

Sermon Message
The Gospel Feast
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

^Invitation, The Great Thanksgiving
& The Lord's Prayer

Sharing Holy Communion

Choral Anthem
Celtic Communion
GCUMC Adult Choir + Travis Hicks

Prayer After Communion

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

^ Closing Hymn
Come Sinners to the Gospel Feast,
UMH #339, vs. 2, 5

^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.

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.**

WE LOVE CHILDREN

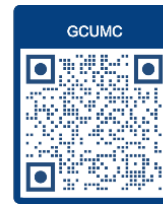
If you brought the kids with you, please know that the noises children make are music in our, and God's, ears. You are welcome to keep your children with you in worship. We also have child care available for infants through age 4 in Room C8 on the first floor of the children's building during the 11am 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.

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.

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/WEEK

There are serving opportunities to choose from on several days before the actual Serving Day on October 18th. Choose where you would like to serve from the list and SIGN UP today! You can find the details under "Events: Day of Service" on our church website. You can also sign up in the Information Center.

GROW

SEEKING FAITHFUL RESPONSES TO MODERN IMMIGRATION

Pastor Jeremy will be offering the second of a series of talks about faithful Christian responses to immigrants and immigration. Gather in the Sanctuary on either Wednesday, October 8th or Thursday, October 9th at 6:45pm.

(If you missed the first talk, and would like to watch a recording of it, email Pastor Jeremy at jtroxler@guilfordcollegeumc.org to receive a link.)

POWER TOOL WORKSHOP

All high school students are invited to join Jim Sandknop for a power tool workshop Saturday, Oct 11 at 3:30pm in the back parking lot of the church. Students will get to use the tools with supervision. We will make materials needed for the adult mission trip in November. Bring work gloves, water bottle, and courage.

SPRUCE PINE POST-HELENE RECOVERY MISSION TRIP – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5th –

A mission trip is being organized to return to Spruce Pine to assist in the rebuilding effort following the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene. Please note that spaces are limited. If you are interested in more information reach out to Pastor Jeremy jtroxler@guilfordcollegeumc.org or Jim Sandknop jim.sandknop@leoterradevelopment.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

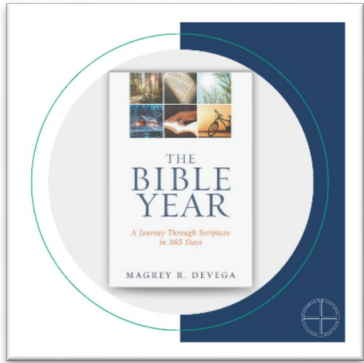
AMONG THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY:

Within Our Church Family: **Those who are Grieving:** The Family and Friends of 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 & Jenn Miller; Gay Brown; 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:** Barbara Jones (knee surgery 10/20); Debbie Jenkins (10/8); **Those With Cancer:** Maria Maynard; Tom Jenkins; Becky Babaooff; 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 Dwight Thomas; 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:** Nancy Carver; Tim Winger; 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. We are currently reading through 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. In his account, Luke tells of several memorable meals which Jesus shares with others. Today we read about one such encounter at table – one in which Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a feast in which all are invited, but some choose not to come.



Today's Scripture

Luke 14: 1, 12-24 (NIV)

KEY VERSES:

¹One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. . . . ¹²Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” ¹⁵When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁶Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. ¹⁷At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ ¹⁸“But they all alike began to make excuses. . . . Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame. . . . so that my house will be full.

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

Day 285	Sunday, October 12th	John 1:1 – 2:12
Day 286	Monday, October 13th	John 2:13 – 3:36
Day 287	Tuesday, October 14th	John 4:1 - 54
Day 288	Wednesday, October 15th	John 5:1 – 6:21
Day 289	Thursday, October 16th	John 6:22 – 7:9
Day 290	Friday, October 17th	John 7:10 – 8:59
Day 291	Saturday, October 18th	John 9:1 – 10:42
Day 292	Sunday, October 19th	John 11:1 – 12:50

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, 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

Monday, October 6

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

Tuesday, October 7

Women’s Bible Study: Revelation via Zoom at 6:00pm
Girl Scout Troop 30018 in Room C10 at 6:00pm

Wednesday, October 8

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
Wednesday Night Out meal on the A hallway from 5:45 – 6:45pm
Kids’ Music Club in the Choir Room from 6:10 – 6:40pm
ESOL in Room B6 from 6:30 – 7:45pm
Disciple School: Immigration Part 2 in the Sanctuary from 6:45 – 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
Choir Rehearsal in the choir room at 7:00pm

Thursday, October 9

Thriving at 3 in Room C14 at 10:00am
Building Team in Room A4 at 5:30pm
Girl Scouts in the Children’s Building in the evening
Disciple School: Immigration Part 2 in the Sanctuary from 6:45 – 7:45pm
NarAnon in Room A2 at 7:00pm

Saturday, October 11

High School Youth Power Tool workshop in the rear parking lot at 3:30pm

Sunday, October 12

Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Coffee with the Pastors in the Parlor after Worship
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am
Coffee with the Pastors in the Parlor after Worship
Pumpkin Patch Unload on the front lawn from 12:30pm until finished
Brazos Abiertos: Pan in Room C1 at 5:00pm

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Guilford College United Methodist Church October 5, 2025 – 8:30 & 11:00am

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude
Travis Hicks

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Praises & Opening Prayer
Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

^Fellowship Greeting & Opening Hymn
Gather Us In, TFWS #2236

WE PRAISE GOD AND PRAY

Prayer of Confession & Forgiveness
Laurin Allred

Hymn
Come Sinners to the Gospel Feast,
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Children's Message (11:00am 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
Andrés Pérez

Offertory
Travis Hicks

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Introduction to the Scripture Reading
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

^Scripture Reading
Luke 14:1, 12-24 (NIV)

^ = *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.