

GUILFORD COLLEGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Online Worship Bulletin

Sunday, June 29, 2025

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

You can join the livestream at 11am
through one of the following links:

**[CLICK HERE TO JOIN ONLINE WORSHIP
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The service will remain up in all these places
after that time for later viewing.

Here are the coming week's daily Bible readings:

[THIS WEEK'S READINGS FOR "THE BIBLE YEAR:](#)

June 29th Song of Solomon 1:1 – 4:16

June 30th Song of Solomon 5:1 – 8:14

July 1st Isaiah 1:1 – 4:6

July 2nd Isaiah 5:1 – 7:25

July 3rd Isaiah 8:1 – 11:16

July 4th Isaiah 12:1 – 16:14

July 5th Isaiah 17:1 – 23:18

Whenever and however you join us in worship, we hope you will actively participate in the service by following the bulletin below, and by joining in the prayers, responses, and songs

Let us worship God together!

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WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Ginny Williamson

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Praises

Andrés Pérez

Opening Prayer

Andrés Pérez

^Fellowship Greeting & Opening Hymn

And Can it Be

And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Savior's blood!
Died He for me, who caused his pain!
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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that thou, my God shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above
so free, so infinite his grace!,
emptied himself of all but love,

and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for O my God, it found out me!

Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine;
alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

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WE PRAISE GOD AND PRAY

Children's Message and VBS Highlight Video
Donna Ford

Offering

Laurin Allred

Offertory

Set Me As a Seal

Set me as a seal on your heart
Set me as a seal on your soul
For strong as death is love
Unyielding as the grave
Nothing will quench its flame
Nothing will quench its flame

Kiss me, my love that your name
Be on my lips
You intoxicate my being
With the fragrance of your presence

How beautiful you are, my darling
Show me your face, let me hear your voice
Sweet as the dew in the early morning
Like a lily among the thorns

Set me as a seal on your heart
Set me as a seal on your soul
For strong as death is love
Unyielding as the grave
Nothing will quench its flame
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I looked for you, the one my heart loves
I looked for you, but did not find you
Searched through the night
Until I rested in your sight
Now I will never let you go

'Cause you have stolen my heart
My sister, my bride
You've stolen my heart
with one glance of your eyes
Your lips so sweet, adorned with honey

My hands, they drip with myrrh

Set me as a seal on your heart

Set me as a seal on your soul

For strong as death is love

Unyielding as the grave

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Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Jeremy Troxler

Our Father, which art in heaven

Hallowed be Thy name

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in the 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 and ever.

Amen

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Introduction to the Scripture Reading

Rev. Jeremy Troxler

^Scripture Reading

Song of Songs 2:1-3, 8-14: 8:6-7 (NRSVUE)

¹ I am a rose of Sharon,
a lily of the valleys.
² As a lily among brambles,
so is my love among maidens.
³ As an apple tree among the trees of the wood,
so is my beloved among young men.
With great delight I sat in his shadow,
and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

⁸ The voice of my beloved!
Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
⁹ My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.
Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.
¹⁰ My beloved speaks and says to me:
“Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away,
¹¹ for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
¹² The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.
¹³ The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.
¹⁴ O my dove, in the clefts of the rock,
in the covert of the cliff,
let me see your face;
let me hear your voice,
for your voice is sweet,
and your face is lovely.

Song of Songs 8:6-7

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death,
passion fierce as the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire,
a raging flame.

⁷ Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.
If one offered for love
all the wealth of one's house,
it would be utterly scorned.

