

Our Christian Worship of God
June 14, 2026
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

The Prelude "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word" - J.S. Bach

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship "The Lord is Near to Those Who Call Upon Him"

The Welcome and Announcements

*The Hymn UMH 191 "Jesus Loves Me"

*The Invocation

Pastor: Sisters and brothers in Christ, we gather today because we have been justified by faith and welcomed into God's amazing grace.

People: We come rejoicing that God's grace holds us secure and God's hope continues to grow within us.

Pastor: Even in times of struggle, uncertainty, and suffering, God is at work, shaping our character and strengthening our faith.

People: We trust that nothing can separate us from the love of God revealed through Jesus Christ.

All: Gracious God, draw us into Your presence this day. Fill us with the assurance of Your grace, the strength of Your love, and the hope that never disappoints. Through our worship, renew our hearts and send us forth as faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Anthem "Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me" 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.

*universal

*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 "For the Beauty of the Earth" -Raney

*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 365 "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

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 Romans 5: 1-8 see insert

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

The Sermon "Grace That Holds, Hope That Grows" Rev. Scott Gilmer
Prayer of Christian Discipleship

*The Hymn 572 "Pass It On"

*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 "Caithness" -Willan

*indicates worshippers are invited to stand if able

OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS June 11, 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: Ted Bartee, Wade Shores, Gloria Baysinger, Jackie Brown, Tommy Crawford, Pat Bono, Melva Jones, Sandy King, Judy Hench & family, Renee Gallien, Jane Turpin, 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.

Reverend Scott Gilmer, Senior Pastor – ssgilmer@bellsouth.net

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Anna Livingston – Lay Leader

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: Genesis 21: 8-21; Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17; Romans 6: 1-11; Matthew 10: 24-39.

Words of Wisdom: “God’s grace is not merely what saves us in the past—it is what holds us in the present and grows hope for the future. Because Christ has loved us at our worst, we can trust Him with our best days, our hardest days, and every day in between.”

Missions

The Food Project continues to serve our neighbors in need thanks to your generosity! When you give, you are reflecting the heart of God and His love for us! Thank you for opening your hearts and partnering with us to BE the Hands and Feet of Christ.

This week’s suggested donations: cereal, grits, oatmeal, pancake mix and apple juice. (These are just suggestions. ALL donations are appreciated!)

Nothing But Nurture

- **Nurture Bags:** The Nurture Bags will be on the table from June 7th to June 28th. Please help us fill these bags with non-perishable items to show our Homebound Angels how much they mean to our Church Family!
- **Let’s Do Lunch:** Our next lunch date will be on June 25th at The Clover Station after the Forever Young & Friends meeting. Mark your calendar and get ready for good food and even better fellowship!
- **Thank You:** Thank you to *everyone* who gives of themselves to make our Homebound Angels, and Friends of Nurture feel loved. Every month there are people who visit, send cards, bring food, help fill bags and pray! These small acts of kindness mean so much!

And a Special “THANK YOU” to Pastor Scott, Cathy Bell, Judy Falls and Charlotte Dowd! Thank you for all the time, love, and compassion you pour into every meal and every visit!

Epworth Foster Care Ministry Information Meeting: Join us on Thursday, June 18th, at 6:30pm in the Missions and Fellowship Center (MFC) for an informational meeting about the Foster Care Program through Epworth Children’s Home. Rev. Cathy Joens will share how this vital ministry supports children and families in need and how you can become involved through fostering, volunteering, prayer, or support.

Worship Bulletin Submission Reminder: To help us prepare our weekly worship bulletin with care and accuracy, please submit all announcements and bulletin information to Shirley by **Thursday at Noon** each week. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us communicate effectively as we worship and serve together.

This Week

Budget Receipts	\$ 8,044.00	Week	24
Other	\$ 150.00	% of Budget receive ...	46
Total Budget for 2026... .	\$ 484,517	Church School	27
Amount needed weekly...\$	9,318	Morning Worship.....	60
		Youth.....	

1/1/26 Bank Balance	\$ 57,059.69
Total giving to date	\$ 229,494.36
Total spending to date	<u>\$ 234,758.58</u>
Current Bank Balance	\$ 51,795.47

6/11/26 Local Operating Balance \$ 49,951.00

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.



COME CELEBRATE LOUISE JACKSON’S 90TH BIRTHDAY!

Celebrate at a covered dish lunch on June 29, 2026 at 12:00 noon In the Fellowship Hall.

Forever Young & Friends

BLACK’S PEACHES FOR LUNCH & ICE CREAM ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026
 On Wednesday, June 17, please plan to join us as we travel to Black’s Peaches (1800 Blacks Hwy, York, SC 29745) to eat lunch and ice cream as well enjoy time with each other. Everyone is invited. The bus will leave the church at 11:00am. Be at the church by 10:50 if you plan to ride the bus. Please sign the sheet near the elevator or call the church office if you plan to go so we know how many people to expect.

SPRING YARD SALE BLESSINGS AS OF May 27, 2026

- Bibles -English & Spanish given out
- \$400.00 to Worship for black & white fabric and Candle Lighters
- \$250.00 to Rise from Hunger Cluster Mission project
- \$500.00 to the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund
- \$150.00 to help 3 people going to work at Salkehatchie with cost of trip.
- Suitcases for Mission Trip
- Clothes and other items for a lady who just had her leg amputated
- Coupons given at Food Project and with Blessing Bags used for needed items
- Things given for different programs/areas of the church
- Lunches provided for workers and others
- Donations to Larne Elementary School
- Coats and warm clothing for Coat Project
- Items to Tender Hearts and Goodwill

Romans 5: 1-8

⁵ Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

² By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

³ And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

⁴ And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

⁵ And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

⁶ For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

⁸ But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.