



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

**Guilford Community Church is a safe place
for all people to worship regardless of race, creed,
age, cultural background or sexual orientation**

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Peter Amidon & Andy Davis, Choir Directors
Patty Meyer, Organist

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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 Pastor Lise 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.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 12, 2020



"...we are to grow up in every way into him
who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole
body, joined and held together by every joint with
which it is equipped, when each part is working
properly, makes the body grow so that it
builds itself up in love."

Ephesian 4:15

ORDER OF WORSHIP
January 12, 2020

*Today we thankfully welcome David and Patricia Williams,
our Capital Campaign Consultants.*

*We hope everyone will stay after the service for the
slideshow, and to thank them and our capital campaign
committee for all their work, and then...to enjoy our
fabulous potluck luncheon. Everyone is welcome!*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*A complete list of announcements can be found in the insert
or in our weekly e-news. Please fill out the cards in the
pews to be added to our mailings.*

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 & THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

PRAYER AND CANDLE LIGHTING FOR THE PASTOR

SEARCH COMMITTEE

*Note: The pastor search committee meets every week and is
thoughtfully taking steps to find a new pastor to replace
Lise after her retirement in June.*

INTROIT: "Welcome Holy Spirit!"

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 46: 1-7

1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help
in trouble.

**2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give
way and the mountains fall into the heart of the
sea,**

3 though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

2020 OFFICERS

Lay Leaders: Fred Breunig (Moderator)
Cheryl Redmond,
Perrin Scott

Deacons: Lucy Spahr-Blazej, head deacon
Rob Harnish,
John Cole,
Fred Ashworth,
Terry Sylvester,
Kathie Lovell

Treasurer: Tom Green

Clerk: Jan Drechsler

Auditors: Andy Davis
Rob Noyes

Historian: Connie Green

Buildings and Grounds : Fred Ashworth

Care Committee: Mary Ellen Koehler
Mary Piluski
Barry Levitt

Christian Education: Sue Owings

Finance: Jim Haine

Social Outreach: Connie Woodberry

Resource Stewardship: Rachel Johnson
Bev Langeveld,
Fred Breunig

Worship Chair: Patrice Murray

*We are so grateful to these members who have stepped forward
to carry on these responsibilities for the sake
of God and the church.*

THE OFFERTORY
CALL TO OFFERING
*DOXOLOGY
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Thanks a Lot"

SENDING FORTH THE LIGHT

BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN: Hymn #291

**invites the congregation to stand*

***RPB=Red Pew Bible ***LPB=Large Print Bible

We wish you a warm welcome this morning and hope you will feel very much at home and among friends. Please take a stretch break and remain in the sanctuary for a short program of thanks and short slide show celebrating the accomplishments of the capital campaign. Everyone is welcome!



Today we especially thank the following volunteers who make this worship service and the potluck after possible.
Service Coordinator for today is Bev Langeveld
Greeters: Elizabeth Christie + Betty Putnam
Flowers: Margaret Dale Barrand
Coffee and tea provided by the deacons.
Potluck Organization by the Capital Campaign Committee and friends.

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

5 God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; He lifts His voice, the earth melts.

7 The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

OPENING HYMN: #355 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS:

Kathie Lovell, deacon; Patrice Murray, Worship Committee Chair; Rob Noyes, Auditor; Rachel Johnson, Resource Stewardship; Fred Ashworth, Deacon

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the church, whether gathered or scattered. Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

Officers: I am.

Leader: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

Officers: I do, relying on God's grace.

Leader (*addressing the congregation*):

Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ, who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those who are able, rise and witness to the commitment we now make?
All who are able stand.

People: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours, to be partners with you, in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you, that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Leader: The laying on of hands is the symbolic act whereby the church in every age, recognizes God's call to ministry, in the lives of faithful women and men; and asks the Holy Spirit to confer upon them the gifts of ministry. We lay hands upon you, as officers of the Guilford Church.

(After the laying on of hands is complete, the pastor continues)

May the Holy Spirit strengthen you for your ministry in Christ's church, and equip you with everything good to do God's will. Receive authority to execute the office to which you have been called, in the name of Christ.

People: Amen.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, You have called these people to serve You, in this household of faith and in the world, which You have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send Your Holy Spirit on them, that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties, that Your church may prosper in the mission You place before it. May their examples prove worthy for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the people of Guilford Community Church of the United Church of Christ, I rejoice to announce, you are installed in your positions as officers of the church. In accordance with the faith and order of this church, I extend to you the hand of Christian love.

People: Thanks be to God.

