

BLENDDED WORSHIP SERVICE

Pledge Dedication Sunday/Middle School Sunday November 21, 2021
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. VISITORS will find name tags in the friendship pads in the pew racks. Please refrain from photography and sound recordings during worship.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE Dr. Bill Allred
*The prelude is a time of transition, from hurried lives into the eternal presence of God.
We invite you to make this a time of prayerful preparation for worship.*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Will Thompson and Marcus Harrington

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Don Yelton

PROCESSIONAL *We Are Marching in the Light of God* *Glory to God Hymnal #853*
Owen Beale, drum

+CALL TO WORSHIP* Owen Beale
Leader: O Lord, as we come into Sunday Worship and we chat; and we feel so very much at home; instill in us a sense of gratitude for our church, for its congregation and our community.
People: O God, help us to be good stewards of ourselves, our families and all that we care about.
Leader: As we hear the word of God, we sing and we pray; help us to be aware of how it all comes together.
People: O Lord, open our hearts and minds, so that we become good stewards of our church and our spiritual lives.
Leader: Let us through Christ be stewards of our world, our society and the traditions of giving and sharing our faith and love for others.
ALL: O Lord, give us the confidence and the willingness to share, to care and to pray for your infinite grace. Grant us your blessing. Thank you for the gift of you Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

+PRAYER OF THE DAY Ben Gordon
Let's continue to worship with prayer.
Keeper of every moment in eternity: we come, not only to hear those words which can transform us, but to be filled with your grace and hope. We have come, not out of habit, but to respond to your call, willing to be called away from the familiar ways of our lives. You call us to lay aside all that entangles us and to follow you into service to others. **Amen.**

SERVING IN WORSHIP

9:00 Ushers: Bob and Ashlyn McClellan
9:00 Liturgist: Middle School Youth
9:00 Audio/Video: Don Yelton
11:00 Ushers: Skip Bailey, Geoff Carroll, Trent Walton, Mike Bivona
11:00 Liturgist: Middle School Youth
11:00 Audio/Video: Rick Cromer
Opening/Closing: John Parker/Scott Moore
Flower Visitation: Eleanor Jordan

FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S TABLE today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jack Andrew Kurtts, by Andy, Nicole, Arlo, Romy, and Stephanie Kurtts.

Ministers: All the members of the Church
Transitional Pastor: David Cagle
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
Congregational Nurse: Susan Smith
YES Accompanist: Jordan Hart
Missionaries we support:
Pablo and Jan Feliciano in Mexico
Tracey King-Ortega in Nicaragua

Guilford Park is an Earth Care Congregation. Today's bulletins are printed on 100% post-consumer recycled paper. Please recycle in the baskets at each exit from the sanctuary.

Soup Pickup on November 21 – 5- 6 p.m.

On November 21, the Fellowship Committee will be handing out to-go containers of soup from the Fellowship Hall Kitchen between 5 and 6 p.m. The congregation is invited to come by and pick up a container to take home. The committee asks everyone to enter the Fellowship Hall from the back entrance at the columbarium. The committee also invites any volunteers to make a soup for the pickup. Please email Kenny Thompson at kewthompson@gmail.com to sign your name up to prepare a soup. If you plan to sign up, please bring the soup to the Fellowship Hall either at room temperature or cold, as the to-go containers will be plastic. Thank you!

Honor Cards will be on sale starting November 28 - December 19 in the Gathering Space. As of this writing, we have cards from Greensboro Urban Ministry, Habitat for Humanity, A Simple Gesture, Sanctuary House, and Piedmont Land Conservancy. **Please note - you must bring exact cash or a check made out to each individual organization. There is a \$5 minimum on all the cards.**

CURRENT ELDERS- please remember to check your box in the church office every week.

