

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Introduction of the Scripture
Laurin Allred

^ Scripture Reading
Mark 6:30-46 (NRSVue)

Sermon
What Do You Bring to the Table
Laurin Allred

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

^ Sending Hymn
We Are Called, TFWS #2172

^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 October 18th** 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

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

This training presents and discusses the required best practices to provide children, youth, staff and volunteers a safe place in which to assemble, worship, learn and grow. **The training is essential for staff, volunteers, parents, SPRC, lay leaders, church council members, Preschool staff, After School staff, church van drivers, anyone who is engaged in any way with children or youth, anyone who is in a position of leadership in the church or is a parent or guardian of children or youth.** Please attend either Sunday, September 27, from 3:30-5:00 pm or Thursday, October 1, from 6:30-8:00 pm. You may pick whichever date works best for you. Both sessions will be held in Room C1, first floor children's building.

LAITY SUNDAY AWARD

GCUMC friends, Laity Sunday this year is scheduled on October 18. It is the day in the United Methodist Church that we celebrate the laity of our church and both services that day will be led by church members. It is also a day that we want to recognize one or two of our dedicated members for a Laity Service award. If there is a church member that you feel serves the Lord and our church in an exceptional way, please submit their name to be considered for recognition. Please include a brief description of some of the ways you have witnessed their service within our church and community, and why you believe them to be worthy of recognition. **The deadline for submission is TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6** and should be sent to donnawgarcia@aol.com. The lay leaders and ministers review each one of your worthy recommendations and appreciate all of your responses!

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Young Adults (18-35ish) are invited to a weekly Sunday evening Bible Study at 6pm in the Hilltop Room. Questions or want to be added to the communication list? Find Laurin: text 336-688-8396 /email GroupMe DM / Discord (lorphin13) / lallred@guilfordcollegeumc.org

FALL WOMEN'S 9-WEEK BIBLE STUDY COLOSSIANS & PHILEMON

What does it mean to be “complete in Christ?” Two options are available: Tuesday evenings via Zoom 6:00-7:45 pm starting September 22 AND Wednesday mornings in person and via Zoom 9:30-11:30 am starting September 23. Cost of workbook is \$25. Contact Donna Ford, dford@guilfordcollegeumc.org, to register.

WEDNESDAY WELCOME TABLE

Please make plans to join us for our next Wednesday Welcome Table Meal on **October 7th from 5:45 - 6:40pm**. This fall, we are pleased to welcome Scott Crump as our chef and will be offering the meal every other Wednesday. The suggested donation for the meal will be \$8. Make plans to join us in this important ministry of sharing in nourishing food and welcoming fellowship!

GIVE

MAKE AN OFFERING TO THE WORK OF GOD'S CHURCH

- 1 - Text GiveGCUMC to 73256. Then click on the link 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.

BRINGING IN THE HARVEST

GCUMC has a long history of supporting the client choice food pantry at Greensboro Urban Ministry. Our annual food collection for Bringing in the Harvest will run from TODAY through Sunday, October 4. The pantry currently needs peanut butter, pasta, and bags of rice. No glass or expired items, please. You may place your donations of these items in the large GUM boxes in the information center all week. Thank you all for your continued commitment to helping feed those in need in our community!

PUMPKIN PATCH FUNDRAISER

The pumpkins are coming and we need your help! The pumpkin **unload** is scheduled for Sunday, October 4th at 12:30pm. This is a great day to serve alongside each other. We need lots of volunteers to unload a full truck of pumpkins (over 2,500 pumpkins). There are jobs for everyone. Make sure to bring work gloves and suitable clothing because we unload rain or shine.

PRAY AND WORSHIP

AMONG THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY:

Within Our Church Family: **Those who are Grieving:** The Family and Friends of Ellen Lancaster; all those who have lost a loved one; **Healing:** Donna Garcia; Robyn Martin; Y'Wing Enoul; Sandra Myers; Geri Cope; Tom Jenkins; Mike Ballard; Brooke Follo; Mike Duncan; Lynette Whittaker; **Surgery and Awaiting Tests:** all who need strength as they await surgery; **Strength & Faith:** Cam Waldron and Y'Josue (military); **Those With Cancer:** Becky Pearce; Tom Patterson; Mike Ballard; Tom Jenkins; **Sustaining and Guidance:** Ben Brothers (hospice); Helen Phillips; Dot Brogan; Dave Wasserboehr; Jim Baity; Charles Forbes; Tina Bell Midgett; Terri Hastings;

