

Our Christian Worship of God
February 15, 2026
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

Transfiguration Sunday Liturgical Color: White

The Prelude "Improvisation" -Oldroyd
The Chiming of the Hour
The Call to Worship "O Wondrous Sight O Vision Fair"

The Welcome and Announcements
Godly Play Moment Anna Livingston

*The Hymn 451 "Be Thou My Vision"
*The Invocation

Leader: Holy and Radiant God, we gather this day at First Clover United Methodist Church, drawn by Your glory that still shines in unexpected places. As You revealed Your Son in dazzling light on the mountaintop, meet us here now—just as we are—with hearts open to wonder, listening, and transformation.

People: Open our eyes to see Your glory, O God. Open our hearts to receive Your presence among us.

Leader: God of story and mystery, You speak not only through words, but through silence, symbols, and sacred imagination. We thank You for the ministry of Godly Play in this church—for children who sit in holy circles, for “I wonder” questions that lead us deeper, and for the reminder that faith is something we enter, not just explain.

People: Teach us to wonder with You, O God. Help us listen with childlike faith and trust.

Leader: Transfiguring God, You call us down from the mountain to follow Jesus into the valleys of everyday life—to love boldly, serve faithfully, and walk humbly with You. Shape us as Your people at First Clover UMC, that the light we glimpse in worship may shine through us in word, action, and grace.

ALL: Transform us, O God, by Your holy light. Send us forth to reflect Christ’s love in the world. We pray this in the name of Jesus, Your beloved Son, whom we follow and adore. Amen.

The Anthem "Shine on Us" 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

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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 "Make Me Willing" -Mercer
*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” **UMH # 95**
*Offertory Prayer

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 Mark 9: 2-10 see insert
Minister: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God. Amen

Godly Play Story "Transfiguration" Eddie Sherwood
Prayer of Christian Discipleship

*The Hymn 371 "I Stand Amazed in the Presence"
*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 "Prelude in C minor" J. S. Bach

*-indicates worshippers are invited to stand if able.

OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS February 13, 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: Denise Bono, Judy Bailes, Albert Wyatt, Steve Pryor, Kathy Collins, Sandy King, Bobbie Jackson, Judy Hench & family, Valerie Larsen, Renee Gallien, Jane Turpin, Marie Millen, Our Homebound Angels.

Note of Sympathy: Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Mel Smith.

Military: Captain Virginia Stanton, USMC; Petty Officer 3rd 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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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.

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 2: 15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5: 12-19; Matthew 4: 1-11

Words of Wisdom: On the mountaintop, the disciples glimpsed Jesus as He truly is—radiant with God's glory. Yet the moment did not last. They were called back down the mountain, carrying that holy light into the ordinary world. On this Transfiguration Sunday, may we listen again for God's voice, trust the One who shines with grace and truth, and allow Christ's light to transform not only what we see—but how we live, love, and serve.

Music Ministry:

If you are interested in singing in the choir or ringing with our handbell choir, please contact Cheri King. cking@cloverfumc.com.

The Esther Circle and Forever Young & Friends want to thank you for all the coats, blankets and other warm items you donated to the Coat Project. Many people of all ages are warmer this winter because of your generous donations.

VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCH

The Forever Young & Friends Valentine Day date is being changed to

Thursday, FEBRUARY 26, 2026 at 12:00

Please put your name on the sign-up sheet or call the church office if you plan to attend.

The meat will be provided so we need to know how much to order.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

There will be a place for donations and/or food for the Blessing Bags and the Food Project.

Everyone is invited!

Look forward to seeing you then.

The Forever Young & Friends will meet on February 26 at 10:30 in room 104.

The 2026 Flower Calendar is now in place on the bulletin board near the door to the Missions & Fellowship Center. If you would like to provide flowers, please place your name beside the date(s) you would like to reserve.

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This Week		
Budget Receipts	\$ 22,699.51	Week
Other	\$ 3,243.00	% of Budget received.....
Total Budget for 2026.....	\$ 484,517	Church School Attendance
Amount needed weekly.....	\$ 9,318	Morning Worship Attendance
		Youth.....
1/1/26 Bank Balance	\$ 57,059.69	
Total giving to date	\$ 71,236.01	
Total spending to date	\$ 58,092.57	
Current Bank Balance	\$ 70,203.13	
2/12/26 Local Operating Balance	\$ 22,352.38	

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.

Shrove Tuesday, February 17

Menu:

hosted by Steve Camp class

NAME _____# _____

Notes on Missons: THANK YOU to everyone who continues to make this ministry possible with your thoughtful donations!
This week’s suggested donations – canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned soup (These are suggestions. ALL donations are appreciated!)

Nothing But Nurture

Gathering Hour – Please join us for a time of fellowship before the meal on Wednesdays. We will “gather” from 4:30pm to 5:30pm and then enjoy dinner at 5:30pm.

Homebound Angels – Please continue to pray for our Homebound Angels and Friends of Nurture! Our Nurture Bags will be on the table in March with an Easter Theme!

“GAME ON: FELLOWSHIP EDITION!”

- **“GAME ON FELLOWSHIP EDITION” – This is a NEW Fellowship Opportunity!**
Come visit with your church family members and engage in some fun activities! (Drinks and light snacks will be provided.)
- It will be held once a month, on a Tuesday, at 3:00pm in the MFC.
- Mark your calendars for the following dates:
February 17th, March 17th, April 28th and May 19th.
- Here are some of the activities you can look forward to:
Bingo, Chair Yoga, Karaoke, Bible Themed Pictionary, Rummy Cube, Cornhole, “What’s on my Back” Game, Taboo-Bible edition, Chair Volleyball with Beach Balls, Puzzles, Games, Name That Tune, and Conversation Started Cards.
- No sign up required. Just show up ready to have a great time!!!
Everyone is invited!

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR BLESSING BAGS TO HELP THE HOMELESS & OTHERS.

Blessing Bags are given to people who come to our church for help. They contain individual size items that do not need to be refrigerated, heated or a can opener. Items are packed in 2-gallon Ziplock Bags. Money donations are also welcome to buy needed items. Just write Blessing Bags on your check or envelope. List of the foods needed at this time.

16 oz. bottled water	Individual fruits/ applesauce	Beanie Wienies with pop top
Individually wrapped saltines/ ritz crackers	Individual bags of chips, goldfish, cheezies, etc.	Meat pouches or pop top cans-tuna, chicken, salmon etc.
Pop tarts	Granola or fruit bars	Individual peanut butter
Jelly packets	Juice boxes or bottled	Individual handwipes

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⁷ And a cloud came and overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" ⁸ Suddenly, when they had looked around, they saw no one anymore, but only Jesus with themselves.

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