



*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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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.

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 9, 2020**



"I will comfort you
I'll take your part, oh, when darkness comes
And pain is all around
Like a bridge over troubled water..."

(Simon and Garfunkel)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 9, 2020

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

OPENING HYMN: #1 "We Limit Not the Truth of God"

RESPONSIVE READING: Isaiah 58: 6-12

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your

light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

ALL: Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION

Revitalizing God,

**your power goes far beyond our own,
and yet still we act as though the pains of this world
have final claim upon us.**

**We give in to despair and hopelessness,
not trusting in your ability
to call forth new life from our lives.**

**Forgive us for doubting your power
to raise up new life in the midst of all we experience.**

**Forgive us for wanting to limit you,
not trusting you to move and act
among us, within us, through us.**

**Forgive us, and open our eyes
to the wonder of new life sprouting into being
in our very midst.**

SILENT CONFESSION...*a time for silence*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: "Come out," Jesus calls,
and his word unbinds us from the weight of our past
and pushes away everything that closes us off from love.
We are made free in the spirit of God, full of light and hope.

People: May God's Light shine from our lives!

ANTHEM: "Lazarus"

CHILDREN'S STORY: "Who Healed Lazarus?"

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S HYMN: "This Little Light of Mine"
SCRIPTURE READING: Mike Mayer

John 11:1-44

***RPB ***LPB

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn: #617

“Write These Words in Our Hearts ...”

SERMON: “We Will Rise Up”

ANTHEM: “Bridge Over Troubled Water”

(Simon and Garfunkel)

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

THE CLOSING HYMN: #26

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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 join us after the service for time of refreshment and fellowship.

Today we especially thank the following volunteers who make this worship service possible.

Service Coordinator for today: Fred Breunig

Greeters: Ken Kornfield + Elizabeth Christie

Flowers: Patrice Murray

Coffee Hour: Sue Owings

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CENTERING PRAYER

every Wednesday----everyone welcome

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

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

CLOSING MEDITATION 5:20-5:30pm

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, February 9

Worship Leader: Lise

Sunday, February 16

Worship Leader: Dunham Rowley

Lise is away

Sunday, February 23

FAT SUNDAY!

4pm: “Taking Root:
the Vision of Wangari Maathai”
with Alan Dater and Lisa Merton

Wednesday, February 26:

Ash Wednesday, 7pm

Sunday, March 1

First Sunday in Lent
SPECIAL COLLECTION

Kenya Packing after church

Sunday, March 8

Kenya Send Off

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 TODAY, Sunday, February 9th.

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 All. For more information contact Patty at 257-0994.

GROUNDWORKS SUPPORT

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: harnishrobert12@gmail.com

Our next meal is March 1.

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 Carrie Blum
Lizzie and her Family and Friends
Family and Friends of William Stacy
Carol and Jon Michael McManus and others
whose homes were flooded this week
Family and Friends of Peter Serkin

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
Victoria Conroy	Peggy Bowler	Mary Ellen Koehler
Ina Schaeffer	Justin	Lori Shriner
Barry Levitt	William Murray	Ginny Rand
Prasanna & Sheetal	Jacob	Maggie Breunig Smith
Betsy Bates	Nan	Jim Buchholz and Family

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!



MARCH 1: SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR KENYA

Margaret and Lily, Dwayne and Rachel, Lee and Lise and twelve other Vermonters, five from the Londonderry Church will be helping create a new nursery for these children, and tables and benches for the high school dining hall.

We welcome donations of children's clothing, tools,, wooden puzzles and shoes and all kinds of hand tools for simple projects.

All donations will go to:

- 1) support the 140 children and their guardians with food, soap and cooking oil
- 2) buy building materials and tools
- 3) school uniforms
- 4) a computer for the school principal

Checks can be made out to GCC/Kenya and there is also a GoFundMe page entitled: Guilford-Kaiguchu Children's Project.