

## WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

^ Sending Hymn  
*O Come to the Altar*

### An Order of Farewell to a Pastor

#### Prayer

**Benediction**  
Andrés Pérez

#### Postlude

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*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

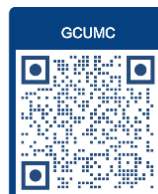
If you brought the kids with you, please know that the noises children make are music in our, and God's, ears. You are welcome to keep your children with you in worship. We also have childcare available for infants through age 4 in Room C8 on the first floor of the children's building during the 11:00am 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 June 14<sup>th</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:



## CONNECT AND GROW

### TODAY IS ANDRÉS' FINAL SERVICE AT GCUMC

Please join us after each service for a reception time and receiving line with Andrés in the Fellowship Hall to give our congregation members a chance to greet him, to bless him, and to wish him well.

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

If your family has a student graduating from High School in 2026 we would like to celebrate with you! Please send Randy Wall their name, High School, future plans (if known) and a photo of the graduate to [rwall@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:rwall@guilfordcollegeumc.org) by **Monday, June 1**. They will be recognized in worship on Sunday, June 7.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUTSIDE FELLOWSHIP MEAL: JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 6:00PM

During the summer we will have a Fellowship Meal on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month for all ages. On June 3 we will gather on the back field for a time of food (pork BBQ and sides), fellowship, fun, and for an opportunity to connect and get to know one another better. Invite a friend! Feel free to bring a camping chair. Rain site: Fellowship Hall. Suggested donation \$7/meal.

### PASTOR JEREMY'S DISCIPLE SCHOOL TO CONTINUE EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY

Disciple School is an hour on Wednesday night when we learn how to become better followers of Jesus together. No advance reading is required, and all are welcome. Disciple School will be held roughly every other Wednesday throughout the summer at 6:45pm in the James Tew Classroom (A3), on the following days: **June 3<sup>rd</sup>, June 17<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, July 29<sup>th</sup>, August 12<sup>th</sup>, and August 26<sup>th</sup>**. (NOTE: there will be no Disciple School on Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> because of the planned Church Celebration Meal that night in honor of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of American Independence.)

### GREENSBORO GRASSHOPPERS' BASEBALL GAME

Take Me Out to the Ballgame!! GCUMC is headed once again this summer to the Greensboro Grasshoppers' stadium in downtown Greensboro for a great afternoon of baseball! All ages welcome! Join us Sunday, June 14 for a 2pm game. Tickets are \$11 each. You can contact Laurin Allred to purchase a ticket—Send her an email at [lallred@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:lallred@guilfordcollegeumc.org), stop by, or give her a call. If you'd like to pick your own seat and would prefer to buy online, you can use our group purchasing link. Convenience fees may apply. That ordering link is found in the Crow's Nest Newsletter or The Link emails.

### "RAINFOREST FALLS" VBS

Vacation Bible School will be held June 22-24 (Monday-Wednesday) from 5:30-8:05 p.m. for children age 3 as of June 1 through completed Grade 6. Dinner 5:30-6:15 p.m. Activities 6:15-8:05 p.m. No charge for dinner or event for participant families and volunteers. This is a family friendly event for families to participate together. We will have shepherds for children whose parents are not able to attend with them. Come and explore the Nature of God through story, games, crafts, science, and outdoor messy fun! Please contact Donna Ford, [dford@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:dford@guilfordcollegeumc.org) to volunteer to make this another exceptional event for children and their families. Please register for the event in Realm or through the events on our church website.

## 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.

### NEEDS FOR KENYA MISSION TEAM

Please donate the following items for the Kenya Team to take to the ministries in Kenya: **1. Reading glasses** (Please NO prescription glasses) **2. Individually wrapped toothbrushes** / **3. Pencils** – (wooden only, not mechanical) / **4. Crayons (8-pack only)** A collection basket can be found in the Information Center. Asante Sana (Thank you).

### BATTERIES

The Creation Care team is helping us recycle our household batteries. You may bring in your batteries (A, AA, AAA, 9 Volt, hearing aid/watch, C, and D ONLY) for recycling. There are containers in the information center to collect the batteries.

## PRAY AND WORSHIP

### AMONG THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY:

**Within Our Church Family: Those who are Grieving:** The Family and Friends of Maggie Moree; Carol Ingram on the passing of her brother, Kenneth Briggs; Ronica Bowen on the passing of her father, Ronnie Caldwell; all those who have lost a loved one; **Healing:** Kori Petersen; Allen Cheek, Mike Ballard; Jack Vanstory; Maria Maynard; Teri LaRocque; Lynette Whittaker; **Surgery and Awaiting Tests:** Brooke Follo (surgery 5/29); Kelly Alston; **Strength & Faith:** Cam Waldron (waiting for deployment); Y'Josue (military); Ben Brothers; Helen Phillips; **Those With Cancer:** Mike Ballard; Tom Jenkins; Greg Matthews; Lisa Hodges; **Sustaining and Guidance:** Doris Linker; Dave Wasserboehr; Patsy Wyatt; Nancy and Jim Baity; Charles Forbes; Bill Blyshak; Tina Bell Midgett; Terri Hastings

