

# WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

^Invitation to the Table  
Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

^The Great Thanksgiving

^The Lord's Prayer

Sharing Holy Communion

Choral Anthem  
*Speak, O Lord*

Prayers of the People  
Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

# WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

^Sending Hymn  
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, UM #139, vs. 4, 5*

^Next Steps & Benediction

^ = 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

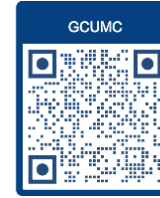
If you brought the kids with you, please know that the noises children make are music in our, and God's, ears. You are welcome to keep your children with you in worship. We also have child care available for infants through age 4 in Room C8 on the first floor of the children's building during the 11:00am 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 **May 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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 March 31, 2026

YEAR ACTUAL:

Amount received for budget as of 3/31/26: \$ 278,481.75  
Expenses as of 3/31/26: 311,732.38  
Difference: (\$ 33,250.63)

## PRAY AND WORSHIP

### AMONG THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY:

**Within Our Church Family:** Those who are Grieving: The Family and Friends of Harold Eagle; all those who have lost a loved one; **Healing:** Greg Fischer; Teri LaRocque; Tom Patterson; Brooke Follo; Dorothy Zur; Allen Cheek; Barbara McLeod; Ellen Lancaster; Lynette Whittaker; **Surgery and Awaiting Tests:** Jack Vanstory (surgery 5/13); Maria Maynard; Kelly Alston; Debbie Jenkins; **Strength & Faith:** Ben Brothers; Helen Phillips; **Those With Cancer:** Mike Ballard (surgery 5/22); Tom Jenkins; Greg Matthews; Lisa Hodges; **Sustaining and Guidance:** Doris Linker; Dave Wasserboehr; Patsy Wyatt; Nancy and Jim Baity; Katherine and Charles Forbes; Bill Blyshak; Tina Bell Midgett; Terri Hastings; Y'Josue and Carolina M'lo and newborn, Joshua

**Extended Church Family:** **Grieving:** The Family and Friends of Leonard Shelton; All those who have lost a loved one; **Cancer:** Freddy Foshay; Sean Sullivan; Wyatt Daufeldt; Heather Ritner; Ike Santiago; Rachel Gault; Darla Freeman; David Castro; Sarah Lemon; Fay Holliday; Janelle Reichl; Sutton Phillips; Linda Payne; 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:** B.J. Sullivan; Michael Patterson (awaiting a heart transplant); Landon Cottrell (tumor); Maureen Parker; **Healing:** Parker Orth; Stan Dixon; Nannette Price; Ronnie and Mildred Caldwell; John Stauffer; Heather Taylor; Peggy Conaway; **Strength and Guidance:** Joy Colier (Laurin's grandmother in hospice); Rose Mallard (hospice); Jim Eldrett; Kim Lambeth; Christy Lloyd; Kathy Williams; Kathy McFillin; Kenneth Briggs (hospice); 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

## CONNECT AND GROW

### COLLEGE GRADUATES

If your family has a Dec. 2025 or Spring 2026 college graduate **at any degree level**, we would like to celebrate with you. Please send Randy Wall their name, school, major, and a photo of the graduate to [rwall@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:rwall@guilfordcollegeumc.org) by **Monday, May 4**. They will be recognized in worship on Sunday, May 10 (yes, we pushed it back a week).

### 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.

**May 6: Menu** – Enchiladas, Rice, Black Beans, Salad Bar (w/ sliced chicken), Dessert

**Kids Meal Option:** Pizza

#### Special Music at the Wednesday Welcome Table

- The **GCUMC HANDBELL TEAM** will be providing music on May 6th.
- The **NORTHWEST GUILFORD HS JAZZ ENSEMBLE** will be providing special music during our last Wednesday Welcome Table of the Spring on May 13th.

