

Our Christian Worship of God
April 12, 2026
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

2nd Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White

The Prelude "Adagio" -Franck
The Chiming of the Hour
The Call to Worship "Christ Risen"
The Welcome and Announcements

*The Hymn UMH 304 "Easter People, Raises Your Voices"

*The Invocation

Leader: Risen Christ, You entered a room locked by fear and breathed peace upon Your disciples.

People: Come among us now, O Lord, and calm the fears we carry within.

Leader: When doubt lingers, and certainty feels far away, You do not turn us aside, but draw near with grace.

People: Meet us in our questions, and hold us in Your patient love.

Leader: You call us from hidden places into lives of bold and living faith.

People: Open our hearts, that our faith may find its voice and bear witness to Your resurrection.

All: Risen Lord, enter this place, fill us with Your peace, and send us forth as people who believe, even when we have not seen. Amen.

The Anthem "My Good Lord" 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 "Elevation" -Dubois

*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 Hymn UMH 310 "He Lives"

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 John 20: 19-31 see insert

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

The Sermon "When Faith Finds Its Voice Behind Closed Doors" Rev. Scott Gilmer

Prayer of Christian Discipleship

*The Hymn UMH 364 "Because He Lives"

*The Benediction

*The Choral Response and Recessional

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

*The Chiming of the Trinity

*The Postlude Fantasia on "Easter Hymn" -Larson

*-indicates worshippers are invited to stand if able.

**The flowers are placed on the altar today to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Gail Engels,
given by Gary and family.**

OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS April 9, 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: Family of Betty Turner (Tracie's aunt), Kathy Collins, Tommy Crawford, Susie Blanton (friend of Carolyn Caldwell), Pat Bono, Melva Jones, Denise Bono, Judy Bailes, Sandy King, Judy Hench & family, Renee Gallien, Jane Turpin, Marie Millen, Our Homebound Angels.

Military: Major Virginia Stanton, USMC; Petty Officer Second 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

Lay Members to Annual Conference

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

Invitation to New Worshipers: 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: 14a, 36-41; Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19; I Peter 1: 17-23; Luke 24: 13-35

Words of Wisdom: "In John 20: 19-31, the disciples hide behind closed doors, gripped by fear and uncertainty—yet it is there that the risen Christ comes to them, speaking peace and breathing new life into their doubt. Faith does not always begin with confidence; sometimes it starts in quiet, uncertain places. But when Christ meet us where we are, fear gives way to peace, and what was once hidden finds its voice. Even behind closed doors, faith can rise, speak and become a witness to hope."

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 / rgbfhist@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

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 31, we have deposited \$ 6,689.64!



This Week

Budget Receipts	\$ 10,229.00	Week	15
Other	\$ 525.00	% of Budget receive ..	30
Total Budget for 2026... .	\$ 484,517	Church School	29
Amount needed weekly...\$	9,318	Morning Worship.....	108
		Youth.....	

1/1/26 Bank Balance	\$ 57,059.69
Total giving to date	\$ 161,098.99
Total spending to date	<u>\$ 142,663.86</u>
Current Bank Balance	\$ 75,494.82

4/9/26 Local Operating Balance \$ 32,883.32

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.

Wonderful Wednesday Meal, April 15
Menu: Spaghetti, Salad and Bread

hosted by UMM

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Nothing But Nurture

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- **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

Help us fill the grocery cart to show our love to those in need! This week’s suggested donations: cereal, grits, oatmeal of pancake mix. Also, juice is always needed. (These are just suggestions. All donations are appreciated!)

Mother’s Day Carnations:

A special flower arrangement will be placed on the altar on Mother’s Day. You may place a red carnation in honor of, or a white carnation in memory of, your loved ones for \$ 3.00 each. Any additional money collected beyond the cost of the carnations will go to our Food Project. To purchase a flower(s), place this form, with payment attached, in the offering plate or return to the church office not later than May 1st.

Your name _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

John 20: 19-31

¹⁹ Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

²⁰ And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the LORD.

²¹ Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

²³ Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

²⁴ But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

²⁵ The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the LORD. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

²⁶ And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

²⁷ Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

²⁸ And Thomas answered and said unto him, My LORD and my God.

²⁹ Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

³⁰ And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

³¹ But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.