

Sermon

“Where Christ Waits”

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WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

^Sending Hymn

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service, UMH #581

^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 February 15th** 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.

SILENT AUCTION TO BENEFIT KENYA TEAM

The Refugee /Transitions room will sponsor a silent auction in the fellowship hall during the Kenya Team's Wednesday Welcome Table meal on Ash Wednesday February 18. 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 many beautiful items. All donations at the silent auction will benefit the Kenya Team's ministries. Cash & Check Only.

BLOOD DRIVE

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, February 19 from 1:30-6:00pm. Please sign up to give the gift of life at www.redcrossblood.org.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Volunteers of all ages are needed on Saturday, February 21st from 9am to 12pm in the Fellowship Hall to pack 17,000 meals. These nutritious meals will be sent to places where food is scarce. Please plan to join us. Please register online through the LINK email or the church website.

GROW

JOURNEY GROUP KICKOFF TODAY

All members of our groups are invited to attend a Kickoff Celebration this afternoon from 4:00-6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

If you are interested in joining a group, reach out to Laurin Allred, lallred@guilfordcollegeumc.org. Laurin is always happy to talk with you!

APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR COLEMAN MINISTRY GRANTS

This past fall, GCUMC received a very generous bequest gift from the estate of Lt. Colonel James Arthur Coleman. Our Church Council has decided to make these funds available in the form of potential grants that would support new ministries or serve to strengthen the overall mission of the church. The application to request a grant can be found on our Church's Website under the “Give” tab, and can also be picked up in the church office. Ministry areas, church committees, and groups within the congregation are invited to apply. Applications for the first round of grants will be received by the GCUMC Endowment Committee through Friday, March 13th, with recommendations made to the Church Council at the end of April. Questions? Contact Bonnie Burkett at bburkett@triad.rr.com.

CONNECT

THE WEDNESDAY WELCOME TABLE

Our weekly Wednesday night meal is back, but it has a new name! The **Wednesday Welcome Table** will continue to feature a quality meal for the **low price of \$7**, and is intended to be a ministry not only for members of our church but also for folks from our community – anyone who is hungry for good food and holy friendship. Join us in the Fellowship Hall from 5:45 – 6:40pm. Come eat together and welcome one another in Jesus' name. **Feb. 18 (Ash Wednesday)- Fundraiser for the Kenya Mission Team*** Menu - Pancakes, Sausage and Fruit
*Donations accepted in any amount.

PRAY AND WORSHIP

ASH WEDNESDAY - Wednesday, February 18

-Miercoles de Ceniza - Servicio de cenizas con Brazos Abiertos, Santuario al mediodía.
-Drive up Ashes - The pastors will greet individuals in their cars under the portico to administer ashes from 12:30 -1:00pm.
-Ash Wednesday Service of Worship - Join us in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm as we enter into the Season of Lent and reflect on our human mortality and redemption through Jesus Christ. This service sets the tone for our Lenten Journey.

LENTEN SERVICES AND LUNCH

The Western Guilford Missional Network invites you to the Lenten Worship series which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th. Each Wednesday during Lent the service will be in one of the Missional Network churches at noon with a light lunch following the service.
February 18 @ Zion Hill UMC Rev. Michael Flack preaching
February 25 @ Raleigh's Crossroads UMC Rev. Steven Shytle preaching

AMONG THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY:

Within Our Church Family: **Those who are Grieving:** The Family and Friends of Max Ballinger; Lewis Wilson on the passing of his sister, Nickey Hart; all those who have lost a loved one; **Healing:** Scott Blackwell; Cathy Pierce; Bonnie Burkett; Donna Garcia; Marilyn Radley; Pat Hempfling; Carla Sutton; Kathy Graham; Marjorie Liles; **Surgery and Awaiting Tests:** Mike Ballard; Dave Wasserboehr **Strength & Faith:** John McIntosh; Betty Kirkman; Helen Phillips; **Those With Cancer:** Tom Jenkins; Greg Matthews; Lisa Hodges; **Sustaining and Guidance:** Harold Eagle; Doris Linker; Patsy Wyatt; Nancy and Jim Baity; Katherine and Charles Forbes; Ellen Lancaster; 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 David Robertson; The Family and Friends of Nancy Carver; **Cancer:** Sarah Lemon; Fay Holliday; Carla Morgan; Donna Battaille; Tim Vail; Carol Andrews Little; 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:** Joel Ritter; **Healing:** Wayne Ledbetter; John Stauffer; Bo Sinkler; Heather Taylor; Pat Whitt (Marjorie Liles' sister); Peggy Conaway; Alannah Romano; **Strength and Guidance:** Jim Eldrett; Joan Hartman; 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); **Missionaries:** Liz and David Gamble; **World:** our ministry partners in Kenya; all who suffer from war, famine, drought and natural disasters

