

Our Christian Worship of God
April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

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Liturgical Color: White

The Prelude "All Creatures of Our God and King" Jason King-Flute
The Chiming of the Hour
The Call to Worship "Christ Is Risen"
The Welcome and Announcements
The Children's Moment

*The Hymn UMH 302 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today (vs 1-4)"

*The Invocation

Leader: Christ is risen! The stone is rolled away, and the promise of new life is before us!

People: Christ is risen indeed! We come with hearts open to the joy of this holy morning.

Leader: From fear to faith, from sorrow to hope, the risen Christ calls us by name, just as He called Mary in the garden.

People: We hear His voice and run to share the good news: He is alive!

All: Risen Lord, fill this place and our lives with Your presence, that we may proclaim with joy: *That's what we love about Sunday!* Amen.

The Anthem "Alleluia, Alleluia!" Chancel Choir

*The Affirmation of Christian Faith The Apostles' Creed
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.

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*The 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 Offering

Offertory "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" -Wilson

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"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

*Offertory Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

*The Scripture Lesson Matthew 28: 1-10 see insert

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

The Sermon "That's What I Love About Sunday!" Rev. Scott Gilmer
Prayer of Christian Discipleship

The Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH 12-15

*The Hymn UMH 322 "Up From The Grave He Arose"

*The Benediction

* "Hallelujah Chorus" -Handel

*The Chiming of the Trinity

*The Postlude "Finale from Symphony 1" -Vierne

*-indicates worshippers are invited to stand if able.

OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS April 2, 2026

Note: please contact Shirley Davis in the church office to add to the joys and prayer concerns. 222-3496 or sdavis@cloverfumc.com.

Recent Concerns: Tommy Crawford, Susie Blanton (friend of Carolyn Caldwell), Pat Bono, Melva Jones, Denise Bono, Judy Bailes, Kathy Collins, Sandy King, Judy Hench & family, Valerie Larsen, Renee Gallien, Jane Turpin, Marie Millen, Our Homebound Angels.

Military: Captain Virginia Stanton, USMC; Petty Officer 3rd Class William Shearer; Petty Officer Andrew Beaty; Lt. Col. Leeann Hidle Chavers, Air Force; Lieutenant Colonel Thad Wilson; Lt. Col. Nicholas S. Hare; Lt. Col. Blair Preston.

The AEDs, with an alarm system, are located downstairs near the nursery and outside the sanctuary. A list of those who are CPR trained is also included in the boxes.

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Renee Gallien, Jason King, Judy Falls

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Reverend Scott Gilmer's telephone number is 864-554-8676. Feel free to call if you have need of him.

Invitation to New Worshippers: 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 our Pastor. We are thankful to have new worshippers. Welcome to the First UMC family.

Weekly Scripture Readings: Acts 2: 1-4, 22-32; Psalm 16; I Peter 1:: 3-9; John 20: 19-31

Words of Wisdom: “The empty tomb reminds us that hope is alive and new life has begun. That’s what we love about Sunday—Christ is risen, hope is renewed, and grace meets us right where we are. Because He lives, we are made new and sent to share that life with the world.”

Flowering the Cross: If you didn't have flowers to bring there are flowers up front at the cross for you to use to help flower the cross.

Billy Gallien Memorial Scholarship: The Billy Gallien Memorial Scholarship is available for students graduating high school in the Class of 2026. To qualify students must be a member of FUMC Clover. Applications are available in the church office. The deadline to return the applications to the church office is April 17, 2026. Scholarship amounts will be based on the funding available. For questions, please contact Renee Gallien at 704-898-7602 / rqbhist@bellsouth.net.

Vacation Bible School: This year VBS will be held on June 14-17, theme: Rome...Paul and the Underground Church. The Children's Council members are requesting daily prayers, asking God to prepare the hearts of church members, workers, and children who will attend. Thank you.

Esther Circle: Mrs. Lynne Chandler, president of the Rock Hill District Women of Faith will be joining us at our circle meeting on April 13th. She will enlighten us on the local, district and conference Women of Faith. Everyone is invited. Light refreshments will be served. Please contact me if you have any questions/concerns. Barb Burgmeier

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Thank you

The Family of Albert Wyatt would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers during dad’s illness. Thank you also for the lovely meal provided by the bereavement committee. It was so appreciated.



This Week

Budget Receipts	\$ 7,235.00	Week	14
Other	\$ 8,244.64	% of Budget receive ...	27
Total Budget for 2026... .	\$ 484,517	Church School	29
Amount needed weekly...\$	9,318	Morning Worship.....	89
		Youth.....	

1/1/26 Bank Balance	\$ 57,059.69
Total giving to date	\$ 150,341.56
Total spending to date	<u>\$ 132,208.18</u>
Current Bank Balance	\$ 75,193.07

4/2/26 Local Operating Balance \$ 28 ,938.32

If you want your offering to go to the new Local Operating Fund, please be sure to mark your check clearly.

Stewardship ~ Ways to Give

Regular Tithes and Offerings through the **Sunday Morning Offering.**

Giving On-Line: Giving to FUMC is available online through our website: www.firstumcclover.org **Thanks for your support of the mission and ministry of FUMC. If you decide to give electronically, please feel free to drop an “Electronic Giver” card in the offering plate on Sundays as an act of worship.**

No Meal this week.

WHAT A WONDERFUL YARD SALE WEEK!

Thank you so much to all the people that helped, donated, shopped, worked in the kitchen and did setup/clean up. It was a great week of fellowship, missions and making a success of the Yard Sale. There are still some expenses to take care of and maybe a few more donations. As of March 31st, we have deposited \$ 6,689.64!

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- **Card Ministry-** We will resume the Card Ministry on April 6th at 11:00am. Everyone is welcome to help us in this meaningful ministry! Please let Denise Bono know if there is someone we can add to our list.
- **Nurture Meeting –** The next Nurture Team Meeting will be on April 9th at both 11:00am and 7:00pm. New ideas and new people are always welcome!
- **Homebound Angels and Friends -** Please keep our Homebound Angels and Friends in your prayers.
- **Let’s Do Lunch** will resume on April 30th after the Forever Young and Friends meeting. We will eat at Courtney’s. We meet at Courtney’s at 12:00 noon. Grab your fork, and mark your calendar!

God calls all of us to offer each other Christian hospitality and to be there to nurture one another. You can do this in simple ways—with a phone call, a text, or a card to let someone know that you are thinking about them, and you are there for them! This will not only bless the person that you reach out to, but it will bless you as well! So, ask yourself—“Who can I be a blessing to today?”

Notes on Missions

As we celebrate Easter Sunday, we are reminded of all the ways that God blesses us each day! As we reflect on these blessings, let us remember our neighbors that might be struggling this Easter Season. Help us fill the grocery cart to show our love to those in need! This week’s suggested donations: spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, and canned meat. Also, juice is always needed. (These are just suggestions. All donations are appreciated!)

Matthew 28: 1-10

28 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

² And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

³ His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

⁴ And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

⁵ And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

⁶ He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

⁷ And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

⁸ And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

⁹ And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

¹⁰ Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.