Our Christian Worship of God
October 25, 2026

22nd Sunday after Pentecost — Liturgical Color: Green

The Prelude — "Fugue in D minor" — -Pachelbel
The Chiming of the Hour
The Call to Worship
The Welcome and Announcements
Stewardship Moment — Mrs. Anna Livingston

*The Hymn UMH 568 — "Christ For The World We Sing"
*The Invocation

Pastor: Gracious and loving God, You have called us not simply to speak of Your love, but to demonstrate it through the lives we live. As we gather in worship, open our hearts to Your Word and remind us that the Gospel is more than a message to be heard.

People: Lord, teach us to live what we believe, to love as Christ has loved us, and to share Your grace through both our words and our actions.

Pastor: Faithful God, You have entrusted us with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Free us from the desire to impress others, and fill us instead with the courage to serve, the humility to care, and the compassion to give ourselves for the sake of others..

People: Shape us into a people whose faith is genuine, whose love is generous, and whose witness reflects the heart of Jesus Christ.

All: Loving God, may our worship strengthen our faith, our words proclaim Your truth, and our lives reveal Your love. Help us to be more than hearers of the Gospel: make us living witnesses of Your grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

The Anthem — "Sing For Joy" — 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 — "Lamb of God" — -Paris
*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 569 — "We've A Story To Tell To The Nations"
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 — ! Thessalonians 2: 1-8 — see insert
Minister: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God. Amen
The Sermon — "More Than A Message" — Pastor Scott Gilmer
Prayer of Christian Discipleship

*The Hymn TFWS 2129 — " I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
*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 — "Prelude in F Major" — J.S. Bach

*indicates worshippers are invited to stand if able

OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS October 22, 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: Jo Gossett**,** Ralph Miller, David Douglas, Kenneth Lovelace & family, Jane (Alan) Robinson, Chuck Payseur, the Lott Family (friends of Elizabeth Gover Preston), John Gossett, Jane Turpin, Ted Bartee, Pat Bono, Judy Hench & family, Renee Gallien, Mary Jean Dowling, Our Homebound Angels.

A child is born: The rosebud on the altar this morning is in honor of Mack Everette Gallien, infant son of Mackenzie and Kristen Gallien and grandson of Tim and Renee Gallien. Mack was born on October 9, 2026.

A Note of Sympathy: Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friend of Wade Shores.

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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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 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: Revelation 7: 9-17; Psalm 34: 1-10, 22; 1 John 3: 1-3; Matthew 5: 1-12

Words of Wisdom: "The Gospel is more than words, we hear or truths we proclaim. It is a living testimony revealed through our love, compassion, and service to others. In 1 Thessalonians 2: 1—8, Paul reminds us that sharing Christ means sharing not only God's Word but also our hearts and lives. **The world doesn't simply need to hear about the love of Jesus—it needs to experience that love though us!"**

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 Eight: Ruth and Naomi and Elizabeth and Mary - God At Work Through Ordinary Faithfulness.** This week's lesson emphasizes women. Family, loss, loyalty, unexpected blessing and God's redemptive work through ordinary lives. Bring your Bible, your questions, and your curiosity as we discover Scripture together. **Everyone is welcome!**

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.

COAT PROJECT: Esther Circle and Forever Young & Friends are collecting gently used coats, and other warm things to be given out on Saturday, November 21 from 7:15am to about 9:00am during the Food Project food distribution. Any coats and other warm things that are left are offered to the people who come to the church for help through the winter months. Help is needed to set up Friday, November 20 at 9:00am in the church lobby. Also on Saturday, November 21, help is needed from 7:15am until about 9:15am to set up, help people find what they need, and pack up.

NEEDED THINGS – coats, gloves, hats, socks, scarfs, blanket, sweaters, hoodies, sweatshirts, sweatpants and any other warm items.

A tub will be near the Blessing Bags table for your donations.

Attendance	Church School	Morning Worship	Youth
10/18/2026	27	112	
Annual Operating Budget	$ 484,517		
	Operating/Local*	Designated Fds.	Total
Weekly Giving (10/22/26)	$ 6,617	$2,781.50	$ 9,398.50
Needed Weekly Giving	$ 9,318		
Financial Summary Year-to-Date 10/22/26			
	Operating/Local*	Designated Fds.	Total
Giving	$375,568	$76,224	$451,792
Expenses	$360,912	$67,493	$428,405
Net	*$14,656*	*$8,731*	$ 23,387
Capital Reserve Fund	*$ 1,380*	$1,800	$ 3,180

**Local Operating funds are only used for local Clover FUMC Church Operations*

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 or scan the QR Code.**

Wonderful Wednesday, October 28 Hosted by Hospitality Committee
Menu: Chicken Pot Pie, Veggies, Slaw, Rolls & Dessert

Name_____#____

Optimist International Essay Contest

Participants must write on the official topic "Finding My Voice in a World Full of Noise.

Forms and more information may be found in the Billy Gallien Youth Room.

Notes on Missions

Thank you to everyone who faithfully supports the Food Project! This important mission gives us a practical way to meet the needs that are all around.

Matthew 25: 40 "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me"

This week's suggested donations- canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned soup & apple juice.

Nothing But Nurture:

There is a lot going on this Fall! Mark your calendar for the following dates!

- November 12th – the Nurture Luncheon at 11:00am

  The Annual Nurture Luncheon will celebrate God' Great Blessing in our lives! The menu includes chicken and stuffing casserole, veggies, cranberry sauce, rolls and pumpkin pie. After lunch we will stroll down memory lane with a Good Old Fashioned Hymn Sing!
- December 17th – Let's Do Lunch at 12 Noon. Location TBD
- December 24th – Cookies and Apple Cider after the Christmas Eve Service.

  Join us for a sweet treat as we celebrate the sweetest gift of all! Bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share!

September 27-October 3, 2026 Fall Yard Sale Report

Yard Sale Week was a great time of missions, fellowship, and learning. Thank you so much to all of you that prayed, donated, shopped, picked up, delivered, arranged items, fixed food, put out signs, made all the people who came feel welcome, and any of the other many things that make the Yard Sale a success. Many things were given to worthy causes, people in need, Church needs and missions during the sale. As of October 12, the Yard Sale made $ 9,130.19. There are still a few outstanding expenses and a little money to come in.

1 Thessalonians 2: 1—8

2 For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain:

2 But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention.

3 For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:

4 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

5 For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness:

6 Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.

7 But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:

8 So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.