

**An Order for the Christian Worship of God  
January 28, 2018  
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Liturgical Color: Green**

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "Jesus the Very Thought of Thee" -Larson

\*Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made. We rejoice in all that God has done. We enter into God's presence with joy and celebration, knowing that the one who was born in Bethlehem is even now being born anew in the hearts of those who love him.

**People: As the Wise Men sought him and found him by the light of the star, so we, following the light that God has given us, find him this day in the praise and the prayers, the words and the actions, of his faithful people.**

**All: We thank God for the Christ Child and for the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love that his coming has brought to the world. Come Let us Adore Him.**

\*Processional Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" UMH #327

\*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.)*

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

The Anthem "Breastplate" *The Chancel Choir*  
Soloists: Dave Edwards, Lydia Wilkes & Tina Cargill  
Flute: Katie Bono

\*Hymn of Preparation "We Three Kings" verses 1 & 4 UMH #254

\*Psalter Psalm 40: 1-11 (response) UMH #774

\*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 "Whiter than Snow" -Lani Smith

\*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: 1-2, 9-11 # 835

Sermon "The Magi's Gift of Myrrh" Rev. Tommy Wilkes

\*Hymn of Commitment "Old Rugged Cross" UMH #504

\*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 "Postlude in C" -Purcell

\*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.

**2017 Financial Final**

Needed to meet General Fund Budget as of 12/31/17 \$ 660,265  
Actual General Fund Spending as of 12/31/17 \$ 583,628  
Received for General Fund as of 12/31/17 \$ 599,782

**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.**

- Reverend Tommy Wilkes, Senior Pastor – [twilkes@cloverfumc.org](mailto:twilkes@cloverfumc.org)
- Reverend Meg Wilkes, Associate Minister – [mwilkes@cloverfumc.org](mailto:mwilkes@cloverfumc.org)
- Reverend J. Richard Gibson, Pastor Emeritus
- Jon Valentine, Director of Children & Youth Ministries – [jvalentine@cloverfumc.org](mailto:jvalentine@cloverfumc.org)
- Cathy Allen, BIG/Tweens Coordinator – [cmallen217@gmail.com](mailto:cmallen217@gmail.com)
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- Natasha Bilousova, Pianist
- Nannette Carnes, Organist
- Tracie Kite, Sexton – [kitefracie@hotmail.com](mailto:kitefracie@hotmail.com)
- Hope Long, Nursery
- Windy Bartee, Lay Leader
- Ray Reavis, Bob Grindle, Renee Gallien, Conference Lay Members

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Wednesday Night Dinner, January 31<sup>st</sup>  
Menu: Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread & Desserts    Sponsored by Missions Committee

Name \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

**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:** Tommy Crawford, Sherry Adams, Ron Eaddy, Anne Adams, Marshall Caldwell, Carolyn Grigg, Sandy Chapman, Wayne Leroy, Rhett Hurst, Mitch Barr, Fred Byers, Josie Skinnell, Dave Blanton, Rolfe Sukkert, Dave Jones.

**Note of Sympathy:** Christian sympathy is extended to Anneliese Lowman and family in the death of her grandmother.

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



Looking ahead.....

During Lent this year, we will enjoy many beautiful services of worship to acknowledge the gift and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. On Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup> as a segue into the Lenten season, our Youth Praise Team will perform a metaphorical dramatization of the popular children’s book, *The Giving Tree*, with Rev. Meg bringing a message. Let us worship God with all of our hearts and minds and souls and strength, as we remember the depth of sacrificial love that Jesus has for each and every one of us. Come and experience *The Giving Tree*.

We invite you to come and experience “The Giving Tree” ~ A Musical Narrative that will be presented in the 8:30 and 11:00 services next Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Church Family needs ~ opportunities for you to serve:**

**On Sunday mornings during 11:00 service,** we joyfully provide “children’s church” for about 30-45 minutes while parents take that special time to concentrate on listening to the message (after children’s time at the altar.) We must always have two Safe Sanctuary approved volunteers to serve here. *We need a few more faithful volunteers* to fill this important area of ministry, just one Sunday a month. Will you please consider serving in this way? **Call Jon Valentine @ 704-860-4236** or the **church office 803-222-3496** to become a volunteer. Thank you for showing your commitment to the children among us (and their families!) Rev Meg Wilkes

**The Forever Young & Friends Steering Committee** will meet on **Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am** in the Volunteer Office. The members of the Steering Committee are Melva Jones, Sherry Adams, Margaret Bowman, Wade Shores, Catherine Cockman, Louise Jackson, Suzanne Thompson and Meg Wilkes. As always, Forever Young & Friends members are welcome to attend.

