

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation and Prayer of Confession & Forgiveness

^The Great Thanksgiving
& The Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Preparation
The King of Love My Shepherd Is, UMH #128, vs. 1, 2

Sharing Holy Communion
Jesus Paid It All
Wes Gullett, James Bailey, Ginny Williamson

Prayer After Communion

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

^ Closing Hymn
The King of Love My Shepherd Is, UMH #128, vs. 5, 6

^Next Steps & Benediction

Postlude

FOR NEW FOLKS:

WELCOME TO GUILFORD COLLEGE UMC!

We are so glad that you chose to worship with us this morning. GCUMC is a place for all who long to grow closer to God and others. Please know that you are loved and accepted here. **We hope you will please take a moment to fill out our attendance pad with your name and contact information and leave it in the pew.**

WE LOVE CHILDREN

If you brought the kids with you, please know that the noises children make are music in our, and God's, ears. You are welcome to keep your children with you in worship. We also have child care available for infants through age 4 in Room C8 on the first floor of the children's building during the 11:00am worship service, and a separate children's worship experience at 11am that begins after the children's message for children in grades K-6.

JOIN US FOR "COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS"

Join us in the parlor, just down the hall from the sanctuary, after the worship services on **August 17** for "Coffee with the Pastors." This informal gathering with Pastors Jeremy and Susan will help you get to know them, meet other newcomers, learn more about our church, ask questions, and talk about how you might become more involved.

PLEASE VISIT US ONLINE

To learn more about us, please visit us either at our website, guilfordcollegeumc.org, through our YouTube Channel, or on our Facebook Page (just search "Guilford College UMC" for each). You may also use your phone's camera or QR app to scan the QR code to the right:



CONNECT

CHURCH-WIDE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, August 10 at 6:30pm in the Adult hallway. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy great fellowship and homemade ice cream with your church family. Kids are welcome to play outside. If you have an ice cream freezer, please fill it with your favorite flavor of ice cream and join us. If you will be bringing a freezer of ice cream, please let Donna Garcia know: 336-209-4898 or donnawgarcia@aol.com.

CRAFTERS AND SCRAP BOOKERS

You are invited to join the fun in Room C10 for a scrapbooking/crafting open event: Saturday, August 9th 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUTSIDE

Join us on August 13 for Wednesday Night OUTSIDE: a fellowship meal on the back field followed by Disciple School with Pastor Jeremy for adults and our regularly scheduled Wednesday evening activities for kids and youth. The fun starts at 6:00pm! The church will provide Fried Chicken and drinks. We encourage everyone to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Donations will be accepted to offset the meat cost.

JOY (JUST OLDER YOUTH) UPCOMING EVENT

JOY Homeland Creamery Tour – Thursday, August 14. Meet at church by 9:15am. Bring a sack lunch. Be prepared for fellowship, fun and ice cream! RSVP to Cyndi Allen, cyndiandscott818@gmail.com or 703-615-7022 by August 10.

GROW

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MISSION TEAM SHARING

Youth and Young Adult Mission Trip Presentation, Sunday August 10 from 9:45am-10:35am in the Sanctuary. Please join us as the youth and young adults share about their mission trip experience.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT JOURNEY GROUP OPEN

Looking for a Wednesday night group in August? We have a group that meets on 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. Upcoming Meetings: 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 simulcast event with Priscilla Shirer. 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!

GIVE

MAKE AN OFFERING TO THE WORK OF GOD'S CHURCH

- 1 - Text GiveGCUMC to 73256. Then click on the link provided to give.
- 2 – Visit our website www.guilfordcollegeumc.org to use your credit card or to set up an automatic draft. Immediate receipts are available. You can even use the GCUMC QR code in this bulletin.
- 3 – Log into your REALM account to give through your profile's giving page.
- 4 - Checks can be made out to "Guilford College UMC" and placed in the offering plate and cash is always a good form of giving.

CHOIR REHEARSAL RESUMES

Wednesday, August 6th, 7PM in the Music Room: All are welcome. No experience necessary. Questions, contact Melanie Crump: mcrump@guilfordcollegeumc.org

BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in Room C1 in the Children's building on Thursday, August 14 from 2:00-6:30pm. Please register at www.redcrossblood.org.

PRAY

AMONG THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY:

Within Our Church Family: **Those who are Grieving:** The Family and Friends of Steve Fennell; all those who have lost a loved one; **Healing:** Val Follo; Charlie Heavner; Larry Stevens (hospitalized); Carole Stevens (pneumonia); Dave Wasserboehr; **Strength & Faith:** Ann Sykes and Family; **Surgery or Tests:** Marjorie Liles (multiple concerns, pain); Lynette Whitaker (constant pain); Susan Whitesides (surgery Sept.); **Those With Cancer:** Maria Maynard; Tom Jenkins (hospitalized); Becky Babaoff; Lisa Hodges; **Sustaining and Guidance:** Harold Eagle; Janet Green; Harold Proctor; Doris Linker; Patsy Wyatt; Nancy and Jim Baity; Helen Phillips; Bill Blyshak; Gina Murphy; Tina Bell Midgett; Terri Hastings; Y'Josue M'lo (military service in Germany);

