

Sermon Message
What's Mine is Yours
Rev. A.J. Thomas

Invitation to Commitment

Prayer of Commitment

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

^Sending Hymn

Father, We Have Heard You Calling

^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.**

JOIN US FOR “COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS”

Join us in the parlor, just down the hall from the sanctuary, after the worship service **TODAY** 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:



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.

MAKING YOUR COMMITMENT

If you were unable to submit your commitment cards for our Stewardship Campaign today, it is not too late. You can make your pledge online through our website under “GIVE” or bring your forms to the church office or bring them to the Worship Service next Sunday.
www.guilfordcollegeumc.org or use the QR code found in this bulletin.

BAKE SALE TODAY

The Women in Faith are holding a Bake Sale TODAY. Funds raised are used to support worthy missions in our church, state, nation, and internationally.
PRESALE: Items are available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall's Lobby prior to the 8:30 worship service, Sunday School, and after the 11:00 worship service.
BOO BASH BAKE SALE: Sunday, October 25, 4:00-6:00 pm weather permitting under the portico or in the Narthex.

PUMPKIN PATCH FUNDRAISER

We are selling pumpkins until Oct 31. Sales are going well, but we need help selling this final week. We need adult volunteers for each shift, so ask a friend to join you in selling. This is a great opportunity to interact with the community. You can sign up in person at the church, call the church office, or visit the online sign up link in The LINK email newsletter. If you need to leave early or arrive late, just make a note of that on the sign up form and we will find someone to fill the remaining time.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

It's that time of year, once again! Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes have arrived! GCUMC has participated in this mission for many years along with the United Women in Faith. Each of us can be a part of this also! Empty shoeboxes are located on tables in the hallway, next to the choir room. Please consider participating in this ministry. Share God's love. Pack a box. Change a life! **Shoebox Collection Sunday is November 22, 2026.** Please bring your filled boxes to the church on or before this date. A donation of \$10.00 is **suggested** to help defray shipping costs. If you wish to donate, please place the donation in an envelope, on top of the items, inside of your filled shoebox.
If you are unsure of how to pack a shoebox, or if you would like to pack a shoebox online, please visit samaritanspurse.org. If you wish to pack a shoebox online, there is a link in our weekly email The LINK that will take you directly to the GCUMC 2026 goal page.
Thank you for helping and serving in Jesus' name!

CONNECT AND GROW

BOO BASH

Join us this afternoon for games, decorated trunks, fellowship, candy and fun! Sunday, October 25 from 4:00 until 6:00pm.
VOLUNTEER: If you didn't sign up, but would still like to help with this event you can either bring yourself and your car trunk ready for Trunk or Treat or bring yourself ready to volunteer in a different capacity by 3:15pm.
Find Cyndi Allen for your assignment.

WEDNESDAY WELCOME TABLE MEAL

Join us for our Wednesday Welcome Table meal on Wednesday, November 4th, beginning at 5:45pm in the Fellowship Hall. The suggested donation for the meal is \$8. The menu for the evening will be breakfast for dinner: Sausage, bacon, eggs, biscuits, gravy, hashbrown casserole, yogurt, fruit & granola. No Salad Bar on Nov. 4.

PASTOR JEREMY'S DISCIPLE SCHOOL

Wednesdays (11/4, 11/18, & 12/2) 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.

PRAY AND WORSHIP

AMONG THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY:

