

^Scripture Reading
Mark 14:53-65 (NRSVue)

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

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

^Sending Hymn
God of Grace and God of Glory, UMH #577

^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.

The flowers on the organ are given by Wes and Samantha Gullett in honor of their 18th wedding anniversary.

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

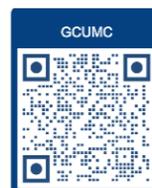
If you brought the kids with you, please know that the noises children make are music in our, and God's, ears. You are welcome to keep your children with you in worship. We also have child care available for infants through age 4 in Room C8 on the first floor of the children's building during the 11:00am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



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 15th at 6:45pm and/or Wednesday, March 18th at 6:45pm in Room A4 (enter from the back parking lot, 2nd door on right). Questions? Contact Pastor Jeremy at jtroxler@guilfordcollegeumc.org or Pastor Susan at ssuarezwebster@guilfordcollegeumc.org.

THE WEDNESDAY WELCOME TABLE

Join us for the **Wednesday Welcome Table**, a meal for the **low price of \$7**, and 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 18: Menu – Pork BBQ, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad Bar (w/ sliced chicken), Dessert
Kids Meal Option: Chicken Nuggets

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

Our JOY aged folks are invited 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 a ukulele group, and a presentation will be made about the Kenya mission trip. Come hungry, bring a friend and celebrate with us!

EASTER EGG HUNT FUN & GAMES

Egg hunt with fun and games on Sunday afternoon, March 29, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on the back field. Bring your basket and friends ready for an egg-cellent afternoon! Hunt begins at 3:00 p.m. We need **LOTS OF CANDY** for the Easter Egg Hunt as we expect a field full of children. Please place your donated bags of **INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDIES** in the box in the Information Center area. NO PLASTIC EGGS please. **Donations received until March 22 (candy will be packed after this date).** Volunteers are also needed to help with the afternoon's activities. Please contact Donna Ford, dford@guilfordcollegeumc.org if you are available.

GROW

GCUMC Mission Team to Spruce Pine – April 23rd – 26th

We are forming a work team of about 20 people going to the Spruce Pine area in the mountains of Western NC to continue to help with the rebuilding effort following Hurricane Helene. If you would like more information, or are interested in joining the team, please contact Team Leader Jim Sandknop at jim.sandknop@leoterradevelopment.com or 336-362-1716.

GUM UPDATE, Sunday, March 22, 9:45 to 10:30 AM

Join Brian Hahne, CEO of Greensboro Urban Ministry, in the Fellowship Hall for updates on Greensboro Urban Ministry and an interactive Q&A session. Brian will also join us during the Sunday morning worship services.

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 Network churches at noon with a light lunch following the service.
March 18 @ Muirs Chapel UMC, Rev. Carl Manuel preaching
March 25 @ Guilford College UMC, Rev. Kim Troy-Richardson preaching
April 1 @ Greensboro Korean UMC, Rev. Josh Britton preaching

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.

2026 EASTER MISSION OFFERING

will benefit the Client Choice Food Pantry at Greensboro Urban Ministry. We want to help them purchase a new cooler which would cost at least \$30,000. Let's help the Food Pantry get their cooler! Please note "EMO" or "Easter Mission Offering" in the memo line or choose "Easter Mission Offering" in the online drop down menu.

MARCH MADNESS FOOD COLLECTION

Please bring non-perishable food items to put in your team's box to help with the food shortage at Greensboro Urban Ministry. The boxes will be out in the fellowship hall lobby area through March 22. Specific needs are peanut butter, cereal, and canned meat. This event is sponsored by the Youth Ministry in conjunction with the Serving Team. Let's pack these boxes until they overflow! Go team!

