



GUILFORD PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 19, 2023 | 10:00 a.m.

United in Christ,
growing in faith and love,
welcoming all,
servng one another and our community

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Middle School Youth lead worship

November 19, 2023

WELCOME, all who come to worship with us this day! May you discover the spirit of Christ in this place and among this church family gathered here. VISITORS will find name tags in the friendship pads on the pews. Please refrain from sound recordings during worship. Our service is live-streamed and recorded. Your participation is your consent to be recorded.

+all are invited to rise in body or in spirit.

You are invited to read aloud the words **in bold**.

Sing! a new creation - located in the rack under the pew (green)

Glory to God Hymnal (purple)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Dr. Allred

*The prelude is a time of transition, from hurried lives into the eternal presence of God.
At the sound of the bells, we invite you to make this a time of prayerful preparation for worship.*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marcus Harrington

PROCESSIONAL

+CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 63:1-4

Gavin Beale

O God, you are my God; I seek you.

My soul thirsts for you.

My flesh faints for you as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,

Beholding your power and glory,

Because your steadfast love is better than life.

My lips will praise you.

I will bless you as long as I live.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY*

Nicolette Harrington

Awesome God, you created the world and all that is in it. You blessed each element of creation with your love. You called us into witness and service. Be with us this day as we gather to worship. Clear our minds of all the distractions which would draw us away from you. Open our hearts and spirits and let your healing and empowering love flow in. Prepare us to be witnesses to your power and love as we use the gifts with which you have blessed us in your service. For we offer this prayer in the name of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION***

**O God, we want to have our cake and eat it, too:
we want to be a friend of the world and still be your friend.
Yet, Jesus taught us: "No one can serve two masters."
Give us strength and courage to get our priorities straight:
help us to seek your kingdom first.
Help us to live faithfully and joyfully in the world,
and to be friends with the people you call us to serve.
Help us also to remember that our best relationship
is the one we have with you,
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

+THE PEACE

Jayden Vereen

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(The people may exchange with one another, by words and gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation.)

+HYMN #175

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PENNIES FOR HUNGER

Jesu, Jesu

Glory to God Hymnal #203

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

A DRAMA**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 29:13

O.T. pg. 731

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 6:25-34

N.T. pg. 6

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

CALL TO PRAYER WITH GUIDED IMAGERY** Seeking Jesus

A STORY MESSAGE**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Seek Ye First

Jayden Vereen; bass guitar, Gavin Beale; trombone

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN GOD'S NAME

+HYMN # 837

Leaning On the Everlasting Arms

SHOWALTER

+BENEDICTION

Colossians 3:1

+POSTLUDE

END OF WORSHIP BEGINNING OF SERVICE

+Congregation is invited to stand

The second pew on the pulpit side is reserved for those who are hearing impaired.

Hearing aid devices and large print bulletins are available at the sound desk.

***Ministry Matters (ministrymatters.com)**

****Worship Feast, Abingdon Press**

***** Bruce Gillette and Carolyn Winfrey Gillette for the Center for Christian Ethics. Posted on <http://www.baylor.edu/content/services/document.php/174967.pdf>**

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We want to thank this congregation for the support of these youth in worship leadership. Special thanks to Dr. Allred for music leadership and all the parents who committed to youth practices.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship Campaign: During the month of October, we celebrated the many ways that God has blessed our church and the difference this church has made in God's world. As we conclude our Stewardship Campaign for this year it is important for each of us to participate in this blessing by financially supporting the mission and ministry of Guilford Park. Please place your pledge for 2024 in the collection plate this Sunday or send it to the church office this week.

Breakfast and the Bible is every Sunday during the 9 a.m. Free breakfast with Bible story and song. Families welcome. Fellowship Hall.

Adult Sunday School— classes are at 11:00 a.m. in the Westminster Room. Through December, we will explore Advent themes early using the images from A Sanctified Art as a basis for exploring the Advent focus of "How does a weary world rejoice?" We will use artistic imagery of scripture created by four contemporary artists as a starting point to encounter the scripture in visual way.

ON BREAK UNTIL NOVEMBER 28— Join us for The Word This Week, Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Library. This is the lectionary group Pastor Stephen hosts each week to discuss the scripture(s) for the upcoming Sunday service. All are welcome and no preparation is needed. Just come as you are with a curiosity for the text.

Monday Night Sunday School— We are probing the book of 1 Corinthians where we learned this week that our bodies are the Temple of God and His Spirit is within us (1 Corinthians 3:16). We will be learning more of Paul's teachings this week (chapters 4-6) and would love to have interested folk to join us for this important book. We meet in the Library, Mondays at 7 p.m.

Upcoming Fellowship Events: Souper Supper -- Sunday, November 26 at 6:00 p.m. This is everyone's first opportunity to see the church adorned in its Christmas finery after the Hanging of the Greens. If you would like to contribute a homemade soup to share, please notify Jim Lumsden, jimlumsden3744@gmail.com or 847-840-5302. Other attendees: Last names A-M bring desserts; Last names N-Z bring bread, rolls, crackers. There will be Advent activities for children and their families on Sunday November 26 at 5 p.m. before the soup supper.

Dinners of Eight will be planned for the beginning of the year. It is a great way for congregants to get to know one another. A sign-up sheet is on the Fellowship bulletin board.

Christmas Breakfast will take place on December 10 at 8:30. Save the date. It is the Fellowship way of starting the season.

