

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

^Invitation to the Table

^The Great Thanksgiving

^The Lord’s Prayer

Sharing Holy Communion

Choral Anthem

Una Espiga, soloist Wilder Rodriguez

Prayers of the People

Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

^ Sending Hymn

Freely, Freely, UMH #389

^Next Steps & Benediction

Postlude

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.**

JOIN US FOR “COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS”

Join us in the parlor, just down the hall from the sanctuary, after the worship service **on October 18th** 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 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 childcare 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.

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 AND GROW

LAITY SUNDAY AWARD

GCUMC friends, Laity Sunday this year is scheduled on October 18. It is the day in the United Methodist Church that we celebrate the laity of our church and both services that day will be led by church members. It is also a day that we want to recognize one or two of our dedicated members for a Laity Service award. If there is a church member that you feel serves the Lord and our church in an exceptional way, please submit their name to be considered for recognition. Please include a brief description of some of the ways you have witnessed their service within our church and community, and why you believe them to be worthy of recognition. **The deadline for submission is TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6** and should be sent to donnawgarcia@aol.com. The lay leaders and ministers review each one of your worthy recommendations and appreciate all of your responses!

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY FIELD TRIP TONIGHT!

Tonight our young adults will be traveling to Raleigh to do dinner and Bible Study with our students and friends in the NC State and UNC-Chapel Hill areas. If you’d like to join, **meet at the church ready to leave at 4:15pm this afternoon, Sunday 10/4. We will ride together in Laurin’s van, and will plan to return to church by 9:30pm.** Dinner menu: BBQ, smoked turkey, Baked Beans, Mac & Cheese, tea and lemonade. Can’t come this week but want to join our next field trip? Save the date for Sunday 11/1 when we will travel to the Charlotte area.

PASTOR JEREMY’S DISCIPLE SCHOOL

This fall, Pastor Jeremy will offer his Disciple School roughly every other Wednesday (on the same nights as the Wednesday Welcome Table) from 6:45pm – 7:45pm in the James Tew classroom located on the long adult education hallway. Disciple School is a time when we talk about how we can grow together as disciples of Jesus. All are welcome, and no advance reading or preparation is required. In the coming weeks we will be drawing on a course developed by Rev. Sam Wells to focus on “The Power of Being With.” Specifically, we will focus on how we can, in the midst of our busy lives, learn how to be a little more like Mary and a little less like Martha –to be more still, and to offer more loving attention towards the things and people that matter most in our lives. *(Disciple School sessions will be held on 10/7, 10/21, 11/4, 11/18, & 12/2)*

WEDNESDAY WELCOME TABLE

Please make plans to join us for our next Wednesday Welcome Table Meal on **October 7th from 5:45 - 6:40pm**. This fall, we will be offering the meal every other Wednesday. The suggested donation for the meal will be \$8. Make plans to join us in this important ministry of sharing in nourishing food and welcoming fellowship! The menu for October 7 will be Beef tips, mashed potatoes, garden peas, yeast roll, salad bar and homemade chocolate pie.

GIVE

MAKE AN OFFERING TO THE WORK OF GOD’S CHURCH

- 1 - Text GiveGCUMC to 73256. Then click on the link 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.

BRINGING IN THE HARVEST

Our annual food collection, “Bringing in the Harvest”, for Greensboro Urban Ministry wraps up TODAY. Thank you for your donations and for your continued commitment to helping feed those in need in our community!

PUMPKIN PATCH FUNDRAISER

UNLOAD: The pumpkins are coming TODAY and we need your help! We need lots of volunteers to unload a full truck of pumpkins (over 2,500 pumpkins) today starting at 12:30pm. There are jobs for everyone. Make sure to bring work gloves and suitable clothing because we unload rain or shine. There will be a pizza lunch for volunteers. **SELLING PUMPKINS:** We will sell pumpkins from Oct 4 to Oct 31. We need at least two adult volunteers for each shift, so ask a friend to sell with you. This is a great opportunity to interact with the community. You can sign up on the calendar in the Information Center, call the church office or sign up online through The LINK email newsletter.

PRAY AND WORSHIP

AMONG THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY:

