WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Introduction to the Scripture Reading
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

^Scripture Reading
Ephesians 4:1-2, 22-32; 5:1-2 (NRSV)

Sermon Message
"Forgiven Forgivers"
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

^Sending Hymn
Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive, UMH #390
(to the tune of UMH #269)

^Next Steps & Benediction

Postlude
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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 **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:

GCUMC

CONNECT AND GROW

GCUMC ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE MEETING

Sunday, November 15th at 4pm in the Sanctuary – Charge Conference is a special annual meeting of the Church Council in which we complete several important reporting and decision-making responsibilities required of us by the United Methodist connection, and in which church leaders reflect on the past year and look to the year ahead. Though only Council members and clergypersons can vote, all are welcome to attend the meeting.

PASTOR JEREMY'S DISCIPLE SCHOOL

Wednesdays (*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.

WEDNESDAY WELCOME TABLE MEAL

Join us for our Wednesday Welcome Table meal on Wednesday, November 18th, beginning at 5:45pm in the Fellowship Hall. The suggested donation for the meal is $8. The menu for the evening will be Lasagna, Potato Sausage Soup, Garlic Rolls, Salad bar and Dessert.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive will be held on Thursday, November 19. Please go online to **www.redcrossblood.org** to schedule your appointment to donate.

MEN'S MEET UP

Invitation to all GCUMC men. Meet at Kickback Jack's on Thursday, November 19th at 6:00pm for dinner and social time. (The social part is free, but you pay for your own dinner). Come and get to know someone you see at church but may or may not know their name. We hope this will be the first with more get togethers to come. Contact Jim Sandknop at 336-362-1716 with any questions.

WILLIAM MANGUM PRESENTATION

Please join us on Sunday, November 22 during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45am). William "Bill" Mangum, renowned artist and motivational speaker will be in the Fellowship Hall to talk about this year's Christmas honor card for Community Housing Solutions. At the end of the program, you will have a chance to purchase cards and prints. For more information contact Jim Sandknop at 336-362-1716.

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 have been unable to submit your commitment cards for our 2027 Stewardship Campaign, it is not too late. You can make your pledge online through our website under "GIVE" www.guilfordcollegeumc.org or use the QR code found in this bulletin. You can ask an usher for a card to fill out today or bring your forms to the church office.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Empty shoeboxes are located on tables in the hallway, near the choir room. Please consider participating in this ministry. Bring your filled boxes to the church on or before **Collection Sunday, November 22, 2026.** A donation of $10.00 is **suggested** to help defray shipping costs. 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!

PRAY AND WORSHIP

AMONG THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY:

Within Our Church Family: *Those who are Grieving:* The Family and Friends of Charles Forbes; The Ramsey family on the passing of Johnny Ramsey; all those who have lost a loved one; *Healing:* Val Follo; Marie Follo; Gayle Knight; JoAnne Muire; Y'Wing Enuol; Barbara McDonald; Robyn Martin; Sandra Myers; Lynette Whittaker; *Surgery and Awaiting Tests:* Ken Quintana (11/18); *Strength & Faith:* Isaac M'lo; Cam Waldron and Y'Josue (military); *Those With Cancer:* Becky Pearce; Tom Patterson; Mike Ballard; Tom Jenkins; *Sustaining and Guidance:* Helen Phillips; Dot Brogan; Patsy Wyatt; Dave Wasserboehr; Jim Baity; Tina Bell Midgett; Terri Hastings; Doris Linker
Extended Church Family: *Grieving:* The Family and Friends of Martha Warren; All those who have lost a loved one; *Cancer:* Brenda Townsend; Jan Soper George; Andrea Long's father; Roger Lewis; Pam Foil; Chip Tanneberger; Wally Jarrell; Freddy Foshay; Heather Ritner; Rachel Gault; Darla Freeman; David Castro; Sarah Lemon; Fay Holliday; Janelle Reichl; Sutton Phillips; Jenny Smith; 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:* Sophia Kaplan; Martina (brain tumor); Michael Patterson (awaiting a heart transplant); *Healing:* Carter; H'Juan Enuol; Jesse McDowell; Terry Suarez; Sharon Forst; Steve Troxler; Jasmine (stroke victim); Kathy McFillin; Heather Taylor; *Strength and Guidance:* Joel Liebling; Martha Mendez; Janel Doles; Stella Hall; R.D. Hall; Linda & John Cook; Connie Reynolds; Joe Pedalino; Ray Suarez; Jim Eldrett; 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



Last week in worship we looked at a Scripture from the Ephesians, Chapter 3, and talked about how God wants to offer human beings a kind of spiritual stem cell transplant, in which we allow parts of our old self to die, and welcome the Spirit of Christ to live in us and to transform us. Today as we praise and worship God we will be sharing in a follow-up message from Ephesians, Chapter 4, which describes what that transformed life looks like: it includes speaking the truth, letting go of anger and evil words, and embracing forgiveness. As those who have experienced God's forgiveness, and who have God's forgiving life living inside of us, we are called to imitate God and to be a gracious, forgiving people.

Today's Scripture:
Ephesians 4:1-2, 22-32; 5:1-2 (NRSVce)

"I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love . . . You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

NOTES:

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 15
Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Coffee with the Pastors in the Parlor after Worship
Breakfast Bunch at the New Garden Lowes Foods at 9:45am
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
Church Council in Room A4 at 3:00pm
Charge Conference in the Sanctuary at 4:00pm
Youth Group (Grades 7-12) in Room C11 from 5:00-7:00pm
SnYP Bible Study (Navigators) in the Hilltop Room at 6:00pm

Monday, November 16
Scouts in the Children's Building in the evening
NA in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm

Tuesday, November 17
JOY Book Club in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm
Girl Scout Troop 30018 in Room C10 at 6:00pm
Women's Bible Study: Colossians & Philemon via Zoom at 6:00pm
Handbells Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 6:30pm
Finance Committee in Room A4 at 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 18
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, November 19
Thriving at Three in Room C14 at 10:00am
Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall from 1:30 – 6:00pm
Stephen Ministry Supervision in Room A4 at 6:00pm
Stephen Ministry Training in the Rock at 6:00pm
NarAnon in Room A2 at 7:00pm

Friday, November 20
Youth Group departs for their Fall Retreat, meet at 5:30pm

Sunday, November 22
Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Due
Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
William Mangum speaking in Fellowship Hall at 9:45am
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am
Girl Scouts in Room C1 at 3:45pm
Youth Group returns from their Fall Retreat
Brazos Abiertos: Pan in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00pm
SnYP Bible Study (Navigators) in the Hilltop Room at 6:00pm

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November 15, 2026 – 8:30 & 11:00am

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude
Ginny Williamson

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship
Song of Thanksgiving
GCUMC Handbell Team

Greetings & Welcome
Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

Opening Prayer

^Fellowship Greeting & Opening Hymn
Since Jesus Came into My Heart, TFWS #2140, vs. 1 - 4

WE PRAISE GOD AND PRAY

Offering

Offertory
How Firm a Foundation with Simple Gifts
GCUMC Handbell Team

Children's Message (11am 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.

Prayer Concerns & Call to Prayer
More Love to Thee, O Christ, UMH #452, vs. 1, 2

Prayers of the People &
The Lord's Prayer

^ = Please stand as you are able.