**Extended Church Family: Grieving:** All those who have lost a loved one; **Cancer:** Freddy Foshay; Heather Rittner; Sean Sullivan; Wyatt Daufeldt; Ike Santiago; Rachel Gault; Darla Freeman; David Castro; Sarah Lemon; Fay Holliday; Janelle Reichl; Sutton Phillips; Linda Payne; Carla Morgan; Tim Vail; Sharon Guarino; Casey; Tammy Smith; Emily; Harrison Henry Brooks; Billy Carey; Jim Cashman; Ron Moser; Debra Rutt; Shilah George; Shannon Wilson; Sammy Williams; Azalea Marbury; Judy Journey; Jim; Tammy Strickland; **Surgery and Awaiting Test Results:** Peggy Conaway; B.J. Sullivan; Michael Patterson (awaiting a heart transplant); **Healing:** Mo Scalf; John Tyson; Stephanie (Cookie's daughter); Kathy McFillin; Karan Dewar; Joan Gullett; John Stauffer; Heather Taylor; **Strength and Guidance:** Melissa Yates; Jason Morgan; Jim Eldrett; Kim Lambeth; Christy Lloyd; Kathy Williams; 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 fires in California; Ebola outbreak

## SERVICE NOTES



Return of the Prodigal Son by Rembrandt

This Sunday, Andrés Pérez González invites the community to encounter the beauty of the Gospel through one of Jesus' most beloved parables: the story of the lost son. Rather than offering formulas or abstract answers, Jesus gives us stories — stories that reveal the heart of God and invite us to see ourselves within them. Through this timeless parable of grace, longing, mercy, and reconciliation, we are reminded that the Gospel is not simply an idea to believe, but a story to enter. Come and listen again to the greatest story ever told: the story of God with us.

### Today's Scripture:

Scripture: Luke 15:11-31 (NLT)

#### KEY VERSES

<sup>20</sup> "So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.'<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>22</sup> "But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. <sup>23</sup> And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life.

### Sermon Notes:

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### Sunday, May 31

Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am  
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am  
Reception for Andrés Perez in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45am  
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am  
Receiving line for Andrés and family in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00pm  
Soccer on the Back Field at 2:30pm  
Strong Roots in Rooms A1 and A2 at 5:00pm  
UMYF (Grades 7-12) in Rooms C10 & C11 from 5:00 -7:00pm

### Monday, June 1

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

### Wednesday, June 3

New Direction Nar-Anon Family Group in Room A2 at Noon  
Mid-week Prayer Time in the Parlor at Noon  
Churchwide Fellowship Meal on the back field at 6:00pm  
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 James Tew Classroom from 7:00 – 7:45pm  
Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 7:15pm

### Thursday, June 4

NarAnon in Room A2 at 7:00pm

### Friday, June 5

Wacky Wheels Play Date for families, back parking lot 6:30pm  
Youth Group: Invite a Friend Night from 7:00 - 9:00pm

### Sunday, June 7 – High School Graduate recognition

Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am  
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am  
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am  
Strong Roots in Rooms A1 and A2 at 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

## CONTACT US

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### GCUMC STAFF

<b>Jeremy Troxler</b> , Lead Pastor	<b>Susan Suárez Webster</b> , Pastor
<b>Andrés Pérez</b> , Student Assoc. Minister	<b>Donna Ford</b> , Dir. of Christian Education
<b>Randy Wall</b> , Dir. of Youth & College Min.	<b>Laurin Allred</b> , Young Adult & Connections
<b>Shelby Hallquist</b> , Dir. Pre- & AfterSchool	<b>Melanie Crump</b> , Director of Music
<b>Ginny Williamson</b> , Accompanist	<b>Amy Wall</b> , Church Administrator
<b>Carol Ingram</b> , Administrative Assist.	<b>Gloria Brown</b> , Financial Director

## Guilford College United Methodist Church May 31, 2026 – 11:00am

### WE GATHER TOGETHER

*Today's altar flowers are given by Mike and Donna Garcia to the glory of God and in honor of their 41st wedding anniversary, and in appreciation of Andrés Pérez Gonzalez and his leadership of Brazos Abiertos.*

#### Prelude

#### Chiming of the Hour

**Welcome, Praises & Opening Prayer**  
Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

**^Fellowship Greeting & Opening Hymn**  
*Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

## WE PRAISE GOD AND PRAY

### Reception of New Members

#### Doxology, UMH #95

**Children's Message**  
Donna Ford

\*After the message, 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 the service.

**Offering**  
Laurin Allred

**Offertory**  
*Holy Forever*

## WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

**^Scripture Reading**  
Luke 15:11-31 (NLT)

**Sermon Message**  
"The Parable of the Lost Son"  
Andrés Pérez

**^ = Please stand as you are able.**