will be offered a Confirmation Retreat to Lake Junaluska, NC and a time to confirm their Baptism before the congregation. **Parent Orientation** will be on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 in the sanctuary. If you are unable to come that day, we will offer an alternate session on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. The first Confirmation class will be on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Rev. Tommy Wilkes with any questions, [twilkes@cloverfumc.org](mailto:twilkes@cloverfumc.org).

**Marriage Encounter is hosting another weekend in Charlotte!** Just in time for Valentine's Day, February 9-11 at the Wingate Tryon. A Marriage Encounter is an all-inclusive weekend to rekindle your romance, restore communication and renew your commitment. The focus is on communication between a husband and wife. These marriage seminars are an opportunity to spend time away from the distractions and tensions of everyday life, concentrating on each other as a couple. This unique approach is aimed at revitalizing Christian Marriage. Rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day! Rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married! Contact Geoff or Francine Dubiski for more info or go to [www.encounter.org](http://www.encounter.org) where all the information for the event is located and registration is available.

**LUNCH AT CAPTAIN STEVE'S, EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US!** The Forever Young & Friends' annual lunch at Captain Steve's will be on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. If you plan to ride or travel with the bus, we will leave the church at 11:00. We plan to be at Captain Steve's about 11:30. If you plan to meet us there the address is 1975 US-21, Fort Mill, SC. A sign-up sheet is on the "sign-up table". If enough people want to go, we will reserve a private room. If possible, wear a FUMC or green shirt. Our shirts have proven to be a wonderful witness in the past.

## Youth, Children and Tweens

**Youth: Jr High MYF ~ 6:00pm Sr High MYF ~ 7:00pm**

### **Our Wednesday night programs:**

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

Revolution, January 26-28, 2018: **sign-ups are open for one more week** - go to [www.cloverfumc.com](http://www.cloverfumc.com) or [tinyurl.com/rev2018](http://tinyurl.com/rev2018). Price is \$135.00. Contact Jon for payment plan setup.

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](mailto:jvalentine@cloverfumc.org)

**Our 2018 Flower Calendar** is now available for you to sign up to provide flowers for the altar. It is located on the bulletin board near the Missions & Fellowship Center. You can place them in honor or in memory of a loved one. This is a way to add a beautiful part of God's creation to our worship experience. There are guidelines in a folder near the calendar if you need assistance.

**The Food Project Ministry:** Next week's 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday donation is breakfast items: cereal, grits, pancake mix and syrup or oatmeal. Thank you for your continued support.

### **2018 Officers & Staff**

Sange Ammons  
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  
Sharon Young  
Doug Baysinger  
Beverly Alsobrooks

Tommy Wilkes  
Meg Wilkes  
Dick Gibson  
Cathy Allen  
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 2018 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 2018 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.**