Within Our Church Family: Those who are Grieving: The Friends and Family of Ellen Lancaster; The Family and Friends of Ben Brothers; The Friends and Family of Margaret Joyce; all those who have lost a loved one; Healing: Tom Patterson; Barbara McDonald; JoAnne Muire (surgery went well, recovering); Dave Wasserboehr; Robyn Martin; Sandra Myers; Tom Jenkins; Lynette Whittaker; Surgery and Awaiting Tests: Gayle Knight (10/27); Strength & Faith: Cam Waldron and Y'Josue (military); Those With Cancer: Becky Pearce; Tom Patterson; Mike Ballard; Tom Jenkins; Sustaining and Guidance: Becky Archer; Helen Phillips; Dot Brogan; Jim Baity; Charles Forbes; Doris Linker; Tina Bell Midgett; Terri Hastings; Jennifer Hernández
Extended Church Family: Grieving: Reggie and Jim Reid on the sudden passing of their son; The Family and Friends of Patrick; 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; Pope Leo XIV; 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; Steve Troxler; Patty Ritter; Mo Scalf; Jasmine (stroke victim); Jim Eldrett; Kathy McFillin; Heather Taylor; Strength and Guidance: Jesse McDowell; H'Juan Enuol; Andrea Long's father; Marcelo; 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

SERVICE NOTES

Today we celebrate Commitment Sunday, when our congregation's members offer our Giving and Gifts Commitments to God and to the church as part of our sacrifice of worship and praise. We will be receiving these commitments at the very end of the service. Throughout this month we have been focusing on the faithful use of the blessings God has given us, by looking at "The First Church Stewardship Letter" in the Bible's book of II Corinthians, and by referring to the Seven Principles of Faithful Stewardship. Today we are blessed to have the author of those Principles of Faithful Stewardship, the Rev. A. J. Thomas, to serve as our guest preacher.



Introduction of our Guest Preacher: The Rev. A. J. Thomas is an ordained elder in the Western NC Conference of the United Methodist Church who serves in ministry as the Director of Client Relations for the United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina. He is also the Founder and Principal of Joyful Giving Group LLC, a consulting ministry dedicated to cultivating a culture of generosity. A. J. is a preacher's kid who grew up in Niagara Falls, N. Y., and who holds degrees from Roberts Wesleyan College (B.A., Communication) and Duke Divinity School (MDiv). He previously served in ministry through pastoral appointments in Greensboro, Charlotte, and Boone, and was once a Duke Divinity School Field Education Intern at Pastor Jeremy and his family's home church, Gethsemane UMC. A. J. is married to Rev. Ashley Pickerel Thomas, a United Methodist elder who serves as Chaplain at The Pines at Davidson. A. J. and Ashley live in Highland Creek, NC with their cat, Caico.



Today's Scripture:
Luke 12: 27-34

"²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 25 – Stewardship Sunday
Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Bake Sale in the Fellowship Hall Lobby
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
Online Safety Presentation in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45am
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am
Bake Sale in the Fellowship Hall Lobby after worship
Boo Bash & Bake Sale in the rear parking lot from 4:00 – 6:00pm
Brazos Abiertos: Pan in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00pm

Monday, October 26
Scouts in the Children's Building in the evening
NA in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm

Tuesday, October 27
Women's Bible Study: Colossians & Philemon via Zoom at 6:00pm
Handbells Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 6:30pm
Church Council in Room A4 at 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 28
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
SnYP dinner, meet in the Rock, 5:45 - 6:45pm
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
Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 7:00pm

Thursday, October 29
Thriving at Three in Room C14 at 10:00am
Stephen Ministry Training in the Rock at 6:00pm
NarAnon in Room A2 at 7:00pm

Sunday, November 1 – All Saints Day
Daylight Savings Time Ends
Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am
Acolyte Training in the Sanctuary at 12:15pm
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 25, 2026 – 8:30 & 11:00am

Happy Pastor Appreciation Month! The flowers on the altar are given by Bill and Daryl Watkins in appreciation for Pastor Jeremy and Pastor Susan. We appreciate your heart, your service and your commitment. We thank God for your leadership. Glory to God.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude
Ginny Williamson

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Praises & Opening Prayer
Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

^Fellowship Greeting & Opening Hymn
Go Make of All Disciples, UMH #571

WE PRAISE GOD AND PRAY

Children's Message (11:00 only)
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
Laurin Allred

Offertory
I Am the Vine
Cliff and Elizabeth Mosher

Prayer Concerns & Call to Prayer
Grace Alone, TFWS #2162

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Introduction of the Guest Preacher
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

Scripture Reading
Luke 12:27-34 (NRSVue)