Extended Church Family: **Grieving:** The Families and Friends of the Guilford County students who have died unexpectedly; All those who have lost a loved one; **Cancer:** Jan Soper; Roger Lewis; Pam Foil; Chip Tanneberger; Wally Jarrell; Freddy Foshay; Heather Rittner; Sean Sullivan; Wyatt Daufeldt; Rachel Gault; Darla Freeman; David Castro; Sarah Lemon; Fay Holliday; Janelle Reichl; Sutton Phillips; Linda Payne; Carla Morgan; Tim Vail; Sharon Guarino; Carey; Tammy Smith; Emily; Billy Carey; Jim Cashman; Ron Moser; Debra Rutt; Judy Journey; Tammy Strickland; **Surgery and Awaiting Test Results:** Johnny Ramsey (9/25); Joe Pedalino; Martina (brain tumor); Connie Reynolds; LaTonya Callaway; Michael Patterson (awaiting a heart transplant); **Healing:** Debbie Lazenby(Trisha Moore's sister); Zion Johnson; Amy (in a serious accident);Steve Lahr; Steve Troxler; Patty Ritter; Susan Scott; Gayle Parrish; Mo Scalf; Pam Foil; Jasmine (stroke victim); John Scialpi; Jim Eldrett; Kathy McFillin; Heather Taylor; **Strength and Guidance:** The Tyson Family; Sharon Forst; Kiara; Pat Whitt; Lisa T. (employment); 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

SERMON NOTES



This window is in Christ Church Cathedral in Nelson, New Zealand. The artist, Beverley Shore Bennett was a prominent New Zealand artist. This design is part of a three-part triptych titled *Christ and Fishers* and dates to the early 1970s.

Today’s sermon message centers on what is for many a very familiar story. Beyond our familiarity with the Bible story itself, perhaps you notice other familiar elements of life: being tired, plans getting interrupted, the daily rhythm of eating and sharing. What would it mean to look at this passage with fresh eyes? I invite you to notice all the moments *around* the miracle of the food. Who are the main actors in this story? Where do you notice trust, surrender, frustration, wonder or other familiar feelings? Where are you in this narrative: are you a disciple—learning to serve and trust, or a crowd member—so hungry for Jesus’ teaching that you’d follow him to a desolate place? As we dive into this together, let’s allow the familiarity of the passage to be our anchor as we stretch our spiritual imaginations toward what we bring to this table.

Today's Scripture:

Mark 6:30-46, key verses.

³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; ³⁶ send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.” ³⁷ But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” ³⁸ And he said to them, “How many loaves have you? Go and see.” When they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” ... ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And all ate and were filled, ... ⁴⁴ Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

NOTES:

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 27

Bringing In the Harvest Food Collection through Oct. 6
Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am
Safe Sanctuary Training in Room C1 at 3:30pm
Brazos Abiertos: Pan in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00pm
Youth Group (Grades 7-12) in Room C11 from 5:00-7:00pm
SnYP Bible Study (Navigators) in the Hilltop Room at 6:00pm

Monday, September 28

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

Tuesday, September 29

Women’s Bible Study: Colossians & Philemon via Zoom at 6:00pm
Handbells Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 6:30pm

Wednesday, September 30

Women’s Bible Study: Colossians & Philemon 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
SnYP dinner, meet in the Rock, 5:45 - 6:45pm
ESOL in Rooms B5 & B6 from 6:30 – 7:45pm
SnYP in Hilltop Room from 6:45 – 7:45pm
Youth Fun Night meet on the back field from 6:45-7:45pm
Faith Files/Faith Friends Rooms C13, C14 from 6:45 - 7:45pm
Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 7:00pm

Thursday, October 1

Thriving at Three in Room C14 at 10:00am
Stephen Ministry Training in the Rock at 6:00pm
Safe Sanctuary Training in Room C1 at 6:30pm
NarAnon in Room A2 at 7:00pm

Sunday, October 4

Bringing in the Harvest Food Collection Ends
Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am
Pumpkin Patch Unload on the front lawn starting at 12:30pm
Youth Group (Grades 7-12) in Room C11 from 5:00-7:00pm
SnYP Bible Study (Navigators) in the Hilltop Room at 6:00pm

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Guilford College United Methodist Church September 27, 2026 – 8:30 & 11:00am

The altar flowers are in honor of the wedding of Kelly Alston and Mark McPherson who were married on Saturday.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Ginny Williamson

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Praises

Rev. Jeremy Troxler

Communal Opening Prayer

^Fellowship Greeting & Opening Hymn

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us, UMH #381

WE PRAISE GOD AND PRAY

Children's Message

Donna Ford

*At the 11am service, Children in Grades K-6 may exit for Children’s Worship on the 2nd floor of the Children’s building following the Children’s Message. They can be picked up from the church Parlor after the service.

Stewardship Moment

Julian McKinney

Offering

Rev. Jeremy Troxler

Choral Offertory

Let His Love Be Found in You

Prayer Concerns &

Call to Prayer

I Surrender All, UMH #354, vs. 1, 4

Prayers of the People

& The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

^ = Please stand as you are able.