

An Order for the Christian Worship of God  
January 29, 2023  
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Liturgical Color: green

**WE GATHER**

Welcome and Announcements  
Prelude

“Holy Ground”

Rev. Alex Stevenson  
Nannette Carnes

\*Call to Worship “Surely the Presence of the Lord” UMH # 328  
**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel His mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angels’ wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

\*Processional Hymn: “Because He Lives” UMH # 364  
\*Passing of the Peace Leader: Peace be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
(Greet one another with the peace of Christ)

Children’s Sermon Rev. Alex Stevenson

Pastoral Prayer and the 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 Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory “Amazing Grace” Nannette Carnes

\*The Doxology **“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

\*Affirmation of Faith “We Believe In One True God” UMH # 85

\*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.”** UMH # 70

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND**

\*Hymn of Preparation “Come Thou Font” UMH # 400

Prayer of Illumination (in unison)

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us this day. Amen**

Lesson Matthew 5: 1-3 New Testament p. 4  
Hymn “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” UMH # 344

Lesson Matthew 5: 4-7 New Testament p. 4  
Hymn “Blessed Assurance” UMH # 369

Lesson Matthew 5: 8-10 New Testament p. 4  
Hymn “On Eagles Wings” UMH # 143

Lesson Matthew 5: 11-12 New Testament p. 4  
\*Hymn of Dedication “They’ll Know We are Christians” FWS # 2223

**WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD**

\*Benediction

Leader: At First Clover we are ...

**People: Going joyfully with Jesus, making and nurturing disciples!**

\*The Recessional “Irish Blessing”

**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**

\*Chiming of the Trinity

\*Postlude “Standing On The Promises” Nannette Carnes

\* - indicates worshippers are invited to stand, if able

**OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS, January 27, 2022**

NOTE: please contact Shirley Davis in the church office to **add to or remove** from the joys and prayer concerns. 222-3496 or [sdavis@cloverfumc.com](mailto:sdavis@cloverfumc.com).

**Recent Concerns:** Jeff Long, Ted Bartee, Margaret Bowman, Perry Brown, Windy Bartee's friend, Elizabeth Atkins, Marshall Caldwell, Family of Myra McKinley, Judy Miller's friend Terra, Dick Schriefer, Wyatt Richman, Amy Muse-Christine's best friend, Ruth Wallace, Randy Flora, Morris Robinson, Rhonda Payne, Jerry Killian, Shirley Nuckolls, Angie Hopkins' brother Tom; Margaret Anne Palmer (5 yr. old – kidney cancer), Joyce Jenkins, Mel Smith, Ken Lowman, Kara Ingle, Billy Swittenberg, Millie Brackett, Jeff Hice (Fred Baker's nephew), Sherrie Hartsoe, Logan Rice Creech, Denise Bono, Tommy Kale, Mama Cat Cockman, Sara Neil, Wade Shores, Kim Eleazer, Lyman Holland (Susan Killian's cousin), Sheri Sannella (friend of Kim Killian), Kathie Nogosky's nephew Mark Richman, Tommy Crawford, Jr., Carl Mauney, Jr., Danny Brackett, Melody Reese (Killian niece), Paul & Sandy Skinnell.

**Note of Sympathy:** Christian sympathy is extended to Ann Shearer and family in the death of her mother, Carole Hennessee.

**Military:** Lt. Col. Leeann Hidle Chavers, Air Force; LCpl. Hannah Burton, US Marines; Major Thad Wilson; Lt. Col. Nicholas S. Hare; Lt. Col. Blair Preston; Company B 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion 118<sup>th</sup> Regiment Army National Guard; 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne; Marine 29<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Force.

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Lay Members to Annual Conference

**Financial update**

Actual General Fund Spending as of 12/31/2022 \$ 578,759

Received for General Fund as of 12/31/2022 \$ 543,211

2023 Apportionments paid through January

Weekly Giving to Budget ~ January 22 ~ January 27 \$ 8,311.00

**Last Sunday's Sunday School Attendance**

**Last Sunday's Worship Attendance** 102

**Invitation to Newcomers:** 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 one of our Pastors. We are thankful to have newcomers.

**Important!** If you discover that you have COVID-19 in the next 5 days, notify the church immediately so that we can notify those who might have been exposed at this service. Also if you would like to receive a notice in the case of someone attending who tests positive please be sure to sign the blue fellowship pad on each pew so that we have a record that you were here on this Sunday and where you were sitting.

**COVID Response:** COVID levels have returned to "low" in York County. To offer safe worship opportunities for all, we will continue to provide socially distanced seating options in the Sanctuary, and the Facebook livestreaming of services.

**Sunday Morning Schedule:** The Church Council has decided to continue the schedule we started this summer for the time being. Worship will be in the Sanctuary at 10:00 am and Sunday School at 8:45 am. This will continue until further notice.

**The 2023 Flower Calendar** is now in place on the bulletin board near the door into the Mission & Fellowship Center. This is a lovely way to remember or honor your loved one, or a special day, and is also a beautiful addition to our worship experience. If you would like to provide flowers, please place your name beside the date(s) you would like to reserve or you may call the church office.

**Festival of Tables** will be on April 30, 2023. If you are interested in doing a table the fee is \$ 5.00 for the table and \$ 10.00 per person attending. Please contact Linda Abernathy at [abernathyk@gmail.com](mailto:abernathyk@gmail.com) or 704-842-4573 if you have any questions or would like to sign up to decorate a table.

**Rebekah Circle** will meet at the home of Grace White on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

