

Sermon

Taking God at His Word for Authority

Rev. Dr. Kim Troy-Richardson

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

^ Sending Hymn

Take My Life and Let It Be, UMH 399

^Next Steps & Benediction

Postlude

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 September 20th** 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

SNACKS FOR HIGHER ED. STUDENTS

Immediately following the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services today, Laurin & Randy will be in the Fellowship Hall lobby with snacks for all higher ed students or professors. If you're taking classes this academic year- stop by and say hello and grab a snack to go!

YOUTH GROUP (Grades 7-12)

Our Sunday meetings start back TONIGHT from 5pm-7pm. Students in grades 7 - 12 come together for fellowship, mission, devotion, and study. We meet upstairs in room C11 of the Children's Building. I hope to see you there. **We are excited to welcome our new 7th graders!**

PASTOR JEREMY'S DISCIPLE SCHOOL

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 next on August 26th at 6:45pm in the James Tew Classroom (A3). Fall dates will be out soon.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Begins August 30: Young Adults (18-35ish) are invited to a weekly Sunday evening Bible Study. We'll meet at 6pm on Sundays beginning August 30th in the Hilltop Room. What do you need to participate? A Bible and journal—though we have some if you need them! Downloading the Connected Faith app will also be helpful if you want to keep up with the daily readings and spiritual faith practices throughout the week. Questions or want to be added to the communication list? Find Laurin: text 336-688-8396 /email lallred@guilfordcollegeumc.org / GroupMe DM / Discord (lorphin13) / Ready to dive in?

FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY COLOSSIANS & PHILEMON (9 week study)

What does it mean to be “complete in Christ?” Is Christ your “all in all?” Does He meet all your needs? Don't let anyone delude you with man-made philosophies or traditions that contradict the Word of God. Two options are available: Tuesday evenings via Zoom 6:00-7:45 p.m. starting September 22 AND Wednesday mornings in person and via Zoom 9:30-11:30 a.m. starting September 23. Cost of workbook is \$25.

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.

GCUMC FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR ACTUAL:

Amount received for budget as of 7/31/26:	\$ 689,842.45
Expenses as of 7/31/26:	<u>750,198.88</u>
Difference:	(\$ 30,356.43)

FAITH IN ACTION SERVING DAY

Join us in reaching out on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th. There are many serving opportunities at GCUMC as well as around our community. Project start times vary, so please check out the SIGN UPS IN THE INFORMATION CENTER OR SIGN UP ONLINE!

LINKS CAN BE FOUND ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE OR USE THIS QR CODE.

Some of the projects include: Painting the storage room; Landscaping; Creek Cleanup; Steps of Hope; Families in Transition School Supplies; Camp Guilrock repairs; Prepare meals for Pathways Family Shelter and Weaver House; Donate Meal Items for Pathways and Weaver House meals; Serve the meal at Pathways Family Shelter; Serve the meal at Weaver House; Fun and Games with families at Pathways.

More information? Write to Sandy Pearman

(sandrawpearman@gmail.com) or Vicki Kidd (kiddvl48@gmail.com)



PRAY AND WORSHIP

AMONG THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY:

Within Our Church Family: **Those who are Grieving:** The Family and Friends of Bill Blyshak; all those who have lost a loved one; **Healing:** Terry Weatherford; Carolyn McDuffie; Maria Maynard; Linda Jobe; Debbie Jenkins; Jack Vanstory; Linda Royal; Brooke Follo; Allen Cheek; Mike Duncan; Mary Eagle; Marjorie Liles; Lynette Whittaker; **Surgery and Awaiting Tests:** Donna Steele; Tom Jenkins (surgery 8/26) **Strength & Faith:** Cam Waldron and Y'Josue (military); **Those With Cancer:** Becky Pearce; Tom Patterson; Mike Ballard; Tom Jenkins; **Sustaining and Guidance:** Ellen Lancaster; Helen Phillips; Dave Wasserboehr; Jim Baity; Charles Forbes; Tina Bell Midgett; Terri Hastings;

