

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Introduction to the Scripture Reading & Sermon Series
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

^Scripture Reading
Mark 11: 11-23 (NIV)

Sermon
"TIME OF TRIAL: The Temple"
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

^Sending Hymn
In Christ Alone, W&S #3105

^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 March 8th** 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.

SERVE BREAKFAST AT POTTER'S HOUSE COMMUNITY KITCHEN

On Saturday, February 28th from 6 am to 8 am, and all other 4th Saturdays going forward. Join the Redfern family to serve breakfast at Greensboro Urban Ministry (305 Gate City Blvd.) For more info contact Justin or Julie Redfern: Julie: 337-353-1773 juliecredfern@gmail.com; Justin: 336-541-0464 justin.redfern@yahoo.com. Carpooling/rides are available.

GROW

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.

DISCIPLE SCHOOL MEETS NEXT ON FEB. 25

All are welcome to join Pastor Jeremy in the sanctuary beginning at 6:45pm for an hour in which we focus on how we can become better followers of Jesus together. Disciple School meets roughly every other week, with future sessions planned for 3/11, 3/25, 4/08, 4/22, & 5/06.

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. 25 Menu** - Meatloaf, home-style Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Rolls, Salad Bar (w/ sliced chicken), Dessert **Kids Meal Option**: Pizza

PRAY AND WORSHIP

LENTEN SERVICES AND LUNCH

The Western Guilford Missional Network invites you to their Lenten Worship series. 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 25 @ Raleigh's Crossroads UMC, Rev. Steven Shytie preaching
March 4 @ Morehead UMC, Rev. Jeremy Troxler preaching
March 11 @ Collins Grove UMC, Rev. Linda Moore preaching
March 18 @ Muirs Chapel UMC, Rev. Carol Manuel preaching
March 25 @ Guilford College UMC, Rev. Kim Troy-Richardson preaching
April 1 @ Greensboro Korean UMC, Rev. Josh Britton preaching

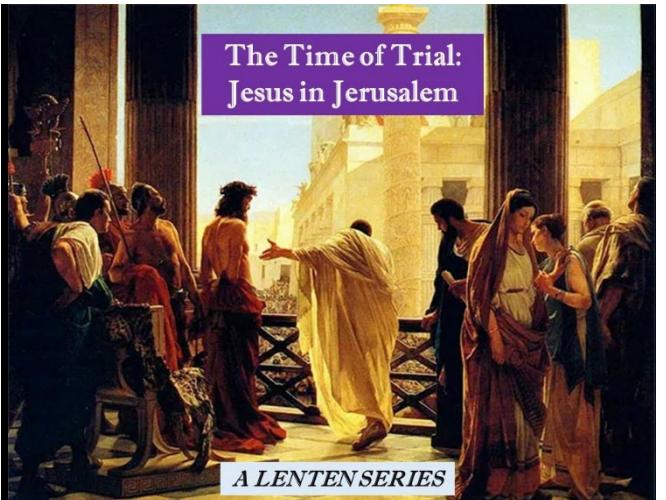
AMONG THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY:

Within Our Church Family: Those who are **Grieving**: Lewis Wilson on the passing of his sister, Nickey Hart; all those who have lost a loved one; **Healing**: Scott Blackwell; Cathy Pierce; Marilyn Radley; Pat Hempling; Carla Sutton; Kathy Graham; Marjorie Liles **Surgery and Awaiting Tests**: Mike Ballard (surgery 3/20); 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; 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 Max Ballinger; 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**: Megan Christy; Wayne Ledbetter; John Stauffer; Bo Sinkler; Heather Taylor; Pat Whitt (Marjorie Liles' sister); Peggy Conaway; Alannah Romano; **Strength and Guidance**: Jim Eldrett; 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

Today is the first Sunday in the Christian season of Lent. Lent is the period of roughly 40 days (plus six Sundays) during which Christians engage in self-examination and repentance as we prepare for the mysteries of Holy Week and Easter. Often during Lent Christians sacrifice something



"Behold the Man" by Antonio Ciseri (1871)

dear to them, or take on a new spiritual practice in order to deepen their relationship with God. Lent is a time of refocus and re-dedication. Today as we begin the season of Lent we also begin a new Lenten sermon series called "Time of Trial – Jesus in Jerusalem." As we journey towards Holy Week, we are going to spend the next few weeks tracing the trials that Jesus endures in the seven days leading up to his death on the cross: including conflicts with the authorities, betrayal by his disciples, and the literal semi-legal trials which result in his death sentence. By doing so, we will not only better understand what Jesus experiences in his last week, but we will also learn how to face our own trials with courage and with the faith of Christ.

Today's Scripture: Mark 11: 11-23 (NIV)

KEY VERSES:

¹⁵ On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, ¹⁶ and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. ¹⁷ And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'" ¹⁸ The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching."

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 Meal 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 22 – 1st Sunday in Lent

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

Kenya Team meeting in Room A7 at 3:00pm

Girl Scouts in the Children's Building in the afternoon

UMYF (Grades 7-12) in Rooms C10 & C11 from 5:00 -7:00pm

Monday, February 23

Cub Scout Celebration in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm

Scouts in the Children's Building in the evening

NA in the Rock at 7:00pm

Tuesday, February 24

Women's Bible Study: Revelation via Zoom at 6:00pm

Handbells Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 6:30pm

Church Council in Room A4 and via Zoom at 6:30pm

Wednesday, February 25

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 & Lunch w/ Missional Network at Raleigh's Crossroads, Noon

Wednesday Welcome Table in the Fellowship Hall from 5:45 – 6:40pm

Kids' Music Club in the Choir Room from 6:10 – 6:40pm

ESOL in Room B6 from 6:30 – 7:45pm

Disciple School in the Sanctuary from 6:45 – 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

Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 7:00pm

Thursday, February 26

Thriving at Three in Room C14 at 10:00am

Girl Scouts in the Children's Building in the evening

Creation Care Team at 6:30pm in Room A4

Invitation Team at 6:30pm in Room A6

NarAnon in Room A2 at 7:00pm

Saturday, February 28

District Lay Servant Training, various rooms from 8:30am – 12:30pm

Cub Scout Pinewood Derby in the Fellowship Hall, morning

Sunday, March 1 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am

Various Learning Groups at 9:45am

Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am

Kenya Team meeting in Room A7 at 12:15pm

Confirmation Class Room C15 from 2:30 – 5:00pm

Brazos Abiertos: Pan in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00pm

UMYF (Grades 7-12) in Rooms C10 & C11 from 5:00 -7:00pm

SnYP Movie Night in the Hilltop Room at 6:30pm

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Guilford College United Methodist Church

February 22, 2026 – 8:30 & 11:00am

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Ginny Williamson

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Praises & Opening Prayer

Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

^Fellowship Greeting

WE PRAISE GOD AND SING

^Opening Hymn

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days, UMH #269

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

Andrés Pérez

Hymn

Only Trust Him, UMH #337

Children's Moment (11am only)

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.

Coleman Ministry Grant Announcement

Bonnie Burkett

Offering

Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

Choral Offertory

Inside Your Kingdom

Prayers of the People

& The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Susan Suárez Webster