Eat like a Kid again. In support of the Children's Christmas Pageant, the Fellowship Committee will be preparing a kid-friendly and young-at-heart friendly meal before the pageant. Save the date for this December 13 event.

We will have our **Caroling in the Park** on Sunday, December 3 from 5 to 6 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

GPPC will be serving and providing dinner at Greensboro Urban Ministry (GUM) on the November 22. Duties include welcoming guests, providing a prayer before dinner, serving dinner to the men and women staying at the shelter, and cleaning up any dishes we used. We would love to have you come serve with us. If you have any questions, contact Jenny Beale at jennybeale1@gmail.com and watch for the sign-up sheet on the Mission Bulletin Board if you would like to cook or serve.

TREE OF GIVING— During the month of November, we invite our GPPC congregation to donate items to the **Teacher Supply Warehouse for Guilford County Schools**. The average teacher spends \$600-\$1000 of their own money on classroom supplies. The Teacher Supply Warehouse, part of the Guilford Education Alliance, is a community collaboration designed to offset those costs by providing high-demand, everyday classroom supplies to Guilford County Schools educators. Visit guilfordeducationalliance.org for more details. For the list of wanted supplies, please see the weekly eNews.

PW Thank Offering – Together, GPPC can make a big impact in changing people's lives and transforming communities. This year a \$50,000 grant was given to Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance, Inc. in Immokalee, FL to address the dire situation of substandard housing that plagues farmworker families. Hurricane Irma severely impacted the already dilapidated housing market in this community and the virus only added to the misery. The Thank Offering grant will provide safe, affordable rental housing to low-income families. This grant is only one of seven grants totaling \$245,890. Your giving now will provide funding for grants in 2024. Thank Offering envelopes are available in pew pockets at church and at circle meetings from November until December 10.

Dinners of Eight is back! What's Dinners of Eight? It's basically a small group covered dish dinner in someone's home. The host provides the home and the entree. The other participants are assigned a side dish, salad and bread, or dessert. You will eat with different people and have a different assignment each month for the first three months of 2024. Hosting is easy, but if you can't host a meal, just note that on the sign-up sheet and we will accommodate your request. Singles are encouraged to sign up with or without a friend and may be paired with someone else. All adults are welcome! This is a great way to get to know GPPC folks in a relaxed small group setting. Sign up by December 17. Assignments will come in late December. Dinner months are January, February, and March. Sign up on the Fellowship bulletin board. Call Jan Heywood at 336-324-6378 with any questions.

Well it's that time of year. **The Mission Committee is offering Honor Cards** again this year. We have GUM, Habitat, Simple Gestures, IRC, Sanctuary House, and Piedmont Land Conservancy. Each card sells for a minimum of \$5. You will need exact change or a check made out to each organization. We will sell them November 26, December 3, 10, and 17. These make meaningful Christmas gifts.

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 19

Middle School Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast and the Bible—
Westminster
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School— Westminster
- 2:00 p.m. Children's Music—Choir Room
- 3:30 p.m. Session— Westminster

Monday, November 20

- 9:00 a.m. Librarian— Library
- 2:00 p.m. Treasurers— Library
- 6:30 p.m. Circle 17
- 7:00 p.m. Monday Night Sunday School—
Library
- 7:00 p.m. PW CT— Westminster

Tuesday, November 21

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting— Library
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Handbells— Westminster
- 7:00 p.m. YES Rehearsal— Choir Room

Wednesday, November 22

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Book Study— Green Joe's
- 7:30 a.m. High School Morning Muffins—
Panera
- 6:45 p.m. GUM Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study— Zoom

Thursday, November 23

Church Office Closed
Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, November 26

- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast and the Bible—
Westminster
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School— Westminster
- 2:00 p.m. Children's Music—Choir Room
- 5:00 p.m. Hanging of the Greens
- 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper— Fellowship Hall

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Ushers: Jansen Lasley, Skip Bailey, Geoff Carroll, Trent Walton, Mike Bivona

Liturgist: Middle School Youth

Camera operator: Cooper Kirkpatrick

Soundboard operator: Kay Owen

Opening/Closing: Ed Cheshire/John Parker

Flower Visitation: Stephanie Kurtts

Bread Delivery: Pris and Bob Ewalt

FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S TABLE today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jack Kurtts, by the Kurtss family.

Ministers: All the members of the Church

Pastor: Stephen Fearing

Parish Associate: Kit Schooley

Parish Associate: Fred Beck

Christian Educator for Children and Youth: Kim Row

Director of Music Ministries and Organist: Bill Allred

Music Director for YES Worship Service: Brian Fitts

Church Administrator: Jane Sharpe

YES Accompanist: Jordan Hart

Preschool Director: Rebecca Willoughby

Missionaries we support: Jan Feliciano in Mexico, and Tracey King-Ortega in Nicaragua

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73256 to give
online.



Guilford Park is an Earth Care Congregation. Today's bulletins are printed on 30% post-consumer recycled paper. Please recycle in the baskets at each exit from the sanctuary.

GPPC Elders:

Class of 2023

Rebecca Conway

Rick Cromer

Martha Higgins

Sandi Otwell

Bo Rodenbough

E.B. Taylor

Cooper Kirkpatrick— youth elder

Class of 2024

Mary Bruce

Kay Cheshire

Lisa Jones

Jansen Lasley

Kay Owen

Don Yelton

Class of 2025

Katherine Glasgow

Bill Hickling

Brad Kemmerer

Leslie Loyd

Jim Lumsden

Tim Peck

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