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Message

Love Song

Rev. Jeremy Troxler

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

^ Closing Hymn

How He Loves

He is jealous for me
Love's like a hurricane, I am a tree
Bending beneath the weight
of His wind and mercy
When all of a sudden
I am unaware of these
afflictions eclipsed by glory
And I realize just how beautiful You are
And how great Your affections are for me

And oh, how He loves us, oh, oh
How He loves us

How He loves us all

And He is jealous for me
Love's like a hurricane, I am a tree
Bending beneath the weight
of his wind and mercy
When all of a sudden
I am unaware of these
afflictions eclipsed by glory
And I realize just how beautiful You are
And how great Your affections are for me

And, oh, how He loves us, oh, oh
how He loves us
How He loves us all

And, oh, how He loves us, oh, oh
how He loves us
How He loves us all

Yeah, He loves us
Oh, how He loves us
Oh, how He loves us
Oh, how He loves

And we are His portion
and He is our prize
Drawn to redemption
by the grace in His eyes
If His grace is an ocean,
we're all sinking
And heaven meets earth
like an unforeseen kiss
And my heart turns violently
inside of my chest
I don't have time
to maintain these regrets
When I think about, the way...
That He loves us
Oh, how He loves us

Oh, how He loves us
Oh, how He loves

^Next Steps & Benediction

Postlude

Offering Our Gifts

Thank you for remembering our church and its ministries in the offerings that you make to God. You may mail your gift to Guilford College UMC at 1205 Fleming Road, Greensboro, NC, 27410, or may drop it off in our secure lockbox outside of our church office. To give to the church online, please visit the secure online giving link at our church website by clicking below:

[CLICK HERE FOR GCUMC ONLINE GIVING](#)

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GCUMC CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Among those we are praying for:

HOSPITALIZED

Robert Gullett (pneumonia)

GRIEVING THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE

Cookie Freese and family on the passing of her brother, Frank Payne

All those grieving the loss of a loved one

SUSTAINING PRAYERS

Janet Green
Harold Eagle
Steve Fennell
Larry and Carole Stevens
Harold Proctor
Patsy Wyatt

Helen Phillips
Jim and Nancy Baity
Gina and Dennis Murphy
Terri Hastings
Bill Blyshak
Tina Bell Midgett

Nancy Davis
Patricia Tarlton (Susan Marshall's mother)
Alannah Romano
Della Farlow
Star
Jim Eldrett (Daryl Watkins' brother)
Emily Franco
Kenneth Briggs (Carol Ingram's brother)
Gene Bragdon
Y'Suan and H'Lai Mlo and H'Jina
H'Saly Mlo, Bunlin, Y'Darwin Leng

SUFFERING FROM CANCER

Tom Jenkins
Maria Maynard (hand surgery on 6/30)
Becky Babaooff
Barbara Jones
Lisa Hodges

Dawn Hand (breast cancer)
Shannon Wilson (pancreatic cancer)
Judy Journey
Ron Moser (lung cancer)
Azalea Marbury (3yr. old with leukemia, Melanie's family)
Sammy Williams (Lindsay's father)
Debrah Rutt (friend of Diane Derrick)
Shilah George (2 yr. old with neuroblastoma)
Sherry Jones
Debbie Sexton (Sandy Pearman's sister)
Tom Southerland
Austin Clark
Jerri Ramsey
Mary Lehman Johnson
Tammy Strickland (Travis Hicks' sister)

RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS OR INJURY OR SURGERY

Charlie Heavner
Phil Black
Kathy Raper
Dave Wasserboehr

*Don Madren
Baby Caroline Kornegay (going home in a few weeks)
Steve Troxler
Pastor Rick LeBaube
Lucas Mandara (1yr. old receiving a liver transplant from his mother, Susan)
Peggy Conaway*

UPCOMING TEST RESULTS OR SURGERY

*Joel Ritter
Archie Bingham*

STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL HEALTH

*For Those Experiencing Anxiety
For Those Experiencing Depression
For Those Struggling with Addiction
For Those who struggle with a Mental Disorder
Victims of Domestic Violence*

