

^Hymn
He is Exalted, TFWS #2070

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

^Invitation to the Table

^Great Thanksgiving &
The Lord's Prayer

Sharing Holy Communion

Prayer of the People

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

^ Sending Hymn
Majesty, Worship His Majesty, UMH #176

^Next Steps & Benediction

Postlude
Classical Postlude arr. by Chesterton

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.

Thank you to Robyn Martin for sharing her gifts on the piano and organ today.

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"

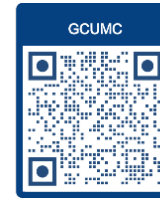
Join us in the parlor, just down the hall from the sanctuary, after the worship service **on August 16** for "Coffee with the Pastors." This informal gathering with Pastors Jeremy and Susan will help you get to know them, meet other newcomers, learn more about our church, ask questions, and talk about 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, 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!**

SNYP SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Our Sunday evening Bible study has been going so well—opening our eyes to grace in the Bible and helping us to engage in really good conversation. Join us for the last session tonight, Sunday, August 2nd at 6:00pm in the Hilltop room. All young adults 18-35 are welcome!

AUGUST FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Plan to join us on Wednesday, August 5th at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide chicken fingers and dessert. We ask you to bring the side dishes to share potluck style. This is a church wide event. Come and bring a friend. We are sure to have a marvelous time of fellowship together!!

PRISCILLA SHIRER LIVE SIMULCAST WOMEN'S DAY APART

TIME CHANGE – Saturday, August 22, 2026 - Registration is open through our church website. Join other women from around the world for this inspiring one-day event with Priscilla Shirer! You are invited to be part of this global simulcast to deepen your faith in Christ! The event begins at **10:00 a.m. EDT and continues until 5:00 p.m.** Doors open and check-in begins at 9:15 a.m. The event contains three teaching sessions featuring Priscilla Shirer and worship with Anthony Evans and the Priscilla Shirer Live praise team. Tickets are \$30 per person which includes morning coffee, snacks, and lunch. Fresh taco salad bar lunch provided by Salsarita's Fresh Mexican Grill. Pre-registration and payment are required. Tickets are non-refundable. Bring a friend and savor this spiritual day apart.

CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME AUGUST 12

We meet in the Choir Room at 7:00pm. All are invited to join. No experience necessary. Questions? contact Melanie Crump at mcrump@guilfordcollegeumc.org.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, August 16th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Ice Cream and toppings will be provided. If you wish, you are invited to bring your homemade ice cream to share.

LIAM PURCELL & CANE MILL ROAD

August 19 @ 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We would love to see you at this FREE concert with bluegrass charting artist Liam Purcell & Cane Mill Road.

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.

CARS NEEDED

Reliable transportation is one of the greatest barriers our refugee families and those transitioning from homelessness face. While many have successfully secured jobs, a large number of those positions are located in Stokesdale and Whitsett—areas not served by public transportation. If you have a dependable vehicle you no longer need, would you consider donating it? If a donation isn't possible, selling a vehicle at a reduced price would also make an incredible difference. To learn more or discuss a vehicle donation, please contact: Judy Piper (336.312.5562, jrpiper114@gmail.com) or Ronica Bowen (336.202.0460, rongaze@aol.com)

PRAY AND WORSHIP

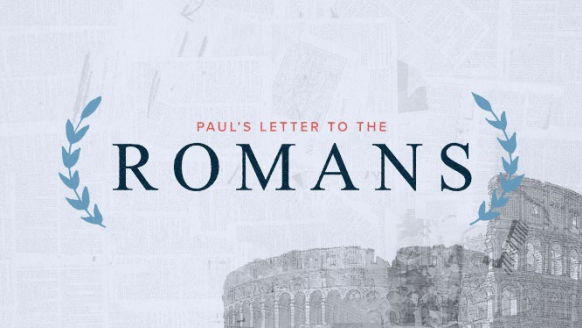
AMONG THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY:

