

## ^The Lord's Prayer

### Hymn of Preparation

*Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup, UMH #628*

### Sharing Holy Communion

### Choral Anthem

*One Bread, One Body, UMH #620*

### Prayers of the People

Laurin Allred

## WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

### ^Singing Hymn

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken, UMH #614*

### ^Next Steps

Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

### ^Benediction

Rev. Jeremy Troxler

### 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](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:



## GROW

### CELEBRATE THE FORMAL OPENING OF OUR NEW FELLOWSHIP HALL TODAY!

This afternoon, you are invited to return at 4pm for a Service of Dedication in the newly renovated Fellowship Hall. The service will include special music, prayers of thanksgiving and consecration, a message from Pastor Jeremy, and the presence of our new Northern Piedmont District Superintendent, Rev. Rodvegas Ingram. Come celebrate together!

### 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](mailto:bburkett@triad.rr.com).

### JOURNEY GROUP REGISTRATION

Journey Groups are formed of 8-10 folks committed to journeying together for a year in holy friendship, prayer and study. John Wesley referred to these small groups as "class meetings"—and small groups have been a part of our Methodist way from the beginning. If you're feeling led to go deeper in faith and connection this year, please consider a Journey Group. This year there are 12 groups to choose from with a variety of times, days and people. See where you might find your place and register for your group on our church website or see our station in the Information Center for a group listing and registration forms. Questions? [lallred@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:lallred@guilfordcollegeumc.org) Laurin is always happy to talk with you! **JOURNEY GROUP KICKOFF** – All of our groups will attend a kickoff Celebration on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

## CONNECT

### INTRODUCING THE "WEDNESDAY WELCOME TABLE"

Our weekly Wednesday Night Out meal is back beginning at 5:45pm on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> in our renovated fellowship hall, but it will have 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. Come eat together and welcome one another in Jesus' name.

**Menu for Feb. 11** - Lasagna with meat sauce, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar (w/ sliced chicken), Dessert Kids' Meal: Chicken nuggets, apple sauce, chips

**Feb. 18 (Ash Wednesday)- Fundraiser for the Kenya Mission Team\***

Menu - Pancakes, Sausage and Fruit

\*Donations accepted in any amount.

## 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.

### 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.

### RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Volunteers 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. Look for online registration and further details in our LINK email and on the church website.

## PRAY

### AMONG THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY:

**Within Our Church Family:** Those who are **Grieving**: Wes Gullett and family on the passing of his father; The Family and Friends of Harold Proctor; all those who have lost a loved one; **Healing**: Cathy Pierce; Bonnie Burkett; David Ward; Donna Garcia; Wilder Rodriguez Santos; Marilyn Radley; Pat Hempfling; Carla Sutton; Kathy Graham; Marjorie Liles **Surgery and Awaiting Tests**: 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 David Robertson; The Family and Friends of Oliver Burns (The Creamer's son-in-law); 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; Zachery Martin; 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; the people of and the situation in Venezuela; the people of Iran

## SERMON NOTES

After two weeks apart due to winter storms, we are thrilled to be able to gather in worship today!

This Sunday we continue a sermon series on the Wesleyan "Means of Grace," which are those basic actions which Christians do regularly which draw us closer to God and which allow us to experience God's presence and power in amplified ways. The means of grace are channels or funnels through which God's grace is poured into our body, our soul, and our life. Last week we talked about the spiritual discipline of fasting. Today, we will be focusing about the importance of Holy Communion, or The Lord's Supper, as a means of grace in Christian faith and life. We will also be blessed to share Holy Communion together.



### Today's Scripture:

Matthew 26: 17-20; 26-28 (NRSV)

#### KEY VERSES:

<sup>26</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." <sup>27</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; <sup>28</sup> for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

#### 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, WNO 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 8

Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am

#### Fellowship Hall Open House from 9:45 – 10:45am

Various Learning Groups at 9:45am

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

Serving Team Planning Room C1 at 12:15pm

#### Girl Scouts in the afternoon in the Children's Building

#### Fellowship Hall Rededication Service in FH at 4:00pm

Youth Super Bowl Party at the Class' home at 6:00pm

### Monday, February 9

Scouts in the Children's Building in the evening

NA in the Rock/FH at 7:00pm

### Tuesday, February 10

United Women of Faith meeting in Room B6 at 10:00am

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

Trustees Meeting in Room A4 at 6:30pm

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

### Wednesday, February 11

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

Stephen Leaders in the Conference Room at 5:30pm

Wednesday Welcome Table meal 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

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 12

Thriving at Three in Room C14 at 10:00am

Girl Scouts in the Children's Building in the evening

NarAnon in Room A2 at 7:00pm

Messy Bun Book Club Mythos on Battleground Ave. at 7:00pm

### Saturday, February 14

Confirmation Day Apart at Haw River from 9:00am – 5:00pm

### 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 Panera at 9:45am

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

Coffee with the Pastors in the Parlor after Worship

Brazos Abiertos: Pan in Room C1 at 5:00pm

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

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# Guilford College United Methodist Church

February 8, 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

*I Come With Joy*, UMH #617

### Children's Moment

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.

### Offering + Offertory

Laurin Allred

## WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

### Introduction to the Scripture Reading

Rev. Jeremy Troxler

### ^Scripture Reading

Matthew 26: 17-20; 26-28 NRSV

### Sermon

#### MEANS OF GRACE: Holy Communion

Rev. Jeremy Troxler

## WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation to the Table

Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

### Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness (pg. 12)

Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

### ^The Great Thanksgiving