PRAYERS FOR CHURCH AND WORLD

*For the churches and communities in Western North Carolina who have suffered devastating losses as a result of
Hurricane Helene
For Shelby Hallquist, Preschool Director, Teachers, Students, and Families
Brazos Abiertos (Bilingual Faith Community)
For local, state and national leaders
For all law enforcement officers
Elizabeth and David Gamble (Missionary service at UNC-Wilmington)
For our ministry partners in Kenya
For peace, justice, and true inter-racial beloved community
For members of the military (Y'Josue Mlo in Germany)
For all those who are suffering because of war and famine*

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WORSHIP, CONNECT, GROW & GIVE TOGETHER

*(To submit an item to appear in The LINK, please contact Amy Wall
at awall@guilfordcollegeumc.org by 9am on Thursday of each week.)*

Highlights and On the Horizon:

- Our church is going to a Greensboro Grasshoppers game Sunday, buy your tickets through the link below!
 - Spread the word about our preschool and after school programs, see how below.
 - Free Music Camp for kids (rising 1-6 grades). Register now!
 - Many opportunities to serve in the community this summer, find your spot.
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WORSHIP

JOIN US IN-PERSON FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAY AT 8:30 and 11:00 AM IN THE SANCTUARY.

PRAISE BAND JOINS WORSHIP JUNE 29TH: Our Praise Band will be leading worship at the 11:00 am service on June 29th and on the last Sunday of each month during the summer.

GROW

DISCIPLE SCHOOL WITH PASTOR JEREMY – 6:45pm on select Wednesdays - Join us throughout the summer as Pastor Jeremy leads us in discussing and reflecting further on the weekly readings for The Bible Year. All are welcome, and no advanced reading is necessary. Come join us to learn and to grow and to connect with others. Note: Disciple School will be offered on the following Wednesdays: *July 2, July 16, July 23, August 13 (as part of WNOoutside), August 27.*

EVERYONE SPREAD THE WORD!! Please help spread the word about our church Preschool and After School programs by following us on social media or by word of mouth. Check out our new website: www.gcumckids.org and follow us on Instagram: gcumcpreschool or on Facebook: GCUMC Preschool or GCUMC Super Kids After School.

The more "shares" and "likes" we can get the more visibility our programs receive. Thanks for sharing!

JOURNEY GROUP OPEN - Looking for a Wednesday night group this summer? Shirley Ozment's Journey Group meets at 6:45pm most weeks that do not have Disciple School and is open to all adults who are seeking connection and a forum to discuss *The Bible Year* readings. Summer meetings: July 9, August 6, August 20, September 3. For more information or to join the group, contact Laurin Allred at lallred@guilfordcollegeumc.org.

PRISCILLA SHIRER LIVE SIMULCAST WOMEN'S EVENT – Saturday, August 23 – 9:00 AM-4:00 PM in GCUMC Sanctuary. Join other women from around the world for this inspiring one-day event with Priscilla Shirer. You are invited to be part of this global simulcast to deepen your faith in Christ. The event contains three teaching sessions featuring Priscilla Shirer and worship with Anthony Evans and the Priscilla Shirer Live praise team. Tickets are \$30 per person which includes morning coffee, snacks, and lunch. Pre-registration and payment are required. Tickets are non-refundable. Please contact Donna Ford at 336-292-5833 or dford@guilfordcollegeumc.org with questions. We look forward to seeing you on August 23 for this spiritual day apart!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR PRISCILLA SHIRER LIVE SIMULCAST](#)

SnYP (Students and Young Professionals) IN THE SUMMER: If you're a college student or young adult, we need you in SnYP- Students & Young Professionals. This summer we take a break from our weekly Wednesday meetings—but we are even more active than ever! On the docket this summer: small group meetings, bowling, service projects, mission trip, hiking, and more! **[Click to view our calendar!](#)**

CONNECT

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME: Join your GCUMC family (all ages) as we cheer on the Greensboro Grasshoppers on Sunday June 29th at 2:00pm. The Hoppers will be taking on the Winston-Salem Dash. Get your tickets at this link, or reach out to Laurin Allred if you need help purchasing. **[Purchase ticket here.](#)** Go ahead and save the date as well for July 25th- a Friday night game!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUTSIDE WITH THE GUILFORD MISSIONAL NETWORK on JULY 9TH - Join us dinner and music. Dinner begins and 6pm on the back field. Meat will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share (and your chair). After dinner there is nursery for young children; programming for K-6 and 7-12 grades; and a concert in the Sanctuary featuring the Greensboro Cluster Choir for everyone else. Let's picnic and praise together!

