^Scripture Reading
Deuteronomy 8: 1-18 NIV

Sermon Message
Remember the Lord and Be Grateful
Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

^Sending Hymn
Now Thank We All Our God, UMH #102

^Dedication of the OCC Boxes

^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 **December 20th** 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:

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CONNECT AND GROW

FRIENDSGIVING

Young Adult and Connectional Ministries is hosting Friendsgiving! All college students, Students & Young Professionals (SnYP), Navigators Bible Study, Messy Bun Book Club members or Breakfast Bunch are invited to join in Friendsgiving following worship on November 29th. Other young adults who are curious about our ministries and groups are invited too! We will meet for a potluck style lunch, games and fellowship in The Rock. Bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. Turkey and ham will be provided. Kids are welcome- bring the fam! Let's celebrate with an afternoon of friendship, connection and gratitude.

WEDNESDAY WELCOME TABLE MEAL

Join us for our Wednesday Welcome Table meal on Wednesday, December 2nd, beginning at 5:45pm in the Fellowship Hall. The suggested donation for the meal is $8. The menu for the evening will be Chicken Pot Pie, a side, Salad bar and Dessert.
*Join us on December 9th for a special festive Christmas themed Wednesday Welcome Table dinner with music.

ADVENT FESTIVAL FOR ALL AGES

Sunday, December 6 – 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Fun and festive activities for all ages! Advent wreaths, crafts, creative art, games, cake walk, goodies, hot chocolate bar, music and more! As you are able, bring a tray of your favorite cookies or goodies along with a copy of the recipe for a recipe exchange. Bring friends for this fun afternoon as we prepare for the birth of Christ in our hearts and homes!

PRAY AND WORSHIP

AMONG THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY

Within Our Church Family: Those who are Grieving: The Family and Friends of Doris Linker; 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: Ken Quintana; Marie and Val Follo; JoAnne Muire; Y'Wing Enuol; Lynette Whittaker; Surgery and Awaiting Tests: Terry Weatherford (11/25); Marjorie Liles; Gayle Knight; Jennifer Hernandez (12/7); Dave Wasserboehr (12/11); Strength & Faith: Gina Murphy; Isaac M'lo; Cam Waldron and Y'Josue (military); Those With Cancer: Tom Patterson; Mike Ballard; Tom Jenkins; Sustaining and Guidance: Helen Phillips; Dot Brogan; Patsy Wyatt; Jim Baity; Tina Bell Midgett; Terri Hastings

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; Marilu Pereira; 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: Michael Patterson (awaiting a heart transplant); Healing: Landon Cottrell (Barbara Price's grandson recovering after brain surgery); Debra Owens; Joan Williams; Allen Stanton; Jesse McDowell; Sharon Forst; Steve Troxler; Kathy McFillin; Heather Taylor; Strength and Guidance: Connie Reynolds; Joe Pedalino; Ray Suarez; Jim Eldrett; Lisa T. (employment); Linda and John Cook; Janet Doles; Joel Liebling; Martha Mendoza; 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

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.

GCUMC 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR ACTUAL:

Amount received for budget as of 10/31/26:	$ 1,005,919
Expenses as of 10/31/26:	1,040,097
Difference:	($ 34,178)

MAKING YOUR 2027 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.

SILENT AUCTION

The Families in Transitions team will sponsor a silent auction in the lobby of the fellowship hall during the Wednesday Welcome Table on **December 2nd**. The silent auction features donated items that are outside the guidelines of what is provided for incoming families. Be prepared to be surprised by the beautiful donations – several are collectors' items. Listed here just a few: Christmas dishes by Spode, Vintage banana split dishes, Lodge Slow Cooker, Eddie Bauer twin blow-up bed, Crystal goblets, Key Largo platter, Set of white Mikasa China, a pink and white bathroom set and lots more! All donations at the Silent Auction will help buy beds for Families in Transition. For more information, Jimmy Stimpson: rstimpson22@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS HONOR CARDS

Our church offers two different honor cards for sale to support local organizations during the holiday season. Cards are $5 each.
The 2026 Greensboro Urban Ministry honor card is titled "The Light Beyond the Pane".
The 2026 Community Housing Solutions card features art by William Mangum.
When you give a Holiday Honor Card, you help provide meals, groceries, shelter, and support for neighbors facing hunger and housing insecurity.
Questions, please contact Pastor Susan
ssuarezwebster@guilfordcollegeumc.org

GIVING TREE

Please come by the Information Center and get an ornament off the Giving Tree, then purchase a gift and gift card as described on the tag, place in a gift bag and drop off (near Pastor Susan's office) by December 11. Your participation will allow Senior adults at Partnership Village, students in the Backpack ministry and students at Newcomers School to receive a Christmas gift this year. Thank you for thinking of others at this time when we celebrate Christ's birth.

SERVICE NOTES



Today in worship we will look at the theme of thanksgiving and praise to God. Looking at Deuteronomy, we will likely be able to identify with Moses' words of encouragement to God's people before they crossed over into the promised land. Moses cautioned them to continue to observe the commands of the Lord and walk in obedience. We should be careful to not forget how things were in the past, and how God always provides for his people even in the most trying times. Although they were going to a place of abundance, they were warned not take it for granted, or become arrogant, instead always be grateful and thank the Lord for all that is provided. Let us enter into an attitude of thankfulness as we approach the Thanksgiving holiday and remember that everything we have comes from God.

Today's Scripture:
Deuteronomy 8:1-18
Key verses: Deut. 8:1-2, 10-14

"Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands….
When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."

NOTES:

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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

Monday, November 23
Scouts in the Children's Building and Fellowship Hall in the evening
NA in the Rock at 7:00pm

Tuesday, November 24
Church Council in Room A4 at 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 25
New Direction Nar-Anon Family Group in Room A2 at Noon
Church Office will close at 2pm

Thursday, November 26 – Thanksgiving Day
Church Office Closed

Friday, November 27
Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 29
Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am
Young Adult Ministries Friendsgiving in the Rock at 12:30pm
Youth Group (Grades 7-12) in Room C11 from 5:00-7:00pm

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Guilford College United Methodist Church

November 22, 2026 – 8:30 & 11:00am

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of our parents: Frank & Annabelle Vanstory and John Lloyd & Maurine Privette, Sr., by Jack and Nancy Vanstory.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude
Ginny Williamson

Chiming of the Hour

Greetings & Welcome
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

Opening Prayer

^Fellowship Greeting & Opening Hymn
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come, UMH #694

WE PRAISE GOD AND PRAY

Responsive Litany of Thanksgiving
with ***Give Thanks, TFWS #2036***
Laurin Allred

Children's Message
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
We Gather Together
GCUMC Chancel Choir

Prayer of the People &
The Lord's Prayer

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Introduction to the Scripture Reading
Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

^ = Please stand as you are able.