

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

^The Great Thanksgiving

^The Lord's Prayer

Sharing Holy Communion

Prayers of the People

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

^Sending Hymn

Sing With All the Saints in Glory,
UMH #702, vs. 1, 3, 4

Next Steps & Benediction

Postlude

^ = *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.

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. You are loved and accepted here. **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 service **on January 11** 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:



POINSETTIAS

Thank you to all who donated Poinsettias to decorate our Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one during the Advent and Christmas seasons. You may take your purchased Poinsettia(s) home with you to enjoy after our worship service today.

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.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Volunteers needed on Saturday, January 24th from 9am to 12pm to pack 17,000 meals. These nutritious meals will be sent to places in the world where food is scarce. Please plan to join us. Look for sign ups and further details in our online LINK and website this week.

2026 FLOWER CALENDAR

Would you like to donate flowers to be used on the altar during worship services in 2026? If so, you can sign up on the calendar located on the bulletin board in the main office hallway. We appreciate all who have donated flowers in the past.

CONNECT

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE INVITATION

Greensboro Korean UMC is celebrating their 45th anniversary with a concert. The Methodist Theological University Choir from Seoul, South Korea will be performing at Greensboro Korean United Methodist Church on January 8th 2026 at 7 pm. Admission is free. Greensboro Korean UMC is located at 2504 E. Woodlyn Way, GSO, 27407.

GREENSBORO SWARM OUTING

Friends & Family of Guilford College United Methodist Church will be going to see the Greensboro Swarm as they play the Osceola Magic Knicks on Saturday, January 17th at 6pm at the Novant Fieldhouse. Visit our website to purchase discounted tickets. For any additional information, contact Tim Moore: TimMoore753@gmail.com.

GROW

SEEKERS CLASS OPEN TO ALL

If one of your New Year's Resolutions is to spend more time in the Bible, then perhaps you would like to try the Seekers class. The class meets on Sunday morning at 9:45. Starting on January 11 we will be digging and reflecting on the book of James. We would love to have you join us. Contact Sara Hardin at hardinx4@bellsouth.net if you have questions. We meet in Room B5.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMERATIVE SERVICE

Saturday, January 17, 2026 10:00 am University City UMC, Charlotte, NC
Join the Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church for *Standing Strong and Moving Forward*, our 2026 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Program. This special gathering will be a time of worship, reflection, and recommitment to the work of justice, love, and hope. Together, as followers of Christ and heirs of Dr. King's legacy, we will honor his life and renew our dedication to creating a better world.

PRAY

AMONG THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY:

Within Our Church Family: Those who are Grieving: The Family and Friends of Harold Proctor; The Family and Friends of Bobbi Peabody; H'Juan on the passing of her brother in Vietnam; all those who have lost a loved one; **Healing:** Barbara McLeod (pneumonia); Lee Hicks; Lynn Wall; David Saunders; Carla Sutton; Vicki Kidd; Scott Blackwell; Kathy Graham; Gayle Class; Bonnie Burkett & Dave Wasserboehr; **Strength & Faith:** Dot Brogan; Helen Phillips; David Ward; **Surgery or Tests:** Bryan Cobb (back surgery 1/7); Suzie Padgett (back surgery 1/8); Marilyn Radley (hip surgery 1/9); **Those With Cancer:** Tom Jenkins; Greg Matthews; Lisa Hodges; **Sustaining and Guidance:** Harold Eagle; Doris Linker; Patsy Wyatt; Nancy and Jim Baity; Bill Blyshak; Tina Bell Midgett; Terri Hastings; Y'Josue M'lo (military service in Germany); our immigrant community

