



**No matter who you are or where you are  
on life's journey,  
you are welcome here!**

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Administrative Office Hours: Closed Mon  
Tues-Fri 9am-3pm

Pastor's Office Hours: By Appointment

**Bulletin Notices:** Please notify the office by Thursday at  
noon if you would like something added to the bulletin.

**Hospital Visits:** If you or a loved one are in the hospital  
and would like a visit from Rev. Sparrow or one of the  
Deacons, please leave a message at 257-2776 with the name  
and room number of the person. Hospital confidentiality  
regulations prevent visits without this information.

Prayer Chain: Should a health emergency arise during the  
week for which you would like prayers, or if you would be  
willing to pray for others and would like to join the prayer  
chain, please call Lucy Spahr-Blazej at (802) 380-3695.  
Please spell the name(s) or email Lucy at  
[lucysb1@gmail.com](mailto:lucysb1@gmail.com).

## **GUILFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Sunday, November 17, 2019**



### **2019 ANNUAL MEETING After church**

*"Day begins, the fields are filling,  
Workers out to do their share  
Song begins, we all are willing;  
Let me hear his children everywhere."*

### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**November 17, 2019**

PRELUDE  
WELCOME  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER and CANDLE-LIGHTING FOR THE SEARCH  
COMMITTEE

BIRTHDAY SONG

*Happy Birthday, happy birthday, we love you  
Happy Birthday and may all your dreams come true  
When you blow out the candles one light stays aglow  
It's the love light in your eyes, where'er you go.*

SILENT MEDITATION  
and THE LIGHTING OF CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP. (Isaiah 65:17-25)

For I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;

**the former things shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.**

But be glad and rejoice forever,  
in what I am creating;

**for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,  
and its people as a delight.**

I will rejoice in Jerusalem,  
and delight in my people;

**no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,  
or the cry of distress.**

No more shall there be in it

an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person  
who does not live out a lifetime;

**for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a  
youth,**

and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered  
accursed.

**They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant**

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SCRIPTURE (Peter Amidon)

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13 \*\*\*RPB p.194 \*\*\*LPB p.251

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn:#617  
"Write These Words in Our Hearts ..."

SERMON: "The Work of a Day"

ANTHEM: "Welcome Holy Spirit"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(It is our custom to join hands for the Lord's Prayer.)*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

Hymn #278 "Hear our Prayer, Oh Lord..."

THE OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN: #377 "What Gift Can We Give?"

BENEDICTION

\*THREEFOLD AMEN: Hymn #291

*\*invites the congregation to stand*

*We wish you a warm welcome this morning  
and hope you will feel very much at home and among  
friends. Please join us after the service for a time  
of refreshment and fellowship.*

Today we especially thank the volunteers who make  
this worship service & the reception after possible.

Service Coordinator: Terry Sylvester

Greeters: Nancy Ragle + Ron and Kachina Autenrieth

Coffee Hour: Sue Owings

Flowers: Margaret Dale Barrand

**All members are encouraged to stay for the 2019 Annual  
Meeting which will take place after the service once we  
have had a short break for refreshment!**

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**vineyards and eat their fruit.**

They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat;

**for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,**

**and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.**

They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity;  
**for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord-  
and their descendants as well.**

Before they call I will answer,  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

**The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;  
but the serpent-its food shall be dust!**

They shall not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

\*OPENING HYMN: #51 "All Creatures of Our God Now Sing"

#### PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION

We turn to God in prayer not because we are compelled  
but because God invites us.  
We come to God not because of our righteousness  
but because of God's grace.  
In that spirit, we offer this prayer of confession and unburdening.

