Our Christian Worship of God
November 8, 2026
24th Sunday after Pentecost All Saints Sunday Liturgical Color: White

The Prelude "Assurance" -Beck
The Chiming of the Hour
The Call to Worship "Give Thanks"
The Welcome and Announcements

*The Hymn UMH 206 "I Want To Walk As a Child Of The Light"
*The Invocation

Pastor: Gracious God, You call us to live with hearts filled with faith, hope and expectation.

People: Keep our lamps burning brightly, that we may reflect Your love in a world longing for light.

Pastor: When our faith grows weary, and our spirts become distracted, awaken us to Your presence and renew our trust in Your promises.

People: Fill us with Your Spirt, strengthen us for the journey, and help us remain faithful as we await Your coming.

All: Lord, we come to worship with open hearts and willing spirts, Keep our lamps burning, our faith growing, and our lives shining with Christ's light. In His holy name we pray. Amen

The Anthem "Keep Your Lamps" 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 "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" -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 395 "Take Time To Be Holy"

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 25: 1-13 see insert
Minister: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God. Amen

The Sermon "Keep The Lamp Burning" Pastor Scott Gilmer

*The Hymn UMH 585 "This Little Light Of Mine"
*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,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen**

*The Chiming of the Trinity
*The Postlude "Praeludium in G Major" -J.S. Bach

*indicates worshippers are invited to stand if able

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Flowers are placed in the church today in honor of
Scotlyn Drew Sullivan's 1st birthday.
Happy Birthday Scotlyn. Love you! Nana & Paw Paw Payseur

You're Invited to

First Clover UMC's

Nurture Luncheon

Please join us for an afternoon of

Fellowship, Gratitude, and Song.

Thursday, November 12, 2026

At 11:00 am. in the MFC

Enjoy a delicious lunch featuring chicken and stuffing casserole, vegetables, cranberry sauce, rolls, and pumpkin pie!

The Gathering will include an

Good Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing!

We look forward to sharing this special time with you!

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: Judges 4: 1-7; Psalm 123: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30

Words of Wisdom: "Faith is not simply about being ready for Christ someday; it is about living faithfully for Him today. In a world filled with distractions uncertainties, and unexpected challenges, Jesus call us to keep the lamps of our faith burning brightly We do this through prayer, love, service, and a daily commitment to following Him. We may not know what tomorrow holds, but we can trust the One who holds tomorrow. **May we never become so distracted by waiting for what is next that we forget to live faithfully in the present. Keep the faith, hold on to hope, and keep the lamp burning!"**

United Women in Faith: All women are reminded of the United Women in Faith meeting TODAY after church. Please plan on attending!

Christmas Angel Tree: It's that time of year; our Angel Tree is up. All instructions are included with the angel. Sign out form will be on the table. Thank you for supporting our community. Evangelism Committee

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 Ten: Joshua and Paul – Carrying the Mission Forward.** Both inherit a mission larger than themselves. Joshua continues after Moses; Paul becomes an unlikely apostle who carries the Gospel outward. The closing emphasis would be: God's story continues through faithful people who answer God's call. **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.

OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS November 5, 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**,** 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 Note of Sympathy: Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Ralph Miller.

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
Reverend J. Richard Gibson, Pastor Emeritus
Cheri King, Director of Music Ministries – cking@cloverfumc.com
Jay Oden, Organist – jay.oden@gmail.com
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Tracie Kite, Sexton – kitetracie@hotmail.com
Hope Long, Nursery
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.

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.

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.

BLESSINGS FROM THE 2026 FALL YARD SALE

Thank you so much to everyone that gave their time & donations. We are truly blessed to have such a caring church family. More Yard Sale Blessings to come.
GIVEN FOR MISSIONS:
1. $200.00 donated to the Food Project
2. $300.00 for the Coat Project to buy blankets and children coats.
3. $75.00 a month to purchase supplies for BLESSING BAGS
4. $300.00 to Clover School District for special students' needs
5.Coupons given at the Food Project used to help families with needed items
6.. Clothes to Tender Hearts & Goodwill
7. Helped a family that house burn down. Gave them whatever they needed.
8. Free Spanish & English Bibles given away
9. $150.00 to buy gift cards for people in need that don't have an ID

GIVEN FOR THE CHURCH NEEDS:
1. Made treat bags for our Home Bound Angels
2. Lunch provided daily during the Yard Sale
3. $1,000.00 to the Trustees to help with needed building repair
4. $5,000.00 for the church's Capital Reserve
5. $1,000.00 to SPRC to help with Staff's Christmas gift

Attendance	Church School	Morning Worship	Youth
11/01/2026	25	93	
Annual Operating Budget	$ 484,517		
	Operating/Local*	Designated Fds.	Total
Weekly Giving (11/04/26)	$ 5,219	$ 925	$ 6,144
Needed Weekly Giving	$ 9,318		
Financial Summary Year-to-Date 11/04/26			
	Operating/Local*	Designated Fds.	Total
Giving	$390,267	$84,749	$475,016
Expenses	$388,076	$78,151	$466,227
Net	*$2,191*	*$6,598*	$ 8,789
Capital Reserve Fund		$ 9,400	$ 9,400

**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, November 11 Hosted by Nurture Committee
Menu: Varieties of Soups, Cornbread & Desserts

Name_____#____

Scouts: Scouts are hosting BBQ on November 14 and November 15..

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- cereal, grits, oatmeal or pancake mix

Nothing But Nurture:

Mark Your Calendars:

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

  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.
- Nurture Bags will be on the table starting next week. Please help us fill the bags to remind our Homebound Angels that they are loved!

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25 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

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