Within Our Church Family: **Those who are Grieving:** The Family and Friends of Bobby Davis; all those who have lost a loved one; **Healing:** Bonnie Burkett; Rashidi Kabwe; Don Madren; Linda Royal; Nancy Baity; Allen Cheek; Mary Eagle; Marjorie Liles; Brooke Follo; Jack Vanstory; Lynette Whittaker; **Surgery and Awaiting Tests:** Jack Vanstory (8/3); Debbie Jenkins (knee surgery 8/3); Mike Garcia (8/20) **Strength & Faith:** Cam Waldron and Y'Josue (military); **Those With Cancer:** Debbie Pearce; Tom Patterson; Mike Ballard; Tom Jenkins; **Sustaining and Guidance:** Ellen Lancaster; Becky Archer; Helen Phillips; Kelly Alston; Doris Linker; Dave Wasserboehr; Patsy Wyatt; Jim Baity; Charles Forbes; Bill Blyshak (hospice); Tina Bell Midgett; Terri Hastings;

Extended Church Family: **Grieving:** All those who have lost a loved one; **Cancer:** 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:** Lilly Cheek (heart surgery); Michael Patterson (awaiting a heart transplant); **Healing:** Jean Greene; John Scialpi; Todd James; Jim Eldrett; Ana Marie Hampu; Sherry Reittinger Kirch; Mo Scalf; Kathy McFillin; Heather Taylor; **Strength and Guidance:** Kayla and Archie Bingham; Karan Dewar (hospice); Russ Decker (hospice); 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 (conflict in Iran), famine, drought and fires; devastation in Venezuela after earthquakes; humanitarian crisis in Cuba

SERMON NOTES

Today in worship we continue in our summer sermon series entitled "All God's Beloved: Paul's Letter to the Romans." The letter to the Church in Rome is among the most significant books in the Bible. Down through the centuries, the study of Romans has led to reformations and revivals in the church as well as to renewal of faith for countless Christians. Romans invites us to ponder deeply the mysteries of sin, of faith, of salvation, and of all that God has done, is doing, and will do for us in Christ. Today we encounter the first half of the 13th Chapter of Romans, where Paul articulates the basic posture of deference which Christians should adopt towards the governing authorities. Alongside this Scripture, however, we are also reading a story from the book of Acts, which illustrates how the apostles responded when the governing authorities misused their power. These two alternative Scriptures point to a tension which thoughtful Christians must learn how to navigate: how to both be respectful to governing authorities while also putting our allegiance to God first.



Today's Scripture:

Romans 13: 1-7 (NRSVue) / Acts 5:17-18, 27-29 (NIV)

KEY VERSES:

"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. ² Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval, ⁴ for it is God's agent for your good. . . . ⁷ Pay to all what is due them: taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due." /

"²⁷ The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸ "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man Jesus' blood."

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings!"

NOTES:

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 2

Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am
Brazos Abiertos: Pan in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00pm
SnYP Bible Study in the Hilltop Room at 6:00pm

Monday, August 3

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

Wednesday, August 5

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
Churchwide Fellowship Meal in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm
SnYP in Hilltop Room from 6:45 – 7:45pm

Thursday, August 6

Youth Group meet in rear parking lot at 6:45pm
Nar-Anon in Room A2 at 7:00pm

Saturday, August 8

SnYP to Wet n' Wild Emerald Pointe

Sunday, August 9

Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am

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Guilford College United Methodist Church

August 2, 2026 – 8:30 & 11:00am

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Voluntary on Ein Feste Burg arr. by Young Robyn Martin

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Praises & Opening Prayer
Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

^Fellowship Greeting & Opening Hymn
A Mighty Fortress is Our God, UMH #110

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 2nd floor of the Children's building. They can be picked up from the church Parlor after the service.

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness
Laurin Allred

Hymn

As the Deer, TFWS #2025

Offering + Offertory

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

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

^Scripture Reading
Romans 13: 1-7 (NRSVue) / Acts 5:17-18; 27-29 (NIV)

Sermon

Authority Issues
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

^ = Please stand as you are able.