

## Sermon

*The Freedom and Glory of the Children of God*  
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

## WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

### ^Sending Hymn

*To God Be the Glory, UMH #98*

### ^Next Steps & Benediction

### 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.**

### JOIN US FOR "COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS"

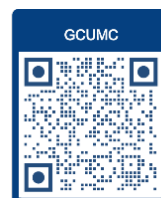
Join us in the parlor, just down the hall from the sanctuary, after the worship service **on July 12** for "Coffee with the Pastors." This informal gathering with Pastors Jeremy and Susan will help you get to know them, meet other newcomers, learn more about our church, ask questions, and talk about how you might become more involved.

### 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.

### 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

### SUMMER TOGETHER

Spend your summer together with your church family and friends with the "Summer Together" event series. Check out the information center or our website for a listing of all events for this season. **We challenge you to attend at least two events and invite a friend!** Track the challenge with attendance stickers in the information center.

### GREENSBORO TARHEEL CHORUS IN CONCERT

Make plans to attend a barbershop concert tonight, July 12<sup>th</sup>, in our Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm with the Greensboro Tarheel Chorus. This concert is open to all.

### CHRISTIAN LINE DANCING

Again you will take up your timbrels and go out to dance with the joyful.

#### Jeremiah 31:4

Lines of Praise Line Dancing will continue 7/12 and 7/26 from 3:30-5 in room C-1. We will start with a short devotion for dancers and then learn some line dances to praise God. It's not too late to join us and feel free to bring a friend. If you have questions, contact Sara Hardin at

[hardinx4@bellsouth.net](mailto:hardinx4@bellsouth.net)

### DISCIPLE SCHOOL

Disciple School meets again on Wednesday, July 15. 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: **July 15th, July 29th, August 12th, and August 26th**. 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.

### CAMPUS MINISTRY PANEL

Learn about Wesley Campus Ministries in North Carolina: On Thursday, July 16th at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary, there will be a panel of representatives from a variety of colleges and universities. Youth, young adults and their parents are invited to join us at GCUMC to ask questions and gather information. Please invite your community friends to this informational session about college campus ministry. For more details contact Laurin Allred ([lallred@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:lallred@guilfordcollegeumc.org)) or Randy Wall ([rwall@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:rwall@guilfordcollegeumc.org)).

### SOCK HOP

The JOY (Just Older Youth) Group in partnership with our Youth and Young Adult ministries are hosting a Sock Hop on Friday, July 17 from 6:30 - 9:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The young, the young at heart and everyone in between are welcome to attend. There will be light dinner snacks available and a swing dance lesson from 7:00-7:30pm (no partner or experience required). Find your best Sock Hop attire and get ready to bop, jive and twist the night away. Invite your friends.

### WATCH PARTY - WORLD CUP FINAL

Sunday, July 19, 3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. You and your friends are invited to pick a team to cheer on during the final game of the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Please bring a snack to share and join us for our viewing party.

## 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.

### BLOOD DRIVE

The next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday, July 16 from 1:30 until 6:00pm in the church Fellowship Hall. Sign up to donate at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

## PRAY AND WORSHIP

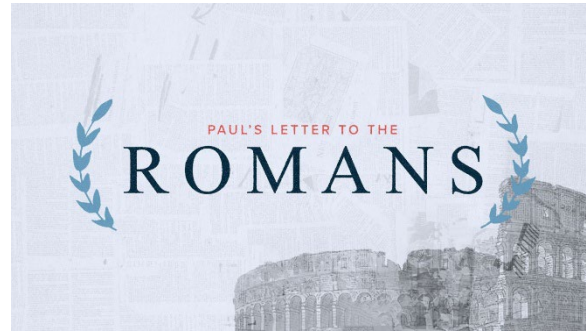
### AMONG THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY:

