

## WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table  
Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

^The Great Thanksgiving

^The Lord's Prayer

Sharing Holy Communion

Choral Anthem  
*O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread*

Prayers of the People

## WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

^Sending Hymn  
*O Jesus, I Have Promised*, UMH #396, vs. 1 - 3

^Next Steps & Benediction

Postlude

## 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

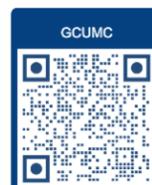
If you brought the kids with you, please know that the noises children make are music in our, and God's, ears. You are welcome to keep your children with you in worship. We also have child care available for infants through age 4 in Room C8 on the first floor of the children's building during the 11:00am 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](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:



## 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.

### GCUMC FINANCIAL REPORT Through January 31, 2026

#### 2025 YEAR PROJECTED vs. 2025 YEAR ACTUAL:

##### YEAR PROJECTED:

Total 2026 budget:	\$1,246,671.49
Amount needed to date for 2026 budget:	103,889.21
Amount received as of 1/31/26 for budget:	89,697.99
Difference:	(\$ 14,191.22)

\*(amount between projected budget needs to-date and actual received)

##### YEAR ACTUAL:

Amount received for budget as of 1/31/26:	\$ 89,697.99
Expenses as of 1/31/26:	90,719.93
Difference:	(\$ 1,021.94)

## CONNECT

### GCUMC NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Do you feel led to explore becoming a formal member of our congregation at GCUMC? If so, please make plans to join us at one of these two opportunities. Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm and/or Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm in Room A4 (enter from the back parking lot, 2<sup>nd</sup> door on right).

Questions? Contact Pastor Jeremy at [jtroxler@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:jtroxler@guilfordcollegeumc.org) or Pastor Susan at [ssuarezwebster@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:ssuarezwebster@guilfordcollegeumc.org).

### 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.

**March 4 Menu** – Spaghetti, Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar (w/ sliced chicken), Dessert

**Kids Meal Option:** Chicken Nuggets, Apple Sauce, Chips

### JOY (Just Older Youth) ST. PATRICK'S DAY POT LUCK

Our JOY aged folks are invited to join us for a fun and festive afternoon of great food, joyful music and wonderful fellowship. Tuesday, March 17 from 12:30 -2:30pm in the church Fellowship Hall. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided - just bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share! Live music will be provided by Sara Hardin's ukulele group and don't miss the special update from Stephanie Sinkler about the upcoming Kenya mission trip. Come hungry, bring a friend and celebrate with us!

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

## 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.

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

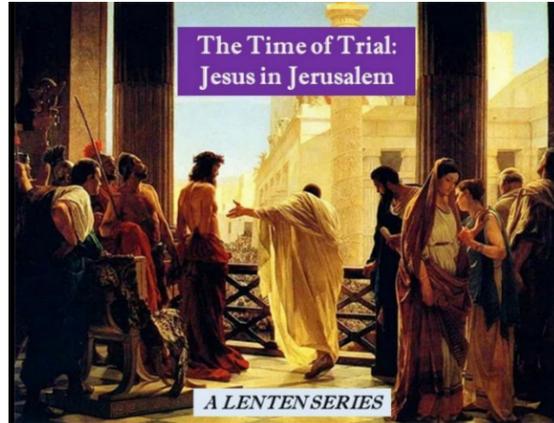
### AMONG THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY:

**Within Our Church Family:** **Those who are Grieving:** all those who have lost a loved one; **Healing:** Carolyn McDuffie; Brooke Follo; Ellen Lancaster; Marian Calzadilla; Scott Blackwell; Cathy Pierce; Marilyn Radley; Pat Hempfling; Carla Sutton; Kathy Graham; Marjorie Liles **Surgery and Awaiting Tests:** Mike Ballard (surgery 3/20); Debbie Jenkins; Dave Wasserboehr **Strength & Faith:** 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; **Cancer:** Darla Freeman; Sarah Lemon; Fay Holliday; Janelle Reichl; Carla Morgan; 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:** Steve Troxler (procedure 3/4); **Healing:** Aliya Morris; Martin Austin; Megan Christy; Wayne Ledbetter; John Stauffer; Bo Sinkler; Heather Taylor; Pat Whitt (Marjorie Liles' sister); Peggy Conaway; Alannah Romano; **Strength and Guidance:** Jim Eldrett; John McIntosh; 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 second Sunday in the Christian season of Lent. Lent is 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 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. As we journey through Lent together, we are sharing in a sermon series called "The Time of Trial – Jesus in Jerusalem." As we move towards Holy Week, we are 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.



"Behold the Man" by Antonio Ciseri (1871)

### Today's Scripture:

Matthew 23: 1-7, 12-17, 23-32 (NRSV)

### KEY VERSES:

*"Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, 'The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses's seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it, but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others, for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them rabbi . . . All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted. . . . But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe the mint, dill, and cummin and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. It is these you ought to have practiced without neglecting the others. You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel!"*

### NOTES:

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### Sunday, March 1

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

### Monday, March 2

Scouts in the Children's Building in the evening  
NA in the Rock at 7:00pm

### Tuesday, March 3

Women's Bible Study: Revelation via Zoom at 6:00pm  
Girl Scout Troop 30018 in Room C10 at 6:00pm  
Handbells Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 6:30pm

### Wednesday, March 4

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 Morehead UMC at 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  
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  
Moms' Group in Room A5 from 6:45 – 7:45pm  
Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 7:00pm

### Thursday, March 5

Thriving at Three in Room C14 at 10:00am  
Nar-Anon in Room A2 at 7:00pm

### Friday, March 6

Rise Against Hunger at Jefferson Elem., 8:00am

### Saturday, March 7

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

### Sunday, March 8

Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am  
Coffee with the Pastors in the Parlor after Worship  
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am  
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am  
Coffee with the Pastors in the Parlor after Worship  
District Lay Servant Training, various rooms from 1:30am – 6:00pm  
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

## CONTACT US

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**Guilford College**  
**United Methodist Church**  
March 1, 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 Am Thine, O Lord, UMH #419*

### Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

Laurin Allred

### Hymn

*Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord, TFWS #2131*

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Children's building. They can be picked up from the church Parlor after 11am worship.

### Offering + Offertory

Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

## WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

### Introduction to the Scripture Reading & Sermon Series

Rev. Jeremy Troxler

### ^Scripture Reading

Matthew 23: 1-7, 12-17; 23-32 (NRSV)

### Sermon

"TIME OF TRIAL: The Authorities"

Rev. Jeremy Troxler

^ = 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.