

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
January 1, 2017
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

Epiphany Sunday

Liturgical Color: White

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" -M. Bober

*Call to Worship

Leader: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

People: In all seasons we will trust in God.

Leader: God is an on-time God!

People: In doubt and wonder, we will trust in God!

Leader: He may not come when you want him.

People: In waiting and in hoping, we will still trust!

Leader: Our God is always on time!

People: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

Leader: Come now; let us praise the living God!

*Processional Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" UMH # 117

*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

*Hymn of Preparation "Hymn of Promise" UMH # 707

Old Testament Scripture Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13 # 575

*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 "Away in A Manger"
The Chancel Choir

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings
Offertory "It Come Upon a Midnight Clear" -R. Willis, Arr. M. Bober

*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 25: 31-46 #861

Sermon "What Time Is It?" Rev. Lazarus

Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH # 12
(During distribution we will sing "Away in a Manger" UMH#217; "What Child Is This" UMH#219; "O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH#230; and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" UMH#240)

*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 "O Come All Ye Faithful" -Wade, Arr. E. McLean

2016 Financial Update

Needed to meet General Fund Budget to date 12/30/16 \$ 678,311
Needed to catch up to current General Funding needs to date \$ 617,116*
*This figure has within it where we would be had we continued monthly apportionment payments to date.
Actual General Fund Spending as of 12/30/16 \$ 605,764
Received for General Fund as of 12/30/16 \$ 593,217

Total amount Connectional Ministry Apportionments Needed for 2016 \$ 68,113.00
Amount of Apportionments paid to date \$ 56,760.88

UM Apportionments are a vital part of our outreach and ministry to the wider world. This supports our Missions around the world. The World Service Fund, our UM World Missionaries, Africa University Fund, General Church Administration Fund, Ministerial Educational Fund, Congregational Development, our SC Conference Ministries & Outreach, UM Retiree Benefits, SC College Funds, Camps and Retreats, Campus Ministries, Episcopal Fund, Spartanburg Methodist College among others. Peace, Rev. Wilkes

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
 - 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
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 - Tracie Kite, Sexton – kitegracie@hotmail.com
 - Hope Long, Nursery Care Worker / Coordinator
 - Sue Gover, Lay Leader
 - Ray Reavis, David Edwards, Bob Grindle, Conference Lay Members
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The Food Project Ministry: Next week's 2nd Sunday donations are: cereal –1 box or grits –1 bag/box or oatmeal -1 box or pancake mix -1 box. Thank you for your continued support.

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: Estelle Camp, Lacy Robinson, Carson Deal, Glenn Adams, Wayne Mullinax, Rolfe Sukkert, Frances Funderburk, Dave Stanton, Jr., Kathy Hayes, David Adams, Mitch Barr, Larry Beamguard, Joe Killian, Mike Bono, Randy Flora, Lisa Ramsey (friend of Shelly Pierzinski), LeAnn McCoy (friend of Drew Ogle), Sandy Chapman, Devin Pierzinski, Michael & Marianne Traynor (friends of Barbara Ogle), Dave Jones, Margaret Pendleton, Eloise Mallen, Naurice Smith (White Oak, York)

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.

Poinsettias ~ Please feel free to take a poinsettia home today when you leave worship service.

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.

Missions Planning Meeting: The Missions Committee will be having a planning session for 2017 on January 8th following the 11:00 worship service. Anyone interested is invited. Lunch will be provided so if you are interested in attending, please RSVP to David Wray by January 5th. Please prayerfully consider attending this planning meeting.

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.

Forever Young & Friends Cruise Meeting: A group meeting with Tammy Bailes has been scheduled on Wednesday, January 4th, at 6:30pm in room #104. We will discuss cruise instructions and answer questions about the February cruise to the Bahamas & Half Moon Cay. The goal is to make sure everyone is comfortable with everything before we leave the meeting. So, please mark your calendars and make plans to attend.

Youth, Children and Tweens

No Youth tonight.
Wednesday evening Youth, BIG and Tweens will resume on January 11th.

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.

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.