**Loving God, we know that in every generation you call forth  
prophets to proclaim your word. We give you thanks that  
you are still speaking even today. Your Spirit inspires  
the young to see visions of a new creation and elders  
to dream of a time not yet known.**

**Yet we confess that we fail to hear your voice  
when it comes from an unexpected place.  
Convinced that we are right, we miss the Good News  
of your reconciling love.  
Forgive us, God. Restore us with humility  
and awaken us anew to your presence and your promise.  
Amen.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

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#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The God of creation is a God of mercy.  
God is quick to forgive and God's promise of restoration  
is for all people. Friends believe the Good News of the Gospel.  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM: "Give Us a Song"

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN'S HYMN: #527 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

CONTEMPORARY READING: "The Life of a Day"  
*Written by Tom Hennen, recited by Peter Amidon*

Like people or dogs, each day is unique and has its own  
personality quirks which can easily be seen if you look  
closely.

But there are so few days as compared to people, not to  
mention dogs, that it would be surprising if a day were not  
a hundred times more interesting than most people.

But usually they just pass, mostly unnoticed, unless they are  
wildly nice, like autumn ones full of red maple trees and hazy  
sunlight, or if they are grimly awful ones in a winter blizzard  
that kills the lost traveler and bunches of cattle.

For some reason we like to see days pass, even though most  
of us claim we don't want to reach our last one for a long  
time.

We examine each day before us with barely a glance and say,  
no, this isn't one I've been looking for, and wait in a bored  
sort of way for the next, when we are convinced, our lives will  
start for real.

Meanwhile, this day is going by perfectly well-adjusted,  
as some days are, with the right amounts of sunlight  
and shade, and a light breeze scented with a perfume made  
from the mixture of fallen apples, corn stubble, dry oak  
leaves, and the faint odor of last night's meandering skunk.

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## Poinsettia Order Form

We are offering plants in a choice of colors and sizes:

Large Red (2 stems) = \$21

Large White (2 stems) = \$21

Small Red (1 stem) = \$10.75

Small White (1 stem) = \$10.75

Please return orders to Patrice Murray by Sunday, Dec. 1.

Make checks payable to GCC with "Poinsettia" in the memo line.

Your name(s):

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Plants desired (e.g., 1 small red, 1 large white, etc.)

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Please check one:  Given in honor  Given in memory

of \_\_\_\_\_

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Paid?  Yes  Not yet

*Thank you!*

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR FESTIVITIES



*So many ways to join in the festivities!*

**Wreath decorating** – Thursday, 12/5, beginning around 4:30 pm, at the church. Materials provided, no experience necessary.

**Crafts** – Donations welcome of all kinds of handmade crafts, creations, jewelry, and decorations. Please bring to the church by Thursday, 12/5, 6:00 pm.

**Food table** – Seeking donations of tea breads, preserves, pickles, homemade candy, all kinds of goodies! Please bring to the church by Thursday, 12/5, 6:00 pm.

**White elephants** – Clean items in good condition that you no longer want but someone else might. (No clothes please!) If possible, please bring to the church between Friday, 11/30, and Sunday, 12/1. Items can be left in Zeller Hall.

**Sign-up sheets** -- For Friday set-up (12/6) and for working at the Bazaar will be at the back of the church beginning Sunday, 11/17.

**For questions** about crafts, talk to Jan Drechsler or email her at [quilt doc@gmail.com](mailto:quilt doc@gmail.com).

### **For all other questions**

Talk to Cathy Hess (802) 579-9905  
[chess379@gmail.com](mailto:chess379@gmail.com) or Cheri Ann Brodhurst (802)  
257-6968.

## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

Thankful  
&  
Blessed

**Sunday, November 17**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
*after church*

**Sunday, November 24**  
**THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**  
**Baptism of Canaan Lee Thormann**

**Tuesday, November 26, 7pm**  
**Interfaith Service**  
**of Thanksgiving and Blessing**  
**for the First Baptist Church**

**Sunday, December 1**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**Pageant Rehearsal begins**

**Saturday, December 7**  
**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**  
**9am- 1:30pm**

**Sunday, December 14**  
**Dessert Potluck and Caroling**  
*after church*

**Sunday, December 21**  
**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**  
**All are Welcome**

the Sunday School will fill decorated boxes for members of the church, the local community and the AIDS Project who may welcome this extra holiday support.  
Sign up today to donate needed items:

