

The Prelude

“Epistle Sonata 1”

-Mozart

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

“Day by Day”

The Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Moment

*The Hymn UMH 140

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*The Invocation

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord always! In the midst of busy lives, anxious thoughts, and the noise of the world, God calls us unto His presence.

People: We come to worship, trusting the God who is near and seeking the peace that surpasses all understanding.

Pastor: Here at First Clover UMC, may our hearts and minds be turned toward whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, and worthy of praise.

People: May we bring our prayers, our gratitude, our worries, and our hopes before God, believing that His peace will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

All: Gracious God, quiet the noise within us, fill us with Your presence, and teach us to rejoice, pray, give thanks, and live in Your peace. May First Clover UMC be a place where Your peace is received, practiced, and shared. Amen.

The Anthem

“Bless His Holy Name”

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

“King of Love My Shepherd Is”

-Beck

*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 534

“Be Still, My Soul”

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

Philippians 4: 4-9

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Minister:

The Word of God for the people of God

People:

Thanks be to God. Amen

The Sermon

“Peace In The Noise”

Pastor Scott Gilmer

Prayer of Christian Discipleship

*The Hymn UMH 377

“It Is Well With My Soul”

*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

“Darwall”

-Willan

*indicates worshippers are invited to stand if able

OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS October 8, 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: David Douglas, Kenneth Lovelace & family, Jane (Alan) Robinson, Ralph Miller, Chuck Payseur, the Lott Family (friends of Elizabeth Gover Preston), John Gossett, Jane Turpin, Ted Bartee, Wade Shores, Jackie Brown, Pat Bono, Judy Hensch & family, Renee Gallien, Mary Jean Dowling, 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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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: Exodus 33: 12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10; Matthew 22: 15-22.

Words of Wisdom: “Peace does not always come when the noise around us disappears. Sometimes God’s deepest peace comes when the noise remains, but we discover that it no longer controls our hearts. When we turn our worries into prayer, our fears into trust, and our attention toward what is true and good, we make room for the peace of Christ—a peace strong enough to guard us even when life is loud.”

Bible Study: Our weekly **Bible Study meets at 11:00AM in the Steve Camp Classroom.** This fall, we will begin a ten-week study, “**Old Testament Lives, New Testament Echoes,**” exploring how Old Testament people and stories help us better understand the New Testament. The guiding question each week would be: “**What does this Old Testament life help us see more clearly in the New Testament?**”. **Lesson Six: David and Peter-Called, Gifted, Flawed and still Used By God.** Both are deeply loved and genuinely called, yet both fall badly. Their stories demonstrate repentance, restoration and the difference between failure and family. Bring your Bible, your questions, and your curiosity as we discover Scripture together. **Everyone is welcome!**

Nothing but Nurture

Fall Festival: October 24th, 2026, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

This is an event for our WHOLE church family! From the tall to the small! So mark your calendar and get ready for an evening of Fun Fall Festivals!

Please continue to pray for our church family members on the Nurture List

Notes on Missions

Thank you to everyone who faithfully supports the Food Project. As the weather starts to turn cooler (hopefully soon) we remember our neighbors in need. Thank you for partnering with us in a very real way to meet that need!

This week’s suggested donations: cereal, grits, oatmeal or pancake mix.

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 **Wednesday at Noon** each week. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us communicate effectively as we worship and serve together.

Philippians 4: 4-9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

⁵ Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

⁶ Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

⁹ Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.