

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

^Sending Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name, UMH #154, vs. 1, 4-6

^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.

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 January 11 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, 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 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.

IMPORTANT YEAR-END DONATION INFORMATION

We are grateful for your faithful tithes and offerings this year, and want to make sure you know some important information for your year-end gift. All contributions for 2025 must be received in the church office by Wednesday, December 31, or postmarked by that day. A good way to ensure your contributions are processed before the end of the year is to consider making an online gift through our church website at www.guilfordcollegeumc.org, texting GiveGCUMC to 73256, or by scanning the GCUMC QR code in this bulletin.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Volunteers needed on Saturday, January 24th from 9am to 12pm to pack 10,000 meals. These nutritious meals will be sent to places in the world where food is scarce. Please plan to join us. Look for sign ups and further details in 2026!

CONNECT

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.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE INVITATION

Greensboro Korean UMC is celebrating their 45th anniversary with a concert. The Methodist Theological University Choir from Seoul, South Korea will be performing at Greensboro Korean United Methodist Church on January 8th 2026 at 7 pm. Admission is free. Greensboro Korean UMC is located at 2504 E. Woodlyn Way, GSO, 27407.

GREENSBORO SWARM OUTING

Friends & Family of Guilford College United Methodist Church will be going to see the Greensboro Swarm as they play the Osceola Magic Knicks on Saturday, January 17th at 6pm at the Novant Fieldhouse. Visit our website to purchase discounted tickets. For any additional information, contact Tim Moore: TimMoore753@gmail.com.

POINSETTIAS

Thank you to all who donated Poinsettias to decorate our Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one. You may take your purchased Poinsettia home with you to enjoy after our worship service.



2026 FLOWER CALENDAR

Would you like to donate flowers to be used on the altar during worship services in 2026? If so, you can sign up on the calendar located on the bulletin board in the main office hallway. We appreciate all who have donated flowers in the past.

PRAY

AMONG THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY:

Within Our Church Family: **Those who are Grieving:** The Family and Friends of Harold Proctor; The Family and Friends of Bobbi Peabody; H’Juan on the passing of her brother in Vietnam; all those who have lost a loved one; **Healing:** Parran Crump; Greg Matthews; Lee Hicks; Lynn Wall; David Saunders; Carla Sutton; Vicki Kidd; Scott Blackwell; Kathy Graham; Suzy Padgett; Dave Wasserboehr; **Strength & Faith:** Dot Brogan; Helen Phillips; David Ward; **Surgery or Tests:** Bryan Cobb (back surgery 1/7); Marilyn Radley (hip surgery 1/9); **Those With Cancer:** Tom Jenkins; Greg Matthews; Lisa Hodges; **Sustaining and Guidance:** Harold Eagle; Doris Linker; Patsy Wyatt; Nancy and Jim Baity; Bill Blyshak; Tina Bell Midgett; Terri Hastings; Y’Josue M’lo (military service in Germany); our immigrant community

Extended Church Family: **Grieving:** The Family and Friends of Mary Kathryn Wells (Carolyn Campbell’s sister); The Family and Friends of Brooklyn Snider; The Family and Friends of Jerri Ramsey; The Friends and Family of Officer Mike Horan; The family of Sgt. Dale Nix; **Cancer:** Donna Bataille; Tim Vail; Carol Andrews Little; Nancy Carver; Tammy Smith; Emily; Harrison Henry Brooks; Billy Carey; Jim Cashman; Joanne Burgener; Ron Moser; Debra Rutt; Shilah George; Shannon Wilson; Sammy Williams; Azalea Marbury; Judy Journey; Tammy Strickland; **Surgery and Awaiting Test Results:** Sarah Lemon; Oliver Burns; Joel Ritter; **Healing:** Jim Eldrett; Victoria Pigford; Nick King; Baby Grayson Vazquez (born prematurely); Heather Taylor; Beth Morgan; Pat Whitt (Marjorie Liles’ sister); Peggy Conaway; Alannah Romano; **Strength and Guidance:** Azuruni Joseph (Rashidi’s brother and family who escaped from Congo to Burundi); Lorraine Sandknop (hospice); Christy Lloyd; Kathy Williams; Kenneth Briggs (hospice); Christopher Blyshak; Y’Suan Mlo and H’Lai, H’Jina, H’Sally, Bunlim and Darwin Leng (strength during the resettlement process); our ministry partners in Kenya; **Missionaries:** Liz and David Gamble; **World:** all who suffer from war, famine, drought and natural disasters;

SERVICE NOTES

Merry Christmas! Today we light our Christ Candle and sing with joy to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ as our Brother, our King, our Savior, and the Son of God: God-With-Us. Let us not rush too quickly past the celebrations of Christmas to whatever comes next; the meaning of Christmas Day is meant to carry over into a season of rejoicing over God’s amazing gift of Christ. So today we linger beside the manger, lost in wonder, love, and praise. Today we also approach the end of our epic journey through The Bible Year, in which we have been reading the Bible from cover to cover together. We plan to conclude The Bible Year next Sunday. The focus of our message today will be on the last book of the Bible, and perhaps also the most misunderstood - the Book of Revelation.



Today's Scripture:
Revelation 7:9-17; 19:4-6 (NRSV)
KEY VERSES:

“⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” . . . ⁴ And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who is seated on the throne, saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!” ⁵ And from the throne came a voice saying, “Praise our God, all you his servants, and all who fear him, small and great.” ⁶ Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.”

FINAL READINGS IN THE BIBLE YEAR!

Day 362	Sunday, December 28 th	Revelation 12:1 – 14:20
Day 363	Monday, December 29 th	Revelation 15:1 – 17:18
Day 364	Tuesday, December 30 th	Revelation 18:1 – 20:15
Day 365	Wednesday, December 31 st	Revelation 21:1 – 22:21

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 28
Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am (No Children’s Sunday School)
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am

Monday, December 29
Church Office Open 9:00am – 5:00pm
NA in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm

Tuesday, December 30
Church Office Open 9:00am – 5:00pm

Wednesday, December 31
Church Office Open 9:00am – 4:00pm

Thursday, January 1, 2026
Church Office Closed

Friday, January 2
Church Office Open 9:00am – 2:00pm

Sunday, January 4
Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am (No Children’s Sunday School)
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am
Brazos Abiertos: Pan in Room C1 at 5:00pm
UMYF (Grades 7-12) in Rooms C10 & C11 from 5:00 -7:00pm
Building Team meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm

HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
The church office will be closed on January 1 for New Year’s Day. Happy New Year 2026!

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Guilford College
United Methodist Church
December 28, 2025 – 8:30 & 11:00am

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude/Announcement Loop

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Praises & Opening Prayer
Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

^Fellowship Greeting & Opening Hymn
Go Tell It On the Mountain, UMH #251

WE PRAISE GOD AND PRAY

Lighting of the Advent & Christ Candles
Laurin Allred

Unison Prayer

Hymn
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice, UMH #224

Offering & Offertory Anthem
Robyn Martin, Organ

Prayers of the People
& The Lord’s Prayer

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Introduction to the Scripture Reading
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

^Scripture Reading
Revelation 7:9-17, 19:4-6 (NRSV)

Sermon
“The Last Word ”
Rev. Jeremy Troxler