### DISCIPLE SCHOOL

All are welcome to join us in the James Tew Classroom (A3) beginning at 6:45pm on Wednesday, May 6 for an hour in which we focus on how we can become better followers of Jesus together. Future Disciple School dates are TBD.

### PRAISE AND WORSHIP LINE DANCING AT GCUMC

*Let them praise his name with dancing, Psalm 149:3*

If line dancing is something that you've been wanting to try, now is the time! It's a great way to get exercise, push away the blues, and meet some new friends. It's good **for all ages** and you don't need a partner. We will start off with a 15-20 minute devotion and then learn some fun and easy line dances that will be done to Christian music, like Mercy Me and Zach Williams. We will be meeting in C-1 on the first floor of the Children's Building on **May 3 and May 17 from 3:30-5pm**. Contact Sara Hardin at [hardinx4@bellsouth.net](mailto:hardinx4@bellsouth.net) with any questions or for more information. Hope to see you on the dance floor!

### HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 12, 2026! Max Carter, a local historian, author, and expert on everything Quaker will be sharing a presentation in our Fellowship Hall which will include a discussion about the Underground Railroad and the Witness Tree located on the campus of Guilford College, the Battle of New Garden/Guilford Courthouse and its effect on the surrounding community that we now call home, as well as other topics of interest.

Everyone is invited to attend. Feel free to bring a guest. Come and enjoy a time of learning, reflection, and fellowship together. The event will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude around 11:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

## SERVICE NOTES



"The Incredulity of Saint Thomas" by Caravaggio (1601)

Today is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the season of Easter. Within the Church, the meaning of the resurrection of Jesus Christ is far too big to be celebrated on one day only – so Easter is not just a Sunday, but a season of 50 days in which we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. In a way, every Sunday, all throughout the year, is a little Easter in which we celebrate Christ's victory over death. Today in worship we will read a story about how the risen Jesus appears to the disciple who is often referred to as "doubting Thomas." In a stand-alone message, we will hear a few stories from our recent mission trip to Western NC, as well as an invitation to humbly acknowledge all that our limited minds cannot know or understand about our world – as well as the importance of doubting our doubts.

### Today's Scripture:

John 20: 24-29 (NRSVue)

*"But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'"*

### NOTES:

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### Sunday, May 3

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  
Soccer on the Back Field at 2:30pm  
Girl Scouts in the Children's Building in the afternoon  
Christian Line Dancing in Room C1 at 3:30pm  
Strong Roots in Rooms A1 and A2 at 5:00pm  
UMYF (Grades 7-12) in Rooms C10 & C11 from 5:00 -7:00pm

### Monday, May 4

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

### Tuesday, May 5

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, May 6

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  
Mid-week Prayer Time in the Parlor 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  
Disciple School in the Sanctuary from 6:45 – 7:45pm  
Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 7:00pm

### Thursday, May 7

Dia de las Madres brunch in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am  
NarAnon in Room A2 at 7:00pm

### Sunday, May 10 – Mothers' Day

Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am  
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am  
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am  
NO UMYF tonight  
Strong Roots in Rooms A1 and A2 at 5:00pm  
Brazos Abiertos: Pan in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00pm

## CONTACT US

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## Guilford College United Methodist Church May 3, 2026 – 8:30 and 11:00am

## WE GATHER TOGETHER

### Prelude

Ginny Williamson

### Chiming of the Hour

### Welcome, Praises & Opening Prayer

Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

### ^Fellowship Greeting

Melanie Crump

## WE PRAISE GOD AND SING

### ^Opening Hymn

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*, UM #139, vs. 1 - 3

### Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness, UMH #12

Laurin Allred

### Hymn

*Living for Jesus*, TFWS #2149, vs. 2 and chorus

### 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

John 20:24-29 (NRSVue)

### Sermon

"On the Importance of Doubting our Doubts"

Rev. Jeremy Troxler

### ^Hymn

*We'll Understand it Better By and By*, UMH #525, vs. 1, 3