

Our Christian Worship of God
July 19, 2026
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

8th Sunday after Pentecost Liturgical Color: Green

The Prelude "I've Found a Friend " -Stebbins
The Chiming of the Hour
The Call to Worship "Lord I Lift Your Name on High" Tom & Suzanne Robinson

The Welcome and Announcements

*The Hymn UMH 92 "For The Beauty of the Earth" (Verses 1-4)

*The Invocation
Pastor: God of the harvest, you gather us into your presence and sow your grace among us.
People: Here at First Clover UMC, we come ready to receive your Word and grow in faith.
Pastor: In a world where wheat and weeds grow side by side, give us patience, wisdom, and faithful hearts.
People: At First Clover UMC, help us bear good fruit and reflect the love of Christ.
All: Holy God, tend the garden of our hearts, strengthen us for faithful discipleship, and make us signs of your kingdom. Amen.

Special Music: "Let Justice Roll Like a River" by Marty Haugen Tom & Suzanne Robinson

*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 "Dwelling in Beulah Land" -Miles
*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 144 "This is My Father's World"

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 13:24-30, 36-42 see insert
Minister: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God. Amen

The Sermon "Wheat In A Weedy World" Rev. Scott Gilmer
Prayer of Christian Discipleship

*The Hymn 157 "Jesus Shall Reign"
*The Benediction
*The Choral Response and Recessional
**May the road rise to meet you; May the wind blow at your back.
May the sunshine 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 "The Way of the Cross Leads Home" -Gabriel

*indicates worshippers are invited to stand if able

OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS July 14, 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, Dick & Kirkie Gibson, Mary Jean Dowling

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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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 29:15-28; Psalm 105: 1-11; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Words of Wisdom: “At First Clover UMC, we gather as people of hope in a world where wheat and weeds often grow side by side. Jesus reminds us that God is still at work, nurturing what is faithful, life-giving, and good. May we trust God’s wisdom, resist becoming discouraged by the weeds around us, and continue growing as disciples who bear the fruit of grace, compassion, and love. We are called to be wheat in a weedy world—rooted in Christ and faithful until the harvest.”

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: canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned soup (These are just suggestions. ALL donations are appreciated!)

Nothing But Nurture

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.

The Flowers are placed at the altar today to the Glory of God and in honor of William Vaughn’s birthday by Teri and Mom.

This Week

Budget Receipts	\$.6,506.00	Week	29
Other	\$ 425.00	% of Budget receive ...	53
Total Budget for 2026...	\$ 484,517	Church School	24
Amount needed weekly...	\$ 9,318	Morning Worship.....	88
		Youth.....	

1/1/26 Bank Balance	\$ 57,059.69
Total giving to date	\$ 268,837.71
Total spending to date	<u>\$ 255,626.05</u>
Current Bank Balance	\$ 43,850.03

7/1/26 Local Operating Balance \$ 58,623.15

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.

Christmas in July

Stop by the table next to the elevator and pick up your boxes along with the information sheet to participate in our Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child Project.

All boxes and checks are due August 2.

Winyah Bay Salkehatchie

Campers & Parents,

Thank you for a great 2026 Winyah Bay Salkehatchie camp! I am sending the attached thank you note to all the churches and people in Georgetown that support us and wanted to share that with you as well. Please feel free to share it with your churches as well to help spread the word. Mark your calendar for June 12 - 19, 2027 and we will look forward to seeing you next summer!

Robert Harrelson

Winyah Bay Salkehatchie Camp Director

Matthew 13:24-30; 36-42

²⁴ Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

²⁵ But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

²⁶ But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

²⁷ So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

²⁸ He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

²⁹ But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

³⁶ Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

³⁷ He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;

³⁸ The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;

³⁹ The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

⁴⁰ As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

⁴¹ The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

⁴² And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.