Turkeys  
Cranberry Sauce  
Stuffing  
Potatoes

Biscuits/Corn Bread  
Gravy  
Vegetables  
Pie Crust and filling

## **NOVEMBER OFFERINGS...**



**For our homeless brothers and sisters**  
**at the Groundworks Drop In Center:**

*boots, gloves, hats for adults...*  
Towels, mugs, coffee  
Still needed ☺

## **PROJECT FEED THE THOUSANDS/GUILFORD CARES** (basket is downstairs)

Cereal (non-sugar coated)	Pasta (Assorted)
Tuna Fish	Brown Rice (one pound)
Spaghetti Sauce	Canned Chicken
Canned Vegetables	Fruit in Natural Juices
Peanut Butter	Jelly
Soup (Assorted Low/No Salt)	Mayonnaise
Cheese	Pancake Mix
Sugar Free Apple Sauce	Crackers
Dried Fruit (no sugar added)	Whole Grain Crackers
Baby Formula	Baby Food

**THANKSGIVING BOXES...NEXT WEEK \_\_November 24**

## **PRAYERS AT GUILFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Our faith teaches us that prayer is a unique and powerful force for healing. Within our community, we believe it is also important to respect confidentiality. We trust the people listed below have been consulted and are glad to be included.

If you would like a loved one added to these prayers, please leave a prayer request in the prayer triangle at the back of the Sanctuary, or call the Pastor's phone line (257-2776). They will be included for three weeks unless other requests are made.

### GCC Search Committee

Lisa Vose	Joan Seymour	Doris Spahr
Anne Janeway	Elaine Petrie	Carol Jaenson
Theodore Koehler	Julie Peterson	Herb Meyer
Trudy McNulty	Grace Wahlberg	Jay Falk
Anthony Bombocino	Diana MacInnes	Angela Daprato
Lois & Chaz Freeman	Mary Grove	Elizabeth Israel
Ruth Ayers	Lori Shriner	Michael Vose
Victoria Conroy	Jacob	Mary Ellen Koehler
Ina Schaffer	Justin	Nan

### **THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets Mondays at 3pm.**

Everyone is welcome. The knitters provide beautiful hand knit or crocheted shawls for those in need of the comfort the shawls offer. There is a good supply of yarn and patterns for those who wish to fashion a shawl. If you would like a shawl blessed to give to someone please speak to Lise, Pat Haine or Ellen Crockett. If you would like yarn to make one please contact Pat (257-0626). And, if you donate a shawl, please put your name on it so we will know who made this gift!

**Need a ride to church?** Please call Patty Meyer at 257-0994 by Friday noon.

**Want to receive our weekly e-news and quarterly newsletters?** Please fill out one of the cards in the pews and place it on the offering plate.

**BCTV:** Many of our services have been filmed and can be found on BCTV, Channel 8 Wednesday morning at 7am and Sunday mornings at 8am or anytime online at [www.brattleborotv.org](http://www.brattleborotv.org)

**Audio-recordings of services** are available through Patty in the office.

**AA MEETINGS** take place on Tuesdays and Fridays in the Houghton Room. Tuesdays at 6:00 pm is an OPEN AA MEETING for men and women. Friday's meeting is at 5:30 pm and is a closed AA meeting, for women only.

**SECOND SUNDAY STEP STUDY** – An Al- Anon Family Step Work Group. This group meets the 2nd Sunday of the month, 2- 4pm in the Houghton Room. The next meeting is Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**LIVING STRONG** Classes for strength and balance meet at the church Mon/Wed at 5:15–6:15pm, Tuesday - Friday 10-11am. Speak to Lise (257-2776) or Lucy (380-3695) for more information or check out the Facebook page: Guilford Living Strong.

**TAI CHI FOR MATURE BODIES** – Mondays from 10-11am Intermediate & Mondays 11-12 for Beginners. For more information contact Patty at 257-0994.

## **CHURCH AND COMMUNITY**

