

**An Order for the Christian Worship of God**  
**January 22, 2017**  
**Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany** **Liturgical Color: Green**

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "Trumpet Tune in D Major" -Johnson

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Paul appealed to us to be in agreement and that there be no divisions among us,

**People: but that we be united in the same mind and the same purpose.**

Leader: Each of us may say "I belong to the United Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, or Catholic Church"

**People: Has Christ been divided? Was John Wesley crucified for us? Or were we baptized in the name of Calvin?**

Leader: Paul was sent not to baptize but to proclaim the gospel.

**People: And he did so not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.**

Leader: The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing.

**People: But to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**

**All: May we hear and preach the foolishness of the cross**

Adapted from 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

\*Processional Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" UMH # 557

\*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 "Christ, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH # 550

\*Gospel Reading Matthew 4: 12-23 # 837

\*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 "Softly and Tenderly"  
*Soloists~Denise Bono, Becky Vaughn & Robin Wallace*  
*The Chancel Choir*

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory "Intermezzo" -P. Mascagni

\*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.**

Epistle Reading I Corinthians 1: 10-18 # 991

Sermon "The Foolishness of the Cross" Rev. Lazarus

\*Hymn of Commitment "Lift High the Cross" UMH # 159

\*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 "On This Glad Day" -Scarlatti

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 The flowers are place on the altar today to the Glory of God and  
 in memory of Becky Lyda, given by her 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](http://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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Hope Long, Nursery  
Windy Barteel, Lay Leader  
Ray Reavis, David Edwards, Bob Grindle, Conference Lay Members

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Wonderful Wednesday, January 25 Hosted by: Higher Education Committee  
Menu: Grilled hot dogs, homemade BBQ slaw, fixins, homemade baked beans, chips, brownies & ice cream.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

**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:** Josie Skinnell, Ray Baker, Billy Curry, Michelle Pressley (Sukkerts' granddaughter, Jill Sifford, Jimmy Dixon, Lottie Priester, Loretta Malenfant, Susan Camp, Amber Berry (Angela Travis' sister), Estelle Camp, Lacy Robinson, Carson Deal, Glenn Adams, Rolfe Sukkert, Dave Stanton, Jr., Kathy Hayes, David Adams, Mitch Barr, Joe Killian, Mike Bono, Randy Flora, Sandy Chapman, Dave Jones, Margaret Pendleton, Eloise Mallen, Naurice Smith (White Oak, York)

**Military:** 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.

**The SPRC** will meet on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 with the District Superintendent in the church library.

**Faith & Church 101** will be offered as soon as we have 10 participants. You can sign up on the enclosed insert or call the church office if you are interested in this class.

**Forever Young & Friends** will have a short meeting at **10:30am** in room 104 on Thursday January 26 (before we leave for Captain Steve's).

**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](mailto: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.**

**Dear Church ~ Here are your 2017 Confirmands!!**

How blessed, indeed how *rich* we are to have these young people among us. We have been given the responsibility of ushering 13 youth through the process of discerning their personal membership commitments in the life of Christ's body through First UMC. I know most of them well after several years of building relationships and living our faith together with our Tweens ministry. Please lift them up in prayer throughout the next 3 months. They start classes today and will be confirmed soon after Easter this year. It's hard work – mentally, emotionally and spiritually – real commitment. They, their families, and their mentors and teachers need your prayers. Post this on your fridge! ☺

Thank you, Rev. Meg

RaeLyn Abernathy  
John McClain Beamguard  
Caleb Dixon  
Aleea Doster  
Trace English  
Andrea Hughes  
Sarah Keller

Daniel Maslankowski  
Matthew Maslankowski  
Aliyah Shirfinski  
Jessica Taylor  
Kyra Travis  
Tyler Wise

### Youth, Children and Tweens

**YOUTH ~ January 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Jr. High ~ 6:00; Sr. High ~ 7:00 in youth room # 202

**There will be a Revolution Parent Meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>. You can support us by going to [30hourfamine.org](http://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!

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

**The Food Project Ministry:** Next week's 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday donations are any of the following items: spaghetti sauce, spaghetti, cereal, grits, pancake mix & syrup, oatmeal, dried beans or soups. Thank you for your support.

### **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 29<sup>th</sup>.** For more information please contact Shirley Davis at the church office, 803-222-3496.

### **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](mailto: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.

**Diabetes Self-Management Education Class:** Kim Drechsler is offering another 5-class series to be taught at First UMC. These classes are free. Day and time will be determined later. She would like to have at least 10 or more people signed up for the class. If you are interested you can contact the church office (222-3496) or contact Kim at 704-747-4488.

### **New Opportunities for Older Adults in 2017!**

To be involved in either of these groups, please email Rev. Meg Wilkes [mwilkes@cloverfumc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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!



**Get Connected...To Each Other!** On a Worldwide Marriage Encounter you can make your good marriage GREAT! Marriage encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, in-laws, and technology to focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth and enrichment in your relationship, you'll love the difference a Marriage Encounter Weekend can make! Join millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive. The next weekend will be held on February 17-19, 2017 at the Wingate in Charlotte, NC. You can find more information and

register online at **[encounter.org](http://encounter.org)** or contact Geoff and Francine at 518-281-2274 or email at **[meumcarolina.org](http://meumcarolina.org)**.

**THANK YOU!** The United Methodist Men would like to say a big THANK YOU to all of the wonderful and generous people who donated money and time in making our 2016 Christmas Shopping Spree such a huge success! We are sure that all who participated had their hearts filled with joy in seeing how these wonderful children were able to show their love for their families through their gifts but also being able to hear the true story of Christmas and Jesus' birth. This would not be possible without all of you!

**The Currence Family** would like to say how much we appreciate all your thoughtfulness and support during this difficult time. By giving of your time and talents you have eased our burden and we are truly grateful to you all. God bless,  
*Linda, David, Julie and Family*

**Dishes in Kitchen:** There are several dishes left from bereavement meals on the shelf in the kitchen. Please be sure to pick yours up.