**Annual Wild Game Supper – Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Meal served from 5:45 – 6:30pm. Reservations are required! Sign-up sheets located downstairs. The meal is free – generous donatons are greatly appreciated. All proceeds will e sued to help those in the Clover / York County area with food needs. Make plans to attend by signing up now!

### Youth, Children and Tweens

**Youth: No Youth tonight. Returning from Revolution.**

**BIG** children are starting a project that requires empty tissue boxes. Please bring any empty boxes to church for the children to use. Thank you.

**Tweens** will be ending our animal shelter donations on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Any food, cat litter, blankets, towels, toys, etc. would be appreciated through that time.

**Tweens Trip – Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>** – to deliver all donations. Meet after 11:00 service to get pizza for lunch before we go. We should return to the church by 2:30.

**BIG & Tweens** will be visiting shut-ins for an early Valentine's Day on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, during our regular time (6:30-7:30).

**Our Wednesday night programs:** BIG (children) and Tweens at 6:30pm / Youth Fellowship at 6:30.

Be on the lookout for emails, posters, and Instagram posts for full details.

**If you haven't already, text [1clovermyf](tel:1clovermyf) to [95577](tel:95577) for text reminders!!**

Contact Jon Valentine for information about youth ministries at FUMC, [jvalentine@cloverfumc.org](mailto:jvalentine@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.

**Coat & Warm Clothing Give Away a Big Success!** Thank you so much for your donations of coats, gloves, hats, and other warm clothing that were given out at the Food Project. A lot of people were helped because of your generous giving.

*Esther Circle & Forever Young & Friends*

**The Food Project Ministry:** Next week's 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday donations are spaghetti and spaghetti sauce. Thank you for your continued support.

### **United Methodist Men Valentine's Banquet**

On Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, the United Methodist Men will sponsor our annual Valentine's Dinner. All church members and guests are encouraged to make plans to attend this fun event which features great food catered by Jackson's Kitchen, great music provided by Tommy and Meg Wilkes, and as always "special entertainment". Tickets for the event are \$12.50 for individuals and \$25.00 for couples. Tickets can be purchased from any UMM members. As is our custom, ALL singles ladies in our church will be our guests for the evening. We sincerely hope that each of you can attend and we look forward to seeing you on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Sam Cain, UMM President

### **2018 Festival of Tables**

United Methodist Women will host the fifth annual "Festival of Tables" ladies luncheon on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018. You can reserve a table for \$ 5.00 and decorate in your chosen theme, using your tableware and decorations. Guest tickets are \$ 8.00 each. Last year over one hundred women attended to preview the decorated tables and enjoy a delicious lunch. To reserve a table or if you want further information contact Linda Abernathy (222-7591) or Grace White (222-7528). Please plan to join us!

### **Optimist International Oratorical Contest**

This contest is divided into three levels of competition. Club level receives a medallion, Zone level is a plaque and District level is a plaque and \$2500.00. This contest is open to any student under the age of 18 as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. District winners must provide a copy of birth certificate or passport with the District's entry documentation. Participants must write on the official topic "Where Are My Roots of Optimism." Oratorical must be no less than 4 minutes and no more than 5 minutes. The Club contest will be held April 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Clover Optimist Club building, 1500 Tom Joye Rod, Clover. You should bring a copy of your birth certificate, speech and application with you. Arrive a little early so paperwork can be check. Applications can be picked up from Mrs. Hester. Any questions, call Josie Skinnell at 803-684-2008 or email [sknll@aol.com](mailto:sknll@aol.com).



Friends, the flowers in our altar area adorn the sanctuary with beauty and color each Sunday as an offering to the Lord and a treasure to our worship experience. Please consider joining in this act of worship. Our flower chart in the lobby next to the bulletin board needs to be updated for 2018! **Please check the dates and sign up during the months of 2018 for a special occasion, or in memory/honor of someone you care about.** This is a collective effort! Enjoy the privilege of being a part of it. Thank you. Rev. Meg