

Sermon Message
“The Greater the Forgiveness, The Greater the Love”
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

^ Closing Hymn
Holy Water

^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 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”

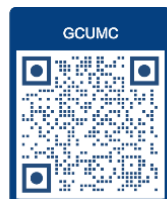
Join us in the parlor, just down the hall from the sanctuary, after the worship services **on October 12** for “Coffee with the Pastors.” This informal gathering with Pastors Jeremy and Susan will help you get to know them, meet other newcomers, learn more about our church, ask questions, and talk about how you might become more involved.

WE CARE THAT YOU ARE HERE

Whether you're a new guest or a regular worshipper, you matter to us. We want to know that you are here and how we can pray for you. **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.**

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:



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.

GCUMC FINANCIAL REPORT August 31, 2025

2025 YEAR PROJECTED vs. 2025 YEAR ACTUAL:

Year to date Operating Budget Contribution analysis:

Total 2025 budget:	\$1,201,449.00
Amount needed to date for 2025 budget:	800,966.00
Amount received as of 8/31/25 for budget:	<u>767,543.08</u>
Difference:	(\$ 33,422.92)

*(amount between projected budget needs to-date and actual received)

Year to date Operating Budget surplus/deficit analysis:

Amount received for budget as of 8/31/25:	\$ 767,543.08
Expenses as of 8/31/25:	<u>775,277.01</u>
Difference:	(\$ 7,733.93)

BRINGING IN THE HARVEST

Our annual food collection for Bringing in the Harvest will run from Sunday, September 28 through Sunday, October 5. The GUM client choice pantry currently needs any type of **breakfast items, small bags of rice, small bags of beans, and pasta. No glass or expired items, please.** You may place your donations of these items in the large GUM boxes in the information center.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in Room C1 in the Children's building on Thursday, October 16 from 2:00-6:30pm. Please register to donate the gift of life at www.redcrossblood.org.

CHURCH-WIDE SERVING DAY

We will hold a church-wide serving day on Saturday, October 18th. There will be a variety of serving opportunities for our congregation and others who want to serve God and our community. Some of the projects that we will be working on are: sorting donations at Family Room Triad, building a Ramp with Community Housing Solutions, Painting at Camp Guilrock, pressure washing and landscaping at Sanctuary House, helping the Trustees with projects around our church building and campus, sorting food at the GUM Food Pantry, preparing and serving dinner at Pathways Shelter and marking the storm drains with the Creation Care Team. Please plan to serve Christ and the community on Saturday, October 18th from 9 am to 12 pm. Look for details and signups online soon! For more information write to Sandy Pearman: sandrawpearman@gmail.com.

CONNECT

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT

While the Fellowship Hall is under construction we will be offering the Wednesday Night Out meal **every other week (Oct. 8 & 22, Nov. 5 & 19)**. Each week that we have the meal you can expect to come to church at **5:45pm** for good food, friendly faces, and engaging activities for all ages following the meal. The cost is **\$6/person** payable online or in-person with a nominal processing fee for credit card or tap payments. The meal will be served in the "A" building. On evenings with nice weather we will offer outdoor seating as well by the playground.

October 8 menu: Taco bar with all of the toppings and dessert. **Online pre-registration is strongly encouraged to help with food preparation. You do NOT have to pay in advance.**

Note: Wednesday night programming including Chancel Choir, SnYP, Youth Game Night and Faith Files & Friends will continue to **meet every week**, including the weeks that do not have a meal.

PUMPKINS ARE COMING

The Pumpkin Unload is scheduled for Sunday, October 12 following the 11am worship service. We invite the entire church to please plan to lend a helping hand to help us unload the tractor trailer full of pumpkins onto the church's front lawn for our Pumpkin Patch fundraiser. Many hands make for light work! Pizza and snacks available for those assisting with the unload.

PRAY

AMONG THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY:

