

# WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Introduction to the Scripture Reading  
Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

^Scripture Reading  
Ephesians 2:11-22 (NRSVue)

Sermon Message  
*No Longer A Stranger*  
Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

# WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

^Sending Hymn  
*Christ Has Broken Down the Wall*

^Next Steps

^Dedication of OCC Shoeboxes

^Benediction

Postlude

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of her father, Stephen, and her cousin, Ben, by Mary Derbyshire.

# 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. **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 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.

## 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 14th** 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](http://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](http://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 FINANCIAL REPORT Through October 31, 2025

### Year to date Operating Budget surplus/deficit analysis:

Amount received for budget as of 10/31/25: \$ 955,279.83  
Expenses as of 10/31/25: 977,616.64  
Difference: (\$ 22,336.81)



| 2026 Pledge Update | As Of Nov. 18th | Goal        |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Pledges Received   | 197             | 217         |
| Pledge Dollars     | \$980,738       | \$1,085,000 |

If you have not yet returned your 2026 Financial and Serving Commitment cards to the church office you can access the forms on our church website or pick up the forms in the Narthex. Every Heart Matters, Every Gift Counts!

# CONNECT

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT MEALS

Join us at 5:45pm on Wednesday, December 3 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. **Dec. 3 menu:** Baked ziti, garlic bread, tossed salad and dessert

## YOUNG ADULTS & COLLEGE FRIENDSGIVING TONIGHT

We are gathering in gratitude for our connection on November 23rd at 5:00pm in Room C1. If you’re a young adult or involved in Students & Young Professionals (SnYP), Messy Bun Book Club, Navigators Sunday School, Breakfast Bunch, or part of our college ministry we hope to see you. Spouses, friends and kids are also welcome. Bring a dish to share.



We will use poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary each Sunday of December. If you would like to order one in memory or in honor of someone, please fill out an order form and return it to the church office by November 30. The cost is \$12 per poinsettia. Order forms can be obtained in the Narthex or Information Center at the church.

# GROW

## DISCIPLE SCHOOL

Join us as we continue to go deeper in our Bible Year readings with Pastor Jeremy on Wed., Dec. 3rd in the Sanctuary at 6:45pm. We will be focusing on the writings of the Apostle Paul.

## JOURNEY GROUP LEADERSHIP 2026

Might you be feeling called to lead or co-lead a group? Leading a Journey Group is a one-year commitment to facilitate a small group of folks that meet weekly or bi-weekly. Journey Groups look at a Bible passage and discussion questions, share life updates, and pray for each other each session. Considering leadership? Contact Laurin through the church office.

# PRAY

## AMONG THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY:

**Within Our Church Family:** **Those who are Grieving:** To the family and friends of Carole Stevens; Sandy Pearman’s family and friends on the passing of her husband, Jamie; all those who have lost a loved one; **Healing:** Gayle Class; David Long; Vicki Kidd; Barbara Jones; Scott Blackwell; Kathy Graham; Suzy Padgett; Barbara Jones; Dave Wasserboehr; **Strength & Faith:** Dot Brogan; Helen Phillips; **Surgery or Tests:** Tom Jenkins (11/25); Gina Murphy (12/5); Marjorie Liles (MRI results, surgery pending); **Those With Cancer:** Tom Jenkins; Greg Matthews; Lisa Hodges; **Sustaining and Guidance:** Harold Eagle; Harold Proctor; Doris Linker; Patsy Wyatt; Nancy and Jim Baity; Bill Blyshak; Tina Bell Midgett; Terri Hastings; Y’Josue M’lo (military service in Germany)

**Extended Church Family:** **Grieving:** The Family and Friends of Gary Vaderson (Ann Sykes’ brother-in-law); all who are grieving and need comfort; **Cancer:** Wayne Sykes; Carol Andrews Little; Tammy Smith; Emily; Harrison Henry Brooks; Alex Brylske; Billy Carey; Jim Cashman; Joanne Burgener; Ron Moser; Debra Rutt; Shilah George; Shannon Wilson; Sammy Williams; Azalea Marbury; Judy Journey; Tammy Strickland; Jerri Ramsey; **Surgery and Awaiting Test Results:** Joel Ritter; Baby Laurel Richart; Nancy Carver **Healing:** Nick King; Beth Morgan; Scott Elson (bad burn); Lois Watson; Nancy Williams (Sandy Pearman’s mother); Deb Street (recovering after hip surgery); Don Shuff; Pat Whitt (Marjorie Liles’ sister); Tom Winger (Cheryl Bullard’s brother); Lynn Bowman; Peggy Conaway; Alannah Romano; **Strength and Guidance:** Fay Barrett and Family; Kathy Williams; Jim Eldrett; Sammy Rodriguez (military in Cuba); Kenneth Briggs (hospice); Christopher Blyshak; Y’Suan Mlo and H’Lai, H’Jina, H’Sally, Bunlim and Darwin Leng (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, all those who are recovering from Hurricane Melissa