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 21

Middle School Sunday

Stewardship Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

6:00 p.m. Soup to Go– Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Session– Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 22

2:00 p.m. Treasurers– Library

Tuesday, November 23

5:30 p.m. Adult Handbells–

Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. YES Rehearsal– Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 24

6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study– Zoom

Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving Day

Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 28

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

+OPENING HYMN #14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

+CONFESSION**

Will Thompson

The world says, “Buy and accumulate things.”

God’s Word says, “Life is not made up of how much a person has.” (Luke 12:15)

The world says, “Wealth is our security.”

God’s Word says, “I will say about the Lord,

‘He is my place of safety.’” (Ps. 91:2)

The world says, “We deserve the best.”

God’s Word says, “The Lord blesses us with favor and honor. He doesn’t hold back anything good from those whose lives are without blame.” (Ps. 84:11)

The world says, “Give so that you may obtain favors and praise from others.”

God’s Word says, “Lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then you will receive a lot in return.” (Luke 6:35)

The world says, “Gratify your self in every way.”

God’s Word says, “Let Christ’s word live in

you like a rich treasure. ... Do everything

you say or do in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Always give thanks to God the Father through Christ.”

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

+THE PEACE

Ben Gordon and Marcus Harrington

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.)

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Violet Gordon

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Proverbs 11:24-25

Violet Gordon

The Word of God for the People of God.

O.T. pg. 594

Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Marcus and Owen

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Corinthians 9:5-8

Will Thompson

The Word of God for the People of God.

N.T. pg. 183

Thanks be to God.

GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERING INVITATION†

Truly God is good to us in ways beyond our understanding.
We ponder not how much we shall give, but how much we shall withhold.
Our God says, "The world and all that is in it is mine."
Our God owns the cattle on a thousand hills, yet
those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice,
bring honor to God.
In humble gratitude, let us present our thanks to God.

OFFERTORY *Amazing Grace* Trad.
Ben Gordon, trombone

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

DEDICATION OF PLEDGES

GO IN GOD’S NAME

+HYMN #647 *Give Thanks* GIVE THANKS

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE Dr. Bill Allred

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.
***from Christ UMC Northampton, MA**
****by Bryan Jeffery Leech, The Worshiping Church**
†*Words for Worship*, Arlene Mark, ed., Herald Press © 1996.

We thank the parents of our middle school leaders for getting them to practice and here this morning. Special thanks to Dr. Bill Allred for his help with music leadership.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As a witness of Christian love and compassion for unvaccinated children and for anyone with health concerns, we wear masks during Sunday morning worship as an act of discipleship.

Sunday School classes for all ages are held at 10:00 a.m. Classes for children and youth are in the Westminster Room. Adult classes:

• **Advent– Fellowship Hall BEGINS TODAY**
A four-week series of adult classes on Advent. We will go through the unusual evolution of Advent Hymns, the images from 500 years of classical Advent art, and trace the history of Advent from when it was “just a little Lenten season” because it was only four weeks long, to its present place in the church’s liturgical year. Advent is much more than calendars, candles, and counting days ’til Christmas. *Led by Kit Schooley*

Preschool is back in session. If you need to come to the church building we ask that you remember to come after 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our Preschool teachers and students safe.

Crafters wanted! Preparations are being made to provide peg people nativity sets to church families. If you would like to help paint the peg characters please contact Kim Row krow@guilfordpark.org. You may gather at church at scheduled times or take the pegs home to work on them. Pegs provided.

Guilford Park is once again taking part in Angel Tree, a gift-giving ministry sponsored by Virginia-based Prison Fellowship for local children who have a parent in prison. We have committed to buying gifts for 50 children (from toddlers to teens) from the Greensboro area. Our "Angels" will go up on the Gathering Space tree at church November 21. If you won't be at church, but would still like to help, email Heather at hmodlin@yahoo.com or call her at 336-420-5714. We need gifts wrapped, tagged, and brought to the church by December 12. Earlier is fine, too! (We must do inventory ahead of the distribution and get-together planned for December 19.) Do you want to help but are unable to shop? Monetary contributions to pay for gifts also are appreciated. If you have questions, call or text Heather.