

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
January 15, 2017
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Liturgical Color: Green

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: An invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:
"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

People: We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.

Leader: In the name of Christ,

People: we accept the invitation to discipleship.

Leader: In the name of Christ,

People: as his disciples, we worship and praise God.

Leader: In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

People: we proclaim the God of Compassion.

Leader: In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples,

People: we proclaim the God of Hope.

Leader: In the midst of indifference and apathy,

People: we proclaim the God of Love.

Leader: Come, let us worship together and share our witness of
God's living presence in the world. Taken from On Earth Peace - website

*Processional Hymn "I Love to Tell the Story" UMH # 156

*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 "Pass It On" UMH # 572

Old Testament Reading Psalm 40: 1-11 # 486

*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 "Breastplate"
Soloists: Dave Edwards, John Austin King
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 John 1: 29-42 # 922

Sermon "Lift, Follow, Come and See" Rev. Wilkes

*Hymn of Commitment "The Summons" FWS # 2130

*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

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The flowers are place on the altar today to the Glory of God and  
in memory of Lanford and Margaret Brackett, given by their family.  
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Stewardship: Great News!! Because of our November/December and end of year giving, we were able to make the final apportionment payment for 2016 and meet all of our mission/ministry needs for the year. Thank you church!

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.

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.

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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
 - Jon Valentine, Director of Children & Youth Ministries – jvalentine@cloverfumc.org
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 - Natasha Bilousova, Pianist
 - Tracie Kite, Sexton – kite_tracie@hotmail.com
 - Hope Long, Nursery
 - Windy Barteel, Lay Leader
 - Ray Reavis, David Edwards, Bob Grindle, Conference Lay Members
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Wonderful Wednesday, January 18 Hosted by: Linda Abernathy & Catherine Cockman
in honor of our Youth as a fundraiser for Revolution.
Menu: Taco soup with trimmings, nacho chips, brownies and ice cream

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: Josie Skinnell, Jimmy Dixon, Joe Williams, Lottie Priester, Loretta Malenfant, Susan Camp, Amber Berry (Angela Travis' sister), Estelle Camp, Lacy Robinson, Carson Deal, Glenn Adams, Rolfe Sukkert, Frances Funderburk, Dave Stanton, Jr., Kathy Hayes, David Adams, Mitch Barr, Joe Killian, Mike Bono, Randy Flora, Sandy Chapman, Devin Pierzinski, Dave Jones, Margaret Pendleton, Eloise Mallen, Naurice Smith (White Oak, York)

Note of Sympathy: Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friend of Jim Currence.
Christian sympathy is extended to Hugh Robinson and family in the death of his sister-in-law, Joyce Robinson.
Christian sympathy is extended to Amy Adams and family in the death of her uncle, Wayne Mullinax.

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 Worship Committee will meet on Sunday, January 15th, at 5:00pm in the church library.

The SPRC will meet on Thursday, January 19th, at 6:30 in the church library and on Tuesday, January 24th, at 7:00 with the District Superintendent in the church library.

Thank you:

Dear church friends,
Tommy and I would like to thank those of you who offered gifts and cards to our family this year. Thank you for thinking of your pastors during Christmas. We are certainly thinking of you – always! Your words and signs of appreciation are important to us. Happy New Year!

With love, *Tommy & Meg Wilkes*

I want to thank everyone for all the cards, gifts, caroling and visits during my birthday and Christmas. Special thanks to Brandon, Geraldine Anderson, and Rebekah Circle for their thoughtfulness all during the year. It means so much to be remembered. Thank you all. *Ruth Wallace*

Dear Church Family,
When Becky and I first visited First Church in the summer of 1995, the thing that drew us in was the warm, friendly, loving way the congregation treated each other and us. It was what made us choose to become members and we have always loved going to church here and being with all of you.

During Becky's illness and untimely passing, the members of the church once again showed us what it means to be God's instruments of love here on Earth. We cannot tell you how much all the cards, prayers, thoughts of encouragement and hope, food, and donations mean to us. The outpouring of love was amazing and for that we will be forever grateful. To say "Thank You" seems so small compared to the overabundance of love and support you provided. We were truly humbled by everything, large and small, that was done for us during this time. From both of us, because I know she would approve, we say a profound "Thank You" to our wonderful church family!

Tim Lyda

Youth, Children and Tweens

YOUTH ~ January 15th: Jr. High ~ 6:00; Sr. High ~ 7:00 in youth room # 202

There will be a Revolution Parent Meeting on January 25th after Youth @ 7:30pm.

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.

ATTENTION FUMC! The Youth are going to be participating in the 30 hour Famine! We need your support! We will be fasting for 30 hours from February 17th to the 18th. You can support us by going to 30hourfamine.org, search for First United Methodist Church Clover SC and help sponsor us.

Our goal is \$ 750! Please do all you can to support our Youth and World Vision in helping with world hunger!

January 26 is A DAY FOR EATING GREAT FISH!!!—Come join us for the **Forever Young and friends** annual seafood dinner together at **Captain Steve's Seafood Restaurant in Fort Mill!** We will **leave the church at 11:00am** for our reservation at 11:30. This is a joyful outing that usually brings out dozens of folks! Please contact the church office (222-3496) to get your name on the list or **sign up** at the table under the large bulletin board in the lobby of the church. We will be making our reservations soon! Don't miss out. HAPPY NEW YEAR! Contact Rev. Meg Wilkes for more information about Forever Young and Friends mwilkes@cloverfumc.org or 803-222-3496 to leave a message. **PLEASE SIGN UP AFTER CHURCH TODAY!! We would like to have our count for the reservation this week. Thank you.**

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.

The Food Project Ministry: Next week's 4th Sunday donations are: peanut butter – 1 small jar; dried beans – one 1lb bag; crackers – 1 box. Thank you for your continued support.

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

Please check your information:

We have placed the most recent directory of members on a table in the hall near the lobby. We have several members whose phone numbers are no long in service or no longer have a landline phone and some with address changes. **Please check your information and mark any necessary changes or send updates to sdavis@cloverfumc.org or call church office, 222-3496.** We will be printing a new Ministry Book in the next few weeks and would like to have correct information for our members. Thank you.

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.

New Opportunities for Older Adults in 2017!

To be involved in either of these groups, please email Rev. Meg Wilkes mwilkes@cloverfumc.org or call the church office @ 803-222-3496. You can also sign up on our interest rosters in the lobby. Dates and times will be decided before February.

Popcorn and a Movie

If you are interested in a small group to watch and discuss movies and theology while sharing with one another about what growing older means for us, SIGN UP! Using movies featuring older adults, we will gather quarterly to reflect on the experience of life in the golden years and to support one another with hope, purpose and humor! Mrs. Kirkie Gibson is opening her home in Rock Hill to accommodate and host this meaningful endeavor. We can make arrangements to use the church bus. Space is limited to about 12 participants for seating in Kirkie's living room! Please contact Rev. Meg Wilkes for more information, or to be included in this spiritual formation group for older adults.

Tai Chi

If you are interested in a class of Tai Chi for older adults, please contact Rev. Meg Wilkes, mwilkes@cloverfumc.org 222-3496 or 803-622-1315

Some folks are expressing a healthy interest in this wonderful, artful form of exercise and body mindfulness. Many seniors and senior care facilities have been enjoying this style of workout and conditioning for more than 20 years!

Nurture Bags for Valentine's Day for our Nurture members are now available for you to place your card or small gifts/remembrances.