SERVICE NOTES



During 2025, we have dedicated ourselves to the yearlong series called “The Bible Year,” in which we have been reading through the entire Bible. With just six Sundays left in 2025, we are now reading the epistles written by Paul. Today’s message is taken from Ephesians. Ephesus was a multiethnic city, there were Egyptians, Persians, Romans, Syrians and others living there. As Gentile believers came into the house churches, there was some tension created between them with the Jewish believers. Paul writes to express how Christ has taken away the barriers and that through the cross of Jesus all people are invited into reconciliation with God. In Christ, we are fellow citizens and members of God’s family.

Today's Scripture:  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
KEY VERSES:

*14 For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, 15 abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, 16 and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. 17 So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, 18 for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God...*

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

|         |                                      |                            |
|---------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Day 327 | Sunday, November 23 <sup>rd</sup>    | Ephesians 3:1 – 4:32       |
| Day 328 | Monday, November 24 <sup>th</sup>    | Ephesians 5:1 – 6:24       |
| Day 329 | Tuesday, November 25 <sup>th</sup>   | Philippians 1:1 – 2:30     |
| Day 330 | Wednesday, November 26 <sup>th</sup> | Philippians 3:1 – 4:23     |
| Day 331 | Thursday, November 27 <sup>th</sup>  | Colossians 1:1 – 2:23      |
| Day 332 | Friday, November 28 <sup>th</sup>    | Colossians 3:1 – 4:18      |
| Day 333 | Saturday, November 29 <sup>th</sup>  | I Thessalonians 1:1 – 3:13 |
| Day 334 | Sunday, November 30 <sup>th</sup>    | I Thessalonians 4:1 – 5:28 |

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

**Sunday, November 23**  
Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am  
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am  
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am  
Youth return from Fall Retreat around 2:30pm  
Young Adult Friendsgiving in Room C1 at 5:00pm

**Monday, November 24**  
Scouts in the Children’s Building in the evening  
NA in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm

**Tuesday, November 25**  
Handbell Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 6:30pm

**Wednesday, November 26**  
New Direction Nar-Anon Family Group in Room A2 at Noon  
Mid-week Prayer Time in the Parlor at Noon  
**Church Office closing at 2:00pm**

**Thursday, November 27 – Happy Thanksgiving!**  
**Church Office Closed**  
NarAnon in Room A2 at 7:00pm

**Friday, November 28**  
**Church Office Closed**

**Sunday, November 30**  
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

CONTACT US

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GCUMC STAFF

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| <b>Andrés Pérez</b> , Student Assoc. Minister          | <b>Donna Ford</b> , Dir. of Christian Education  |
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| <b>Shelby Hallquist</b> , Dir. Pre- & AfterSchool      | <b>Melanie Crump</b> , Director of Music         |
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| <b>Carol Ingram</b> , Administrative Assist.           | <b>Gloria Brown</b> , Financial Director         |
| <b>Christina &amp; Michael Hull</b> , WNO Coordinators |                                                  |

**Guilford College**  
**United Methodist Church**  
**November 23, 2025 – 8:30 & 11:00am**

WE GATHER TOGETHER

**Prelude**  
Ginny Williamson

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Call to Worship**  
*Come Ye Thankful People Come*  
GCUMC Chancel Choir

**Welcome, Praises & Opening Prayer**  
Andrés Pérez

**^Fellowship Greeting + Opening Hymn**  
Now Thank We All Our God, UMH #102

WE PRAISE GOD AND PRAY

**Children's Message**  
Donna Ford

\*At the 11am worship celebration, Children in Grades K-6 may exit for Children's Worship on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Children's building. They can be picked up from the church Parlor after 11am worship.

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

**Offering**  
Laurin Allred

**Offertory**  
*Now Be Thankful*  
Tony Steen

**Prayers of the People**  
**& The Lord's Prayer**  
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

^ = *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.