Within Our Church Family: **Those who are Grieving:** The Family and Friends of Dwight Thomas; The Family and Friends of Charlie Heavner; The Family and Friends of Roland Sasseville; The Family and Friends of Mary Jane Gordon; The Creamer family; all those who have lost a loved one; **Healing:** Theron Miller; Suzy Padgett; Scott Blackwell; Barbara Price; Rick Amos; David Saunders; Ben Brothers; Susan Whitesides; Lynette Whitaker; Marjorie Liles; Vicki Kidd; Dave Wasserboehr; **Strength & Faith:** Carole Stevens; **Surgery or Tests:** Gary Brown (10/1); Barbara Jones (knee surgery 10/20); **Those With Cancer:** Maria Maynard; Tom Jenkins; Becky Babaoft; Lisa Hodges; **Sustaining and Guidance:** Harold Eagle; 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 Judith Woolf (Becky Pearce's mother); The Family and Friends of Billy O'Brien (friend of Elizabeth Heydary); The Family and Friends of Richard Redding; all who are grieving and need comfort; **Cancer:** Alex Brylske; Billy Carey; Emily; Tammy Smith; Jim Cashman; Joanne Burgener; Dawn Hand; Mark Ralls; Ron Moser; Debra Rutt; Shilah George; Shannon Wilson; Sammy Williams; Azalea Marbury; Debbie Sexton; Judy Journey; Tammy Strickland; Jerri Ramsey; **Healing:** Debbie Lambeth; Harrison Henry Brooks; Lynn Bowman; Sue Yeeles; Rick LeBaube; Penny Taylor; Don DeSanto; Peggy Conaway; Alannah Romano; Steve Troxler; **Strength and Guidance:** Della Farlow; Fay Barrett and Family; Kathy Williams; Jim Eldrett; Sammy Rodriguez (military in Cuba); Emily Franco; Kenneth Briggs; Christopher Blyshak; Y'Suan Mlo and H'Lai, H'Jina, H'Sally, Bunlim and Darwin (H'Sally and family have received permission to resettle in Australia); 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, famine 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. Recently we began reading the Gospel According to Luke, the third book of the New Testament. Luke is one of four books of the Bible called “gospels” (the word “gospel” means “good news”) which tell the life story of Jesus, based on the testimonies of eyewitnesses to his ministry. One great theme of Luke’s Gospel is the forgiveness which Jesus offers, and the forgiveness which he commands his followers to practice. Today we will read a story from Luke that offers a powerful example of such forgiveness.

Today's Scripture
Luke 7: 36-50 (NRSV)
KEY VERSES:

36 One of the Pharisees asked Jesus` to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. 37And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. 38She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. 39Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner.' 40Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Teacher,' he replied, 'speak.' 41'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?' 43Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.' And Jesus said to him, 'You have judged rightly.' 44Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? . . . I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.' 48Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' 49But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?' 50And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

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

Day 271	Sunday, September 28 th	Luke 4:14 – 5:39
Day 272	Monday, September 29 th	Luke 6:1-49
Day 273	Tuesday, September 30 th	Luke 7:1 – 8:39
Day 274	Wednesday, October 1 st	Luke 8:40 – 9:62
Day 275	Thursday, October 2 nd	Luke 10:1 – 11:36
Day 276	Friday, October 3 rd	Luke 11:37 – 12:59
Day 277	Saturday, October 4 th	Luke 13:1 – 14:35
Day 278	Sunday, October 5 th	Luke 15:1 – 16:31

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	

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 28
Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am
SnYP Serve & Social starts offsite
UMYF (Grades 7-12) in Rooms C10 & C11 from 5:00 -7:00pm
Brazos Abiertos: Pan in Room C1 at 5:00pm
Nominations/Lay Leadership Meeting in Room A4 at 7:00pm

Monday, September 29
Scouts in the Children’s Building in the evening
NA in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm

Tuesday, September 30
Jr. Handbells in the Choir Room at 5:45pm
Women’s Bible Study: Revelation via Zoom at 6:00pm
Handbell Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 1
Women’s Bible Study: Revelation in Room A4 and via Zoom at 9:30am
New Direction Nar-Anon Family Group in Room A2 at Noon
Mid-week Prayer Time in the Parlor at Noon
Kids’ Music Club in the Choir Room from 6:10 – 6:40pm
ESOL in Room B6 from 6:30 – 7:45pm
Youth Fun Night meet on the back field 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
Choir Rehearsal in the choir room at 7:00pm

Thursday, October 2
Quilting Group in Room A4 at 9:30am
Thriving at 3 in Room C14 at 10:00am
SPRC meeting in Room A4 at 6:00pm
Girl Scout Troop 30028 in Room C13 at 6:00pm
Oracion in the Parlor at 6:30pm
NarAnon in Room A2 at 7:00pm

Sunday, October 5
Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am
Soccer on the back field at 2:30pm
UMYF (Grades 7-12) in Rooms C10 & C11 from 5:00 -7:00pm
Health and Safety Team in Room A4 at 6:00pm

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Guilford College United Methodist Church September 28, 2025 – 11:00am

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude
Ginny Williamson

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Praises & Opening Prayer
Laurin Allred

^Fellowship Greeting & Opening Hymn
O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

WE PRAISE GOD AND PRAY

Children's Message
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
Shout to the Lord

**Prayer of the People
& The Lord's Prayer**
Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Introduction to the Scripture Reading
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

^Scripture Reading
Luke 7:36-50 (NRSV)

^ = 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.