Extended Church Family: Grieving: The Family and Friends of Mary Kathryn Wells (Carolyn Campbell's sister); The Family and Friends of Jerri Ramsey; The Friends and Family of Officer Mike Horan; The Family and Friends of Sgt. Dale Nix; **Cancer:** Donna Battaille; Tim Vail; Carol Andrews Little; Nancy Carver; Tammy Smith; Emily; Harrison Henry Brooks; Billy Carey; Jim Cashman; Joanne Burgener; Ron Moser; Debra Rutt; Shilah George; Shannon Wilson; Sammy Williams; Azalea Marbury; Judy Journey; Tammy Strickland; **Surgery and Awaiting Test Results:** Sarah Lemon; Oliver Burns; Joel Ritter; **Healing:** Jim Eldrett; Victoria Pigford; Nick King; Baby Grayson Vazquez (born prematurely); Heather Taylor; Beth Morgan; Pat Whitt (Marjorie Liles' sister); Peggy Conaway; Alannah Romano; **Strength and Guidance:** Azuruni Joseph (Rashidi's brother and family who escaped from Congo to Burundi); Lorraine Sandknop (hospice); Christy Lloyd; Kathy Williams; Kenneth Briggs (hospice); Christopher Blyshak; Y'Suan Mlo and H'Lai, H'Jina, H'Sally, Bunlim and Darwin Leng (strength during the resettlement process); **Missionaries:** Liz and David Gamble; **World:** our ministry partners in Kenya; all who suffer from war, famine, drought and natural disasters

SERMON NOTES

Today we conclude our year-long series called “The Bible Year”! We did it! Throughout 2025, we used a daily resource called “The Bible Year” to read the Scriptures from cover to cover together, all the way from Genesis through Revelation. Even for those who didn’t read on their own, the journey of walking through the Bible Sunday by Sunday has been a great blessing: we have received a deeper understanding of the scope of God’s story, and developed a greater appreciation of the Scriptures as God’s living word to us. In the next few weeks, we will talk further about how we can make the Bible an ongoing pillar of our lives. Today, however, we conclude the Bible Year by looking at the closing vision of the Bible’s last pages, from the book of Revelation. The Bible ends by pointing us to the good and beautiful future that God has in store for us. Today we also begin a new calendar year by sharing Holy Communion together: a further enactment of God’s good future.

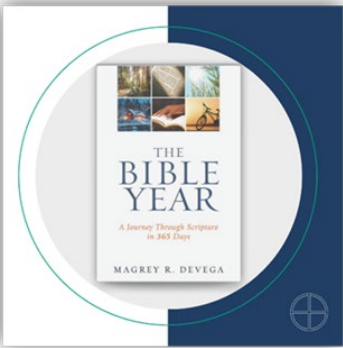
Today's Scripture:

Revelation 21: 1-7; 22-25; 22: 16-17; 20-21 (NRSV)

KEY VERSES:

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” . . . ¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” . . . ²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!”

NOTES:



THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 4

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 5:00pm
UMYF (Grades 7-12) in Rooms C10 & C11 from 5:00 -7:00pm

Monday, January 5

Preschool and After School programs resume
Scouts in the Children’s Building in the evening
NA in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm

Tuesday, January 6

Girl Scout Troop 30018 in Room C10 at 6:00pm

Wednesday, January 7

Mid-week Prayer Time in the Parlor at Noon
New Direction Nar-Anon Family Group in Room A2 at Noon
Preschool/After School Board meeting in Room C1 at 6:00pm
Youth Fun Night meet on the back field from 6:45-7:45pm
Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 7:00pm

Thursday, January 8

Girl Scouts in the Children’s Building in the evening
Nar-Anon in Room A2 at 7:00pm

Sunday, January 11

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

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Guilford College United Methodist Church January 4, 2026 – 8:30 & 11:00am

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude
Ginny Williamson

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Praises and Opening Prayer
Laurin Allred

^Fellowship Greeting & Opening Hymn
When We All Get to Heaven, UMH #701

WE PRAISE GOD AND SING

Children's Moment (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
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

Offertory
All Glory Be to Christ
Laurin Allred

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Introduction to the Scripture Reading
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

^Hymn
Wonderful Words of Life, UMH #600

Scripture Reading
Revelation 21:1-7; 22-25; 22:16-17; 20-21 (NRSV)

Sermon
“Amen!”
Rev. Jeremy Troxler