SERMON NOTES

This Sunday we continue our series on the Means of Grace by exploring one of the most challenging and beautiful teachings of Jesus. In Matthew 25, Christ reveals that he meets us not only at the table of communion, but in neighbors who are hungry, sick, or imprisoned. What if visiting and helping those in need is not just an act of kindness—but a place where God forms us and gives us grace? Join us as we reflect on how works of mercy become encounters with Christ himself.



The Christ of the Breadlines by Fritz Eichenberg (1951)

Today's Scripture:
Matthew 25:31–46 (NRSVACE)

Key Verse / Focus:
“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these... you did it to me.” (Matthew 25:40)

NOTES:

GCUMC STAFF

Jeremy Troxler, Lead Pastor
Andrés Pérez, Student Assoc. Minister
Randy Wall, Dir. of Youth & College Min.
Shelby Hallquist, Dir. Pre- & AfterSchool
Ginny Williamson, Accompanist
Carol Ingram, Administrative Assist.
Christina & Michael Hull, WWT Coordinators

Susan Suárez Webster, Pastor
Donna Ford, Dir. of Christian Education
Laurin Allred, Young Adult & Connections
Melanie Crump, Director of Music
Amy Wall, Church Administrator
Gloria Brown, Financial Director

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 15
Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Coffee with the Pastors in the Parlor after Worship
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
Breakfast Bunch at the Highwoods Panera at 9:45am
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am
Coffee with the Pastors in the Parlor after Worship
Journey Group Kickoff in the Fellowship Hall at 4:00pm
Brazos Abiertos: Pan in Room C1 at 5:00pm
UMYF (Grades 7-12) in Rooms C10 & C11 from 5:00 -7:00pm

Monday, February 16
Scouts in the Children’s Building in the evening
NA in the Rock/FH at 7:00pm

Tuesday, February 17
Women’s Bible Study: Revelation via Zoom at 6:00pm
Girl Scout Troop 30018 in Room C10 at 6:00pm
Finance Committee in Room A4 at 6:30pm
Handbells Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 6:30pm

Wednesday, February 18 – Ash Wednesday
Women’s Bible Study: Revelation in Room A4 and via Zoom at 9:30am
New Direction Nar-Anon Family Group in Room A2 at Noon
Lenten Service and Lunch w/ Missional Network at Zion Hill UMC at Noon
Servicio de cenizas con Brazos Abiertos, santuario al mediodía
Drive Up Ashes at the Portico from 12:30 - 1:00pm
Pancake meal fundraiser for Kenya Team in the FH from 5:45 – 6:40pm
Silent Auction Fundraiser for Kenya Team in Fellowship Hall 5:45 – 6:30pm
Kids’ Music Club in the Choir Room from 6:10 – 6:40pm
ESOL in Room B6 from 6:30 – 7:45pm
Faith Files/Faith Friends Rooms C13, C14 & C15 from 6:45 - 7:45pm
SnYP in Hilltop Room from 6:45 – 7:45pm
Youth Fun Night meet on the back field from 6:45 - 7:45pm
Ash Wednesday Worship Service in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm
Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room after the Ash Wed. service

Thursday, February 19
Red Cross Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall from 2:00-6:30PM
Stephen Ministry Meeting Rooms A4 & A6 at 6:00pm
Nar-Anon in Room A2 at 7:00pm

Saturday, February 21
Rise Against Hunger in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 – 11:30am

Sunday, February 22
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
Girl Scouts in the Children’s Building in the afternoon
UMYF (Grades 7-12) in Rooms C10 & C11 from 5:00 -7:00pm

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February 15, 2026 – 11:00am

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude
Ginny Williamson

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Praises & Opening Prayer
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

^Fellowship Greeting

WE PRAISE GOD AND SING

^Opening Hymn
Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise, UMH #103

Sacrament of Baptism
Claire Margaret Bright
Kent Scott Bright

^Baptismal Hymn
Jesus Loves Me, UMH #191, vs. 1

Children’s Moment
Donna Ford

*At the 11am worship celebration, 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 11am worship.

Offering
Laurin Allred

Choral Offertory
Who at My Door is Standing

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

^Scripture Reading
Matthew 25:31 – 46 (NRSVACE)