CRAFTERS AND SCRAP BOOKERS - You are invited to join the fun in Room C1 for a scrapbooking/crafting open event: Saturday, July 12th 10am – midnight. Drop in to work on your project in the company of others; bring your own supplies; snacks to share. For questions and to RSVP contact Barbara McDonald, **Barbs_baskets@yahoo.com**.

YOUTH

YOUTH FUN NIGHTS – Wednesday Fun Night for Youth from 6:45 - 7:45pm. Students in grades 7-12 meet for activities, games, and devotion. Join us on the back field or Hilltop Room depending on the weather.

KIDS

KIDS' SUMMER MUSIC CAMP – July 21-25, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Register now for an awesome summer music camp for children who have completed Grades K-5 (rising Grades 1-6 for 2025-2026 school year). Music camp provides a fun and enriching opportunity for children to learn, develop, and enjoy music-related activities, including singing and playing various instruments. No cost for camp.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR MUSIC CAMP](#)

FAITH FILES (GRADES 4-6) AND FAITH FRIENDS (GRADES K-3) – We meet on Wednesdays from 6:45-7:45pm. We begin on the playground or game room, depending on the weather, and move to the second floor of the children's building for group time. Bring a friend!

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP – Age appropriate Children's Worship is provided during the 11:00 am worship for children in Grades K-6. Children are dismissed to Children's Worship after the children's message in the Sanctuary and remain there until the end of worship. Parents may pick up children from the Parlor just outside the Sanctuary. Child care for younger children is available in Room C8, first floor children's building.

AFTER SCHOOL MINISTRY - Registration is open for the 2025-2026 school year. We will be serving Claxton Elementary, Guilford Elementary, Jefferson Elementary, Pearce Elementary, and Greensboro Academy. Transportation is provided from school to church in church vehicles. Activities include snack, outside plan, weekly Bible chapel, homework assistance, reading, enrichment activities, and games all in a safe, nurturing Christian environment. We welcome volunteers each afternoon from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Please contact Donna Ford, dford@guilfordcollegeumc.org if you are interested in assisting. For enrollment information, please contact Shelby Hallquist at afterschool@guilfordcollegeumc.org.

WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL - Registration is open for the 2025-2026 school year. Please contact Shelby Hallquist at preschool@guilfordcollegeumc.org for more information and to schedule a tour!

GIVE

SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2025 Would you consider helping us read with children and model character building traits such as Friendship, Kindness, Compassion and Good Attitudes for a few days in July? On Tuesday thru Thursday, July 29th to 31st during the hours of 9 am to 12 pm, help us engage with the children in our community using books, reading, activities and a Bible story. If you would like to help, email Jayne Morgan at wolfpackfamily02@gmail.com.

BLOOD DRIVE - Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in Room C1 in the Children's building on Thursday, July 10 from 2:00-6:30pm. Please register at www.redcrossblood.org.

FROM THE SERVING TEAM - Due to heat and so many folks going on vacation at various times throughout the summer, the Serving Team is offering multiple serving opportunities throughout the summer vs. one Serving Day. You have seen in The LINK, the newsletter and maybe even the bulletin some of the opportunities - from taking care of creation by picking up litter in Lake Brandt via kayaks to assistance with Greensboro Urban Ministry. More opportunities will be added throughout the summer. (See several below.)