**Within Our Church Family: Those who are Grieving:** The Family and Friends of Laura Teter; all those who have lost a loved one; **Healing:** Nancy Baity; Donna Steele; Allen Cheek; Mary Eagle; Marjorie Liles; Brooke Follo; Jack Vanstory; Lynette Whittaker; **Surgery and Awaiting Tests:** Linda Royal (7/14); Jennifer Hernandez (7/14); Debbie Jenkins; **Strength & Faith:** Cam Waldron; Y'Josue (military); **Those With Cancer:** Tom Patterson; Mike Ballard; Tom Jenkins; Greg Matthews; **Sustaining and Guidance:** Ellen Lancaster; Becky Archer; Helen Phillips; Kelly Alston; Doris Linker; Dave Wasserboehr; Patsy Wyatt; Jim Baity; Charles Forbes; Bill Blyshak; Tina Bell Midgett; Terri Hastings;

**Extended Church Family: Grieving:** The Family and Friends of Barb South; All those who have lost a loved one; **Cancer:** Steve Lahr; Wally Jarrell; 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; Billy Carey; Jim Cashman; Ron Moser; Debra Rutt; Judy Journey; Tammy Strickland; **Surgery and Awaiting Test Results:** Jim Eldrett; Lilly Cheek (heart surgery); Todd James (surgery 7/20); Michael Patterson (awaiting a heart transplant); **Healing:** John Scialpi; Ana Marie Hampu; Natalie Castro; Sherry Reittinger Kirch; Mo Scalf; Kathy McFillin; Heather Taylor; **Strength and Guidance:** Karan Dewar (hospice); Russ Decker; Jenny Clapp (brain tumor); Peggy Conaway; Bobby Turbyfill; Jason Morgan; 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; devastation in Venezuela after earthquakes; humanitarian crisis in Cuba

## SERVICE NOTES

Today in worship we continue in our summer series entitled "All God's beloved: Paul's letter to the Romans." In the second part of Romans 8 Paul writes about the heights of God's grace and the freedom available through Christ's love and sacrifice. Nonetheless, the disastrous consequences of sin that cause suffering and hardships are a constant reality in our lives and world which cannot be ignored. The message will focus on God's desire that all people and all of creation would come to God in order to share and participate in his glory.



**Today's Scripture**  
Romans 8:18-25; 31-39  
KEY VERSES

<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### NOTES:

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### Sunday, July 12

Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am  
Coffee with the Pastors in the Parlor after Worship  
SnYP makes brunch, church kitchen at 8:30am  
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  
Christian Line Dancing in Room C1 at 3:30pm  
Greensboro Tarheel Chorus Concert in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm

### Monday, July 13

Preschool Camp Week #3  
Camp Guilrock Day Camp Week  
Scouts in the Children's Building in the evening  
NA in the Rock at 7:00pm

### Tuesday, July 14

JOY Book Club at McAllister's Deli at 5:30pm  
Serving Team in Room B6 at 6:30pm

### Wednesday, July 15

New Direction Nar-Anon Family Group in Room A2 at Noon  
Mid-week Prayer Time in the Parlor at Noon  
Youth Group in the Hilltop Room starting at 1:00pm  
SnYP in Hilltop Room from 6:45 – 7:45pm  
Disciple School in the James Tew Classroom from 6:45 – 7:45pm

### Thursday, July 16

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 at 6:00pm  
Campus Ministry Panel in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm  
Youth Group meet in rear parking lot at 6:45pm  
NarAnon in Room A2 at 7:00pm

### Friday, July 17

JOY Sock Hop in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 – 9:00pm

### Sunday, July 19

Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am  
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  
Brazos Abiertos: Pan in the Rock at 12:30pm  
World Cup Viewing Party in the Fellowship Hall at 3:00pm  
SnYP Bible Study in the Hilltop Room at 6:00pm

## CONTACT US

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**Guilford College**  
**United Methodist Church**  
July 12, 2026 – 8:30 & 11:00am

## WE GATHER TOGETHER

**Prelude**  
Ginny Williamson

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome, Praises & Opening Prayer**  
Laurin Allred

**^Fellowship Greeting & Opening Hymn**  
*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, UMH #400

**^Statement of Faith, UMH #883**  
Melanie Crump

## WE PRAISE GOD AND PRAY

**Children's Message (11am only)**  
Donna Ford

\*After the video at the 11am service, 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 + Offertory**  
Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

**Call to Prayer**  
*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*, UMH #349

**Prayer of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

## WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

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

**^Scripture Reading**  
Romans 8:18-25; 31-39 NRSV

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