^Carol
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, UMH #218, vs. 1, 2

^Scripture Reading
2 Kings 6:8-9, 11-17
John 1: 45-51 (NRSVue)

Sermon Message
Seeing Angels
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

^Sending Hymn
Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place
UMH #328

^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:

GCUMC

CONNECT AND GROW

PASTOR JEREMY'S DISCIPLE SCHOOL

The final Disciple School for 2026 will be held on December 2nd. Pastor Jeremy will offer his Disciple School 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.

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 – 4:00-6:00pm 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 Betty Kirkman; The Family and Friends of Doris Linker; Lettie Cobb on the passing of her brother, R.D. Hall; Jody Aguilar on the passing of her father, Martin Newton; all those who have lost a loved one; Healing: Terry Weatherford; Ken Quintana; Carrie Gowen; Marie and Val Follo; Joanne Muire; Y'Wing Enuol; Lynette Whittaker; Surgery and Awaiting Tests: Marjorie Liles; Gayle Knight; Jennifer Hernandez (12/7); Dave Wasserboehr (12/11); Barbara McDonald (surgery 12/22); Strength & Faith: Isaac M'lo; Cam Waldron and Y'Josue (military); Those With Cancer: Tom Patterson; Mike Ballard; Tom Jenkins; Sustaining and Guidance: Gina Murphy; 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; 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, contact 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 entitled "The Light Beyond the Pane".
The 2026 Community Housing Solutions card features art by William Mangum entitled "A Place to Call Home".
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



A SERMON SERIES FOR ADVENT 2026

Today marks the first Sunday in the Christian season of Advent. The word "Advent" means "Coming." Advent is a season of four Sundays in which we prepare for the "coming" of God to us in Christ on Christmas. During Advent we not only prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, but we also look forward to the eventual "coming" of Christ's final victory. This Advent we are sharing in a sermon series called "Angels Among Us," in which we are looking at what the Bible says about angels, particularly in the stories surrounding Christmas. We are going to be asking questions like, "Just who or what are angels? Are they really real? In the Bible what do angels look like, and what do they do? What do they teach us about God and how God works in the world? And are angels still present today?" Our hope is that by studying God's messengers, we will be drawn closer to God: and that by listening to those who first brought the good news of Christ's birth, we will better comprehend the full meaning of Christmas.

Painting, "Angels" by Kathleen Peterson

Today's Scriptures:
2 Kings 6: 8-9, 11-17 / John 1: 45-51

KEY VERSES:

"When an attendant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. Elisha's servant said, "Alas, master! What shall we do?" He replied, "Do not be afraid, for there are more with us than there are with them." Then Elisha prayed, "O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see." So the Lord opened the eyes of the servant, and he saw; the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

"Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

NOTES:

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 29 – First Sunday of Advent
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

Monday, November 30
Scouts in the Children's Building and Fellowship Hall in the evening
NA in the Rock at 7:00pm

Tuesday, December 1
Girl Scout Troop 30018 in Room C10 at 6:00pm
Handbells Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 2
New Direction Nar-Anon Family Group in Room A2 at Noon
Mid-week Prayer Time in the Parlor at Noon
Silent Auction in the Fellowship Hall lobby from 5:30 until 6:45pm
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 in the Fellowship Hall 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, December 3
Desayuno de Damas in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am
Stephen Ministry Training in the Rock at 6:00pm
NarAnon in Room A2 at 7:00pm

Sunday, December 6 – Second Sunday of Advent
Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am
Girl Scouts in Room C14 at 3:45pm
Advent Festival in the Fellowship Hall from 4:00 until 6:00pm
Brazos Abiertos: Pan in Room C1 at 5:00pm
Youth Group (Grades 7-12) in Room C11 from 5:00-7:00pm

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Guilford College United Methodist Church

November 29, 2026 – 8:30 & 11:00am

The flowers for the altar are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary by Randy and Susan Marshall.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude
Ginny Williamson

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Praises and Opening Prayer
Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

^Fellowship Greeting & Opening Hymn
Hail to The Lord's Anointed, UMH #203

WE PRAISE GOD AND PRAY

^Unison Prayer for Advent, UMH #201
Wilder Rodriguez Santos

Lighting of the Advent Candles (HOPE)
Laurin Allred (8:30)/Donna Ford (11:00)
*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.

Hymn
O Come, O Come Emmanuel, UMH #211, vs. 1

Offering + Offertory
Bring us Hope
GCUMC Chancel Choir

Prayer of the People &
The Lord's Prayer

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Introduction to the Scripture Reading and
Sermon Series: *Angels Among Us*
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

^ = Please stand as you are able.