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES AT CAMP GUILROCK: The Camp itself needs to have some things done to ensure a marvelous camp season for our kids. Some of the projects include: fixing the wood shelter, fixing the fishing dock, cleaning up the trails, putting blazes on the trails and cleaning up outdoor chapels. If any of these projects would be a good fit for you and the class or group you are a part of, please let Sandra Pearman know: sandrawpearman@gmail.com.

SUMMER SERVING OPPORTUNITIES WITH GREENSBORO URBAN MINISTRIES -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094CAEAB2CA13-57336589-gcunc>

June 2025

June 30, Mon. 6:00-8:00—Weaver House Shelter—Serve meal

- 6:00-8:00 PM—6 people Meet at Greensboro Urban Ministry to set up and serve meal for Weaver House residents.
- For more info contact: Judy Newlin 336-707-1541 newlinjf@gmail.com

July 2025

July 16, Wed., 2:00-5:00 PM @GCUMC—Prepare meal for 30

- Prepare a meal for 25-30 children and adults at GCUMC
- Need 4 people needed age 12 and up
- For more info contact: **Pastor Susan Suarez Webster 336-292-5833**, ssuarezwebster@guilfordcollegeumc.org

July 16, Wed. 6:00-8:00 PM: Serve meal @ Pathways Family Center

- 3517 N. Church St., GSO 27405 336-271-5959
- 6-8 people needed age 12 and up
- Serve set up and serve evening meal for 25-30 children and adults
- Dinner is served at 6:45. Clean up afterwards.
- For more info contact: **Michele Gorham 336-339-9523** mmgorham2@gmail.com

July 25 Wed. 1:00-4:00 PM Food Pantry—Sort food

- 5 people needed age 12 and up
- Sort food nonperishable food items-pasta, cans, beans
- Requires some bending, standing, lifting
- For more info contact: **Carol Townsend 336-509-9630** carolmtownsend60@gmail.com

More serving opportunities will be coming in August 2025

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GCUMC FINANCIAL UPDATE

As June 30th quickly approaches, please watch for your 6-month contribution statement. It will either be emailed or mailed to you. This is a great time to review your contributions year-to-date and make sure it looks accurate. If you see anything unusual or incorrect, please contact me to help update your records. If you do not receive a contribution statement by July 15, please contact me, and I will be more than happy to resend it.

This is also a great time to evaluate your current commitment level to the church operating budget. So much of our church's mission and activities depend on your generous annual contributions. If you are in a position to increase your giving for this year, please let me know. And if you did not make a 2025 pledge before, it is not too late. I can help there also.

Gloria Brown, Financial Director

Email: Gbrown@guilfordcollegeumc.org

Phone: (336) 292-5833

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GATHERINGS IN THE NEXT WEEK

Sunday, June 29

Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am

Various Learning Groups at 9:45am

Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am

GCUMC @ Greensboro Grasshoppers Game at 2:00pm

Soccer/Fútbol on the back field at 4:30pm

Monday, June 30

Scouts in the Children's Building in the evening

NA in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm

Tuesday, July 1

Summer Hand Bells in the choir room from 5:45 – 6:30pm

Wednesday, July 2

New Direction Nar-Anon Family Group in Room A2 at Noon

Mid-week Prayer Time in the Parlor at Noon

Youth Fun Night meet in the Hilltop Room from 6:45-7:45pm

Faith Files/Faith Friends gather on playground from 6:45 - 7:45pm

SnYP in Laurin's office from 6:45 – 7:45pm

Moms' Group in Room A5 from 6:45 – 7:45pm

Disciple School on the back field from 6:45 – 7:45pm

Thursday, July 3

Quilting Group in Room A4 at 9:30am
NarAnon in the Rock at 7:00pm

Friday, July 4

Holiday - Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 6

Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am
Brazos Abiertos: Pan in Room C1 at 5pm
Building Team meeting in Room A4 at 6:30pm

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