Extended Church Family: **Grieving:** All those who have lost a loved one; **Cancer:** Chip Tanneberger; 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:** Martina (brain tumor); John Tyson; Connie Reynolds; LaTonya Callaway; Lilly Cheek (heart surgery); Michael Patterson (awaiting a heart transplant); **Healing:** Patty Ritter; Susan Scott; Gayle Parrish; Mo Scaff; Pam Foil; Joe Pedalino; Theresa Carrier; Naigrel Lopez; Diana Roman; Jasmine (stroke victim); John Scialpi; Todd James; Jim Eldrett; Sherry Reittinger Kirch; Kathy McFillin; Heather Taylor; **Strength and Guidance:** The Tyson Family; Kayla and Archie Bingham; Vivian Bullard (hospice); Jenny Clapp (brain tumor); Peggy Conaway; Jason Morgan; 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 in war zones; famine, drought, fires, and earthquakes; humanitarian crisis in Cuba

SERMON NOTES



Today, as part of a pulpit exchange within our West Greensboro United Methodist Missional Network, we are blessed to welcome Rev. Dr. Kim Troy-Richardson, pastor of Bass Chapel and Raleigh's Crossroads UMCs, as our guest preacher. Pastor Kim has served in ministry for thirteen years in both the North Carolina and Western NC Conferences of the UMC. She is originally from Red Springs, NC, and grew up at Rhyne Memorial United Methodist Church. A graduate of UNC-Pembroke, she received her theological education from Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury, NC and United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH. Pastor Kim is the mother of two adult daughters, Jomeka and Alexis, and the grandmother to Erika, Lorenzo, Zion, Kim-Ellen, and Carlos, III (Trey). She is married to Gordon L. Richardson, who is employed with the US Postal Service. In her free time, Pastor Kim enjoys spending time at the beach, traveling, and hanging out with family and friends. Most importantly, Pastor Kim loves God's church, God's people, and preaching God's Word so that the church and the community be transformed. We are honored and blessed to welcome Rev. Dr. Kim Troy-Richardson to the pulpit today.

Today's Scripture:
Matthew 8: 5-13 (NIV)

"⁵ When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. ⁶ "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly."⁷ Jesus said to him, "Shall I come and heal him?" ⁸ The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹ For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." ¹⁰ When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, "Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. ¹¹ I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. ¹² But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹³ Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that moment."

NOTES:

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 23

Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am
Blessing of the Backpacks during worship at 11:00am
UMYF (Grades 7-12) in Room C11 from 5:00 -7:00pm
Building Team meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm

Monday, August 24

After School Program resumes for the school year
NA in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm
Scouts in the Children's Building in the evening

Tuesday, August 25

Church Council in Room A4 at 6:30pm

Wednesday, August 26

New Direction Nar-Anon Family Group in Room A2 at Noon
Mid-week Prayer Time in the Parlor at Noon
Disciple School in the James Tew Classroom (A3) 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
Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 7:00pm

Thursday, August 27

Preschool Open House
NarAnon in Room A2 at 7:00pm

Sunday, August 30

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
Youth and Parent Cookout and Orientation, back parking lot 5:00-7:00pm

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Amy Wall , Church Administrator	Carol Ingram , Administrative Assist.
Gloria Brown , Financial Director	

Guilford College United Methodist Church August 23, 2026 – 8:30 & 11:00am

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of all the teachers and students returning to school by Dave and Nedine Stump.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude
Ginny Williamson

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Praises & Opening Prayer
Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

^Fellowship Greeting & Opening Hymn
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven, UMH #66

WE PRAISE GOD AND PRAY

Children's Message,
Back to School Recognition and Prayer
Donna Ford and Randy Wall

*After the Children's message 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

Hymn
This is the Day of New Beginnings
UMH #383, vs. 1, 2, 4

Offering & Offertory
Laurin Allred

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

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Introduction of Our Guest Preacher

^Scripture Reading
Matthew 8:5-13 (NIV)

^ = Please stand as you are able.