Within Our Church Family: **Those who are Grieving:** The Family and Friends of Ben Brothers; The Family and Friends of Ellen Lancaster; all those who have lost a loved one; **Healing:** Dave Wasserboehr; Donna Garcia; Robyn Martin; Sandra Myers; Tom Jenkins; Mike Ballard; Brooke Follo; Mike Duncan; Lynette Whittaker; **Surgery and Awaiting Tests:** Barbara McDonald (surgery 10/13); Tom Patterson (surgery 10/19); all who need strength as they await surgery; **Strength & Faith:** Cam Waldron and Y’Josue (military); **Those With Cancer:** Becky Pearce; Tom Patterson; Mike Ballard; Tom Jenkins; **Sustaining and Guidance:** Helen Phillips; Dot Brogan; Jim Baity; Charles Forbes; Tina Bell Midgett; Terri Hastings; **Extended Church Family: Grieving:** The Families and Friends of the Guilford County students who have died unexpectedly; All those who have lost a loved one; **Cancer:** Jan Soper George; Roger Lewis; Pam Foil; Chip Tanneberger; Wally Jarrell; Freddy Foshay; Heather Rittner; Sean Sullivan; Rachel Gault; Darla Freeman; David Castro; Sarah Lemon; Fay Holliday; Janelle Reichl; Sutton Phillips; Linda Payne; Carla Morgan; Tim Vail; Sharon Guarino; Carey Rongitsch; Tammy Smith; Emily; Billy Carey; Jim Cashman; Ron Moser; Debra Rutt; Judy Journey; Tammy Strickland; **Surgery and Awaiting Test Results:** Joe Pedalino; Martina (brain tumor); Connie Reynolds; LaTonya Callaway; Michael Patterson (awaiting a heart transplant); **Healing:** Johnny Ramsey; Debbie Lazenby(Trisha Moore’s sister); Zion Johnson; Amy (in a serious accident); Steve Troxler; Patty Ritter; Susan Scott; Gayle Parrish; Mo Scalf; Pam Foil; Jasmine; Jim Eldrett; Kathy McFillin; Heather Taylor; **Strength and Guidance:** Lindy (hospice);The Tyson Family; Sharon Forst; Kiara; Pat Whitt; Lisa T. (employment); Jenny Clapp (brain tumor); Peggy Conaway; Jason Morgan; Y’Suan Mlo and H’Lai, H’Jina, H’Sally, Bunlim and Darwin Leng; **Missionaries:** Liz and David Gamble; **World:** our ministry partners in Kenya; all who suffer in war zones; famine, drought, fires, and earthquakes

SERMON NOTES

Today is World Communion Sunday, when Christians around the world, of every nation and denomination, gather around the Lord's table to share Holy Communion and to be reminded that the Body and the Blood of Christ make us one forgiven and reconciled people. In recognition of World Communion Sunday, several members of our congregation who are originally from other parts of the world will read the Scripture in their native languages. Today we also begin a focus on faithful stewardship and giving which we will continue over the next few weeks. Our Scripture is drawn from a chapter of II Corinthians which could be referred to as the Bible's first church fundraising letter. The Apostle Paul's appeal to the Corinthian Christians reminds us of what faithful stewardship looks like – and why the followers of Jesus give of ourselves for others. It is also a call to see that giving itself is the greatest grace.



Today's Scripture:
2 Corinthians 8:1-15; 24 (NIV)
KEY VERSES:

“And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.”

NOTES:

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sunday, October 4**
Bringing in the Harvest Collection Ends
Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am
Pumpkin Patch Unload on the front lawn starting at 12:30pm
SnYP Bible Study (Navigators) depart for Raleigh at 4:15pm
Youth Group (Grades 7-12), Fellowship Hall from 5:00-7:00pm
- Monday, October 5**
Scouts in the Children's Building in the evening
NA in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm
- Tuesday, October 6**
Women's Bible Study: Colossians & Philemon via Zoom at 6:00pm
Girl Scouts in the Children's Building in the evening
Handbells Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 6:30pm
Nominations Committee in Room A4 at 6:30pm
- Wednesday, October 7**
Women's Bible Study: Colossians & Philemon 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
Wednesday Welcome Table in the Fellowship Hall from 5:45 – 6:40pm
ESOL in Rooms B5 & B6 from 6:30 – 7:45pm
SnYP in Hilltop Room from 6:45 – 7:45pm
Youth Fun Night meet on the back field from 6:45-7:45pm
Faith Files/Faith Friends Rooms C13, C14 from 6:45 - 7:45pm
Disciple School in the James Tew Classroom (A3) from 6:45 – 7:45pm
Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 7:00pm
- Thursday, October 8**
Thriving at Three in Room C14 at 10:00am
Girl Scouts in the Children's Building in the evening
Stephen Ministry Training in the Rock at 6:00pm
SPRC meeting in Room A4 at 6:30pm
Messy Bun Book Club, off campus at 7:00pm
NarAnon in Room A2 at 7:00pm
- Friday, October 9**
Ben Brothers' Funeral in the Sanctuary at 11:00am
- Sunday, October 11**
Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am
Youth Group (Grades 7-12) in Room C11 from 5:00-7:00pm
SnYP Bible Study (Navigators) in the Hilltop Room at 6:00pm

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

- Prelude**
Ginny Williamson

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Praises & Opening Prayer
Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

^Fellowship Greeting

^Call to Worship: Psalm 117

Opening Hymn
We've a Story to Tell to the Nations, UMH #569

WE PRAISE GOD AND PRAY

Children's Moment
Donna Ford
*At the 11am service, 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 the service.

Offering + Offertory
Laurin Allred

Brazos Abiertos Announcement

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Introduction of the Scripture
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

^ Scripture Reading
2 Corinthians 8:1-15; 24 (NIV)

Sermon
“The First Church Stewardship Letter – Part 1”
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness
Laurin Allred

^ = Please stand as you are able.