

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

^Scripture Reading

John 11: 1-7, 17-29, 32-44 (NRSVue)
Laurin Allred

^Hymn

Easter People, Raise Your Voices, UMH #304

Sermon Message

“Easter Preview”
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

^Sending Hymn

He Lives, UMH #310

^Next Steps & Benediction

Postlude

NCBB

^ = 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

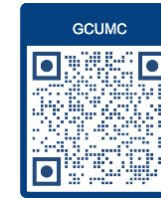
If you brought the kids with you, please know that the noises children make are music in our, and God's, ears. You are welcome to keep your children with you in worship. We also have child care available for infants through age 4 in Room C8 on the first floor of the children's building during the 11:00am 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 **April 12th** 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.

2026 EASTER MISSION OFFERING

This year, the GCUMC Easter Mission Offering will benefit the Client Choice Food Pantry at Greensboro Urban Ministry. **WE WANT TO HELP THE PANTRY PURCHASE A NEW COOLER SPACE!**

Great News: Over the last 9 months, GUM has been receiving 20,000-40,000 lbs per month of fresh vegetables, fruit, meats and dairy products from the Harris Teeter Distribution Center!

The Challenge: The Food Pantry needs more refrigerated space to store these generous donations. The cost of the new cooler will be at least \$30,000. Let's help the Food Pantry get their cooler! Please note "EMO" or "Easter Mission Offering" in the memo line of your check or choose “Easter Mission Offering” in the online drop down menu.

DAYS OF SERVICE

Starting with the Red Cross Blood Drive on April 16th and through Monday, April 27th, the serving team is offering a variety of projects that you can help with as we grow in loving God and serving our neighbor. The list of activities and sign-ups will be in the Information center on Sunday, April 12th. Online sign ups will be available soon also. Questions?

ssuarezwebster@guilfordcollegeumc.org or
sandrawpearman@gmail.com.

GROW

DISCIPLE SCHOOL

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 Wednesday, with future sessions planned for 4/08, 4/22, & 5/06

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.

CONNECT

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.

April 8: Menu – Lasagna with Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar (w/ sliced chicken), Dessert

Kids Meal Option: Chicken Nuggets, Apple Sauce, Chips

SPRING FLING LUNCHEON

The Youth of Guilford College United Methodist Church cordially invite those 65 and older to our Spring Fling Luncheon on Sunday, April 19th following our 11am worship service. We'll have a chicken pot pie meal followed by a variety of activities. This event is to promote interaction between our church Youth and those 65 and older (spouses younger than 65 are welcome too). Please call the church office, 336-292-5833, to **RSVP by April 13** or sign up online through the LINK email.

NEEDS FOR KENYA MISSION TEAM

Please donate the following items for the Kenya Team to take to the ministries in Kenya. A collection basket can be found in the Information Center. Asante Sana (Thank you)

- Reading glasses, Please NO prescription glasses.
- Individually wrapped toothbrushes
- 8-pack Crayons
- Pencils, wooden (not mechanical)

PRAY AND WORSHIP

AMONG THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY:

Within Our Church Family: Those who are Grieving: Jim Sandknop and Family on the passing of his mother, Lorraine Sandknop; all those who have lost a loved one; **Healing:** Carolyn McDuffie; Mike Ballard; Brooke Follo; Dorothy Zur; Allen Cheek; Barbara McLeod; Maria Maynard; Ellen Lancaster; **Surgery and Awaiting Tests:** Tom Patterson (neck surgery 4/9); Lynette Whittaker; 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 Friends and Family of Carol Andrews Little; All those who have lost a loved one; **Cancer:** Ike Santiago; Rachel Gault; Darla Freeman; David Castro; Sarah Lemon; Fay Holliday; Janelle Reichl; Carla Morgan; Tim Vail; Sharon Guarino; Tammy Smith; Emily; Harrison Henry Brooks; Billy Carey; Jim Cashman; Ron Moser; Debra Rutt; Shilah George; Shannon Wilson; Sammy Williams; Azalea Marbury; Judy Journey; Tammy Strickland; **Surgery and Awaiting Test Results:** Landon Cottrell (tumor); **Healing:** Nannett Price; Ronnie and Mildred Caldwell; John Stauffer; Heather Taylor; Peggy Conaway; Alannah Romano; **Strength and Guidance:** Jim Eldrett; Nancy Davis; Mike Dominy (LouAnne's uncle, hospice); Kim Lambeth; Christy Lloyd; Kathy Williams; Kenneth Briggs (hospice); Kathy McFillin (pulmonary fibrosis); Christopher Blyshak; Y'Suan Mlo and H'Lai, H'Jina, H'Sally, Bunlim and Darwin Leng; **Missionaries:** Liz and David Gamble; **World:** our ministry partners in Kenya; all who suffer from war, famine, drought and natural disasters

SERVICE NOTES

Today is Resurrection Sunday, Easter Day! Today we celebrate the resurrection of the crucified Jesus Christ from the dead. The resurrection of Jesus represents God's decisive victory over all the forces of sin, death, and evil: it is the triumph of God's life and love, and also the source of



our faith that, through the same power that raised Jesus, we, too, will share in God's final victory. The Church exists because of Easter: we are Resurrection People. Since that Sunday morning when the tomb was found empty, Christians have met on the first day of the week to worship God, with every Sunday a little Easter, and Easter the greatest Sunday of all. We are so glad to rejoice and celebrate together with you today through prayer, word, and music: because Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Today's Scripture:

John 11: 1-7, 17-29, 32-44 (NRSVue)

KEY VERSES:

²⁵ *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.*

Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,

²⁶ *and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.*

Do you believe this?"

²⁷ *She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."*

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, April 5 – Resurrection Day

Easter Sunrise Service in the Fleming Road Parking Lot at 7:00am

Worship with Brass Quintet in the Sanctuary at 9:00am

Various Learning Groups at 10:00am

Donuts and Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am

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

Monday, April 6

Church Office Closed – Easter Holiday

Scouts in the Children's Building in the evening

NA in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm

Tuesday, April 7

Girl Scout Troop 30018 in Room C10 at 6:00pm

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

Wednesday, April 8

New Direction Nar-Anon Family Group in Room A2 at Noon

Mid-week Prayer Time in the Parlor at Noon

Stephen Leaders in the Conference Room at 5:30pm

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

Disciple School in the Sanctuary from 6:45 – 7:45pm

Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 7:00pm

Thursday, April 9

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 A6

NarAnon in Room A2 at 7:00pm

Sunday, April 12

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

Kenya Team Meeting in Room A7 at 12:15pm

Girl Scouts in the Children's Building in the afternoon

Confirmation Class Room C10 from 2:30 – 5:00pm

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

Brazos Abiertos: Youth classes in Rooms A1 and A2 at 5:00pm

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

CONTACT US

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Guilford College United Methodist Church

April 5, 2026 – 9:00 & 11:00am

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

North Carolina Brass Band

Ringing of the Bell

Choral Call to Worship

With a Voice of Singing

^"Christ is Risen"

Call and Response

Rev. Jeremy Troxler

Easter Greetings, Welcome & Opening Prayer

Rev. Jeremy Troxler

^Fellowship Greeting & Opening Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today, UMH #302, vs. 1-3, 5

^Statement of Faith

The Apostles Creed, UMH #881

WE PRAISE GOD AND PRAY

Scripture Reading

John 20:1-18 (NRSV)

Children's Moment (11am only)

Donna Ford and Jordan

*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.

Easter Mission Offering

Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

Prayer and Offering

Offertory from North Carolina Brass Band

The Easter Song