PRAY AND WORSHIP

AMONG THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY:

Within Our Church Family: Those who are Grieving: all those who have lost a loved one; **Healing:** Allen Cheek; Ginny Williamson; Brooke Follo; Ellen Lancaster; Cathy Pierce; Marilyn Radley; Pat Hempfling; Carla Sutton; Kathy Graham; **Surgery and Awaiting Tests:** Mike Ballard (surgery 3/20); Debbie Jenkins; Dave Wasserboehr **Strength & Faith:** Gina and Dennis Murphy; 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)

Extended Church Family: Grieving: The Family and Friends of John McIntosh; The Family and Friends of Officer Lucas Pierce; The Family and Friends of Oracio Torres; **Cancer:** Rachel Gault; 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: Healing:** David Castro; Steve Troxler; Aliya Morris; Martin Austin; Megan Christy; Wayne Ledbetter; John Stauffer; Bo Sinkler; Heather Taylor; Peggy Conaway; Alannah Romano; **Strength and Guidance:** Jim Eldrett; Mike Dominy (LouAnne's uncle, hospice); Lorraine Sandknop (hospice); Kim Lambeth; 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 fourth 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

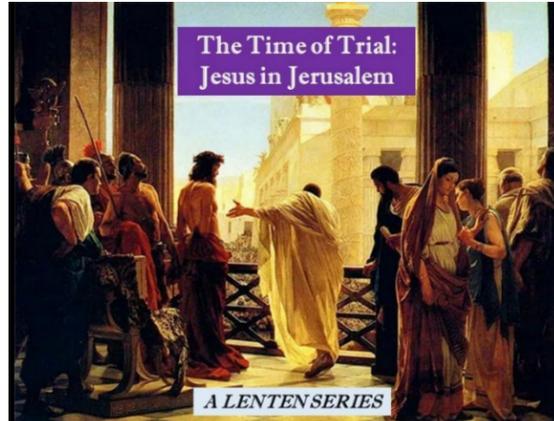
new spiritual practice in order to deepen their relationship with God. Lent is a time of refocus and re-dedication. As we journey through Lent together, we are sharing in a sermon series called "The Time of Trial – Jesus in Jerusalem." As we move towards Holy Week, we are tracing the trials that Jesus 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.

Today's Scripture:
Mark 14: 53-65

KEY VERSES:

"For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. . . . Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" Jesus said, "I am, and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.' " Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" The guards also took him and beat him.

NOTES:



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 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
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
New Members' Class in Room A4 at 6:45pm

Monday, March 16

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

Tuesday, March 17

JOY Potluck Lunch in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30pm
Girl Scout Troop 30018 in Room C10 at 6:00pm
Handbells Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 6:30pm
Finance Committee in Room A4 at 6:30pm

Wednesday, March 18

New Direction Nar-Anon Family Group in Room A2 at Noon
Lenten Service and Lunch w/ Missional Network at Muirs Chapel 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
New Members' Class in Room A4 at 6:45pm
Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 7:00pm

Thursday, March 19

Thriving at Three in Room C14 at 10:00am
Red Cross Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall from 1:30-6:00pm
Congregational Care in Room A4 at 3:00pm
Stephen Ministry Meeting Rooms A4 & A6 at 6:00pm
Nar-Anon in Room A2 at 7:00pm

Friday, March 20

Youth Group leaves for Ignitus Retreat in the evening

Sunday, March 22

Last Day for March Madness Food Drive Collection
Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
GUM presentation in the Fellowship Hall 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
UM District Leadership Training event at Christ UMC 3:30pm
Christian Line Dancing in Room C1 at 3:30pm

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Guilford College
United Methodist Church
March 15, 2026 – 8:30 & 11:00am

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude
Ginny Williamson

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Praises & Opening Prayer
Laurin Allred

^Fellowship Greeting

WE PRAISE GOD AND SING

^Opening Hymn
Alas and Did My Savior Bleed, UMH #359, vs. 1-3, 5

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness
Student Associate Minister, Andrés Pérez

Hymn
Change My Heart, O God, TFWS #2152

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
Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

Offertory

**Prayers of the People
& The Lord's Prayer**
Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

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