Extended Church Family: **Grieving:** The Family and Friends of Mary Lehman Johnson; the Family the Friends of Margaret Jones (Becky Roberts' mother); The Family and Friends of Sherry Jones (Marsha Phillips' cousin); The Family and Friends of Don Murphy; all who are grieving and need comfort; **Cancer:** Jim Cashman; Joanne Burgener (Sandy Riffe's relative); Dawn Hand; Mark Ralls; Ron Moser; Debra Rutt; Shilah George; Shannon Wilson; Sammy Williams; Azalea Marbury; Debbie Sexton; Judy Journey; Tom Southerland; Tammy Strickland; Jerri Ramsey; **Surgery and Awaiting Test Results:** Robert Gullett (heart surgery 8/6); **Healing:** Peggy Conaway; Alannah Romano; Lucas Mandara; Steve Troxler; **Strength and Guidance:** Jim Eldrett; Sammy Rodriguez (military in Cuba); Emily Franco; Brian Winstead; Kenneth Briggs; Christopher Blyshak; Y'Suan Mlo and H'Lai, H'Jina, H'Sally, Bunlim and Darwin; our ministry partners in Kenya; **Missionaries:** Liz and David Gamble; **World:** all who are in areas where there is war, famine, drought and natural disasters; victims of violence in Israel, Gaza and Iran

SERMON NOTES

Today in worship we continue with our year-long series called “The Bible Year,” in which we are reading the Scriptures all the way through together, from cover to cover, from Genesis all the way through Revelation. We are currently reading the book of Ezekiel. Ezekiel was first a priest, and then a prophet, who addressed the people of Judah after the first wave of leading citizens had been deported to exile in the foreign land of Babylon. Ezekiel himself is one of the deportees, so he speaks from living in exile in Babylon.

Ezekiel is a strange figure: among other things, he has a wild vision in which he sees the glory of God departing from the Temple in Jerusalem. The prophet forecasts the imminent destruction of the city, as well as the coming judgment upon the people. But Ezekiel also sees a long term hope: one day, like a bunch of dry bones brought back to life, the people will be resurrected. One day, God’s glory will return to a new and greater Temple. One day, God will become the people’s leader and shepherd, and will live among them again.

Today's Scripture:

EZEKIEL 34: 1-6, 11-16, 20-25, 30-31 (NRSV)

KEY VERSES:

“¹¹For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD.”

THIS WEEK’S READINGS FOR “THE BIBLE YEAR”:

Day 215:	Sunday, August 3 rd	Ezekiel 22:1 – 26:21
Day 216:	Monday, August 4 th	Ezekiel 27:1 – 32:32
Day 217:	Tuesday, August 5 th	Ezekiel 33:1 – 37:28
Day 218:	Wednesday, August 6 th	Ezekiel 38:1 – 42:20
Day 219:	Thursday, August 7 th	Ezekiel 43:1 – 48:35
Day 220:	Friday, August 8 th	Daniel 1:1 – 3:30
Day 221:	Saturday, August 9 th	Daniel 4:1 – 6:28
Day 222:	Sunday, August 10 th	Daniel 7:1 – 12:13

CONTACT US

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THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 3

Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
Young Adult Sunday School class kicks off, Laurin’s office at 9:45am
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am
Brazos Abiertos: Pan in Room C1 at 5:00pm

Monday, August 4

Scouts in the Children’s Building in the evening
NA in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm

Tuesday, August 5

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

Wednesday, August 6

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
Mom’s Group in Room A5 from 6:45-7:45pm
Choir Rehearsal in the choir room at 7:00pm

Thursday, August 7

Quilting Group in Room A4 at 9:30am
NarAnon in Room A2 at 7:00pm

Friday, August 8

SnYP End of Summer Downtown Crawl at 7:00pm

Saturday, August 9

Open Crafting Space in Room C10 (Times by RSVP)
Steve Fennell funeral in the Sanctuary at 2:00pm

Sunday, August 10

Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
Youth/Young Adult Mission Presentation in the Sanctuary at 9:45am
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am
Soccer on the back field at 4:30pm
Church-wide Ice Cream Social Room C1 at 6:30pm

GCUMC STAFF

Jeremy Troxler, Lead Pastor	Susan Suárez Webster, Pastor
Andrés Pérez, Student Assoc. Minister	Donna Ford, Dir. of Christian Education
Randy Wall, Dir. of Youth & College Min.	Laurin Allred, Young Adult & Connections
Shelby Hallquist, Dir. Pre- & AfterSchool	Melanie Crump, Director of Music
Ginny Williamson, Accompanist	Amy Wall, Church Administrator
Carol Ingram, Administrative Assist.	Gloria Brown, Financial Director
Christina & Michael Hull, WNO Coordinators	

Guilford College United Methodist Church August 3, 2025 – 8:30 & 11:00am

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Dr. James Bailey and Ginny Williamson

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Praises & Opening Prayer

Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

^Fellowship Greeting & Opening Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us, UMH #381

WE PRAISE GOD AND PRAY

Children's Message (11am only)

Donna Ford

*At the 11am worship celebration, Children in Grades K-6 may exit for Children’s Worship on the 2nd floor of the Children’s building. They can be picked up from the church Parlor after 11am worship.

Offering

Laurin Allred

Offertory

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Introduction to the Scripture Reading

Rev. Jeremy Troxler

^Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 34:1-6, 11-16, 20-25, 30 (NRSV)

Sermon Message

“Ezekiel's Good Shepherd”

Rev. Jeremy Troxler

^ = Please stand as you are able.
Our worship services may be recorded and/or live streamed to YouTube, Facebook, and the church's website.
Should you need a hearing device, please ask an usher for assistance.