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INSTALLATION HYMN:#476

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

All welcome new members and offer the sign of peace to each other.

UNISON PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION Psalm 46:1-3

- 8 **Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.**
- 9 **He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the shields with fire.**
- 10 **He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Psalm 46: 4-7

Pastor: The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

CHILDREN'S STORY: Blessing of a Prayer Shawl for Lizzie
PRAYER

CHILDREN'S HYMN: #256 "Kum ba Yah"
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn: #617
"Write These Words in Our Hearts ..."

SCRIPTURE READING *(Tom Green)*

John 2: 1-11 ***RPB p.87 ***LPB p.113

SERMON: "Water into Wine!"

ANTHEM: "He Turned the Water into Wine" (Johnny Cash)

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..."

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CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

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

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 10th.

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 11-12. For more information contact Patty at 257-0994.

**Guilford Community Church
United Church of Christ**

2020 CALENDAR

Today, January 12
Installation of New Officers

Tuesday, January 14
5:30pm at Pliny Park
Homelessness Awareness Vigil

Sunday, January 19
10am Rev. Lise Sparrow

Monday, January 20
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
Centre Congregational Church
Celebration 4pm

Sunday, January 26
10am Rev. Lise Sparrow
with guest preacher, Rev Paul Sangree
Associate Conference Minister
Q&A after church

CENTERING PRAYER
every Wednesday----everyone welcome

OPEN MEDITATION
4:15-4:50pm in the Sanctuary

BOOK DISCUSSION:
“The Way of Centering Prayer” by David Frenette
Chapter 14

CLOSING MEDITATION 5:20-5:30pm

**JANUARY IS HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS MONTH
AND
January 15 is Homelessness Awareness Day**

Join us at Pliny Park at 5:30 for a short program and remembrance for those who have passed away.

SEASONAL OVERFLOW SHELTER (SOS) MEAL

We are one of over twenty faith-based communities who, along with a few community organizations, work together to be sure everyone has a warm bed and meal each night. Rob and Jill Harnish have again stepped forward to lead the preparation and serve meals the first Sunday of each month. Your help is needed and welcomed in all aspects of the task. Please let them know if you can provide part of a meal and/or help with serving the meal each month. Rob's number is (508) 808-1373 or email: rharn92636@gmail.com. **Our next meal is February 2.**

DONATIONS OF FOOD: The Drop In Center on South Main Street is open every day as a place of warmth and always welcomes food donations to serve people who drop in. Consider this if you have leftover food to share and drop it off at the South Main Street location any day. We are also collecting: mugs, coffee, laundry detergent, toiletries, hats, gloves, boots and jackets for adults.

DONATIONS FOR MORNINGSIDE SHELTER

The longer term shelter can always use sheets, towels and toiletries.

PROJECT FEED THE THOUSANDS/GUILFORD CARES

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

ALL Donations can be left in the baskets downstairs and we will be sure to deliver them.

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
Family and Friends of Michael Vose
Family and Friends of Charlene Churchill

Joy Hayes	Joan Seymour	Doris Spahr
Anne Janeway	Elaine Petrie	Carol Jaenson
Theodore Koehler	Julie Peterson	Herb Meyer
Trudy McNulty	Grace Wahlberg	Carole Crompton
Jay Falk	Diana MacInnes	Angela Daprato
Lois & Chaz Freeman	Mary Grove	Elizabeth Israel
Abby Jacobson	Nan	Eileen Lantzas
Victoria Conroy	Jacob	Mary Ellen Koehler
Ina Schaeffer	Justin	Lori Shriner
Russell Provost	William Murray	Peggy Bowler
Carmella Vellela		Barry Levitt

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!

Would you like to HELP?

Do you like our Sunday worship services?

There are a LOT of jobs – large and small – that go into providing a service every week.

The Worship Committee would like to expand our list of helpers, because at GCC we know that many hands make light work!

We need help with the following tasks.

- Supplying flower arrangements for the altar
- Scheduling greeters
- Working coffee hour
- Cleaning up coffee hour
- Filing music
- Making large print bulletins
- Shoveling entrances & walks
- Weeding gardens
- Tidying the building before services
(Ex: sweeping stairs, checking bathrooms)

Please let us know if you can lend a hand with any of the above by marking your preferences and returning this insert with your name and phone or email address. Thank you SO MUCH!!!

Worship Committee
Patrice Murray, Chair
Phone : 254—9019 Email: vtpatrice22@gmail.com

Or drop her a note with you name and contact info...

Name

Phone

Email:

Volunteering to...

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