

**Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings**

**Offertory**

† **Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Sharing our prayer concerns**

**Musical interlude**

**Prayers for the Church and the world, The Lord's Prayer**

**SENDING FORTH**

† **Hymn**                      *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*                      **#400**

† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

*†The congregation is invited to stand, as you are able.*



The youth joining the church today are for the first time since their baptism publicly confirming their intention to live the vows of the baptismal and membership covenant. They are now professing members of Morris Chapel United Methodist Church.

**DO ALL THE  
GOOD YOU CAN,  
BY ALL THE  
MEANS YOU CAN,  
IN ALL THE  
WAYS YOU CAN,  
IN ALL THE  
PLACES YOU CAN,  
AT ALL THE  
TIMES YOU CAN,  
TO ALL THE  
PEOPLE YOU CAN,  
AS LONG AS  
EVER YOU CAN.**  
JOHN WESLEY

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Worship Celebration 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time 10:30 AM | Sunday School 10:45 AM

**The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton**

Raleigh Area Bishop

**The Rev. Sunny B. Limm**

Fairway District Superintendent

**The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour**

Pastor

**Nancy Martinez**

Assistant to the District Superintendent

# A Service of the Word

Confirmation Sunday  
April 21, 2024 9:30 AM

The story of Abraham reveals that faith is not a step into the dark unknown, but a trusting in God's light and promise. In Colossians, Paul teaches the church how to live in love, doing everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God our Father through him.

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

### Ringing the Church bell

### Welcome and Announcements

Prelude                                    *"To God Be the Glory"*                                    Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise                                    *"We Are the Body of Christ"*                                    Choir

### † Call to Worship

The Lord is our shepherd.  
**We shall want for nothing else.**

Lord Jesus is the King of love.  
**His goodness fails us never.**

Come now Holy Spirit!  
**Put the flame of praise upon our lips.**

Holy Blessed Trinity, we'll praise your name forever.  
**Alleluia and Amen!**

### † Prayer

Gracious God, we raise our confirmands to your care. We rejoice in their faith journey and ask you to be their guide, guardian, and help. Let them feel the love of their church family as they begin a new chapter in their lives. Reveal to them your good and perfect and pleasing will for their lives. **Amen.**

† Hymn                                    *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"*                                    # 64

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson	Psalm 15	Manuela Seymour
Anthem	<i>"You Own Me"</i>	Choir
Children's Lesson		Krystle Ray
New Testament Lesson		Colossians 3:12-17
Sermon	<i>"Three Simple Rules"</i>	Kevin Seymour

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### Prayer of Response

**I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you, Praised for you or criticized for you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service. And now, O wonderful and holy God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, you are mine, and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it also be made in heaven. Amen.**

† Hymn                                    *"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"*                                    # 712

Confirmation                                    #33

**Isabelle Sturgill, Bryson Baker, Ian Carter, Jason Morton, J.C. Ray**

### Congregational welcome

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

### Congregational commitment

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

**MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – April 21, 2024**

**WELCOME!**

Welcome to Morris Chapel United Methodist Church! We are delighted that you joined us in Christian Education and Worship today. Morris Chapel United Methodist Church welcomes visitors who are seeking a church home, those who join us for special occasions, and those who seek relief from life's burdens. Join us in praising God, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, and giving thanks to a loving God for the blessings of the day!

**CALENDAR**

Every Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service – in person and Livestream
Sunday	10:30 am	Fellowship Time
Sunday	10:45 am	Sunday Schools
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study “Sunday’s Coming” Pastor Seymour
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice – all are welcome

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**First Time Visitors!** We are so glad you joined us, and we hope you return! Please pick up a coffee mug with goodies and info at the front door area as you exit. It is a token of our gratitude and love for visiting our Worship Service. Be blessed

**The Scholarship Committee** has scholarship applications ready. See Danny Baker for a copy. He also can email the application to you, so let him know. See Danny for any questions you may have. Applications can be returned to either Danny or Pastor Kevin but must be returned no later than May 1. Thank you.

**New Church Directory with Color Family Photos** is launched! SAVE these dates: Friday June 14 and Saturday June 15 for scheduling of your family photos! The Portrait Café will be in the Fellowship Hall to take member and attendee photos AND extended family photos! You will receive a free 8x10 photo at NO cost to you unless you choose to purchase more pictures. See the posters in the Fellowship Hall & Narthex for sign-up info. Your contact people at Morris Chapel are Gail Carucci, Project Leader, and Laurel Parker. We hope EVERYONE participates!!

**Pastor’s Tuesday Bible Study** is an extension of the Sunday Sermon! Class starts at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Every week is a different topic so you are never “behind” in this study. Come & see...Our group is growing....

**The 2024 Fellowship Hall Calendar** is posted in the Fellowship Hall on the left bulletin board just as you enter. **Committee Chairs**, please enter all meetings scheduled for the FH on this calendar. If an Announcement is needed for the church, email the bulletin preparers by Wednesday morning what you wish to have listed. Thanks!

**Easy Site: Accessing Sunday Sermons** is as easy as going on Facebook. Refresh your memory, rethink the messages, be enriched again. May God bless your devotion. <https://www.facebook.com/MorrisChapelUnitedMethodistChurch>

**PARISH NOTICES**

**Lay Ministry Courses** are being offered at the Garner, NC Conference Building of our Fairway District. Uncertain? Attend the **Day of Discovery** June 1 (10:00-3:00) seminar that will explain how to become a certified Lay Minister. The course will be offered at the NC Conference Building in Garner, NC. Lunch is provided free. To register, go [cle@nccumc.org](mailto:cle@nccumc.org) and search for Day of Discovery registration. You will be edified...

**Announcements: by noon on Wednesdays to Laurel Parker at [laurelparker@charter.net](mailto:laurelparker@charter.net) or (919) 271-0963 AND Mavis Harper at [mavisharper1944@gmail.com](mailto:mavisharper1944@gmail.com) or (919) 770-0489.**

**PLEASE word your announcement as you wish to see it printed.. Thank you**

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

<b>Richard &amp; Pat Angel</b> <b>Family of George Atkinson</b> Sherry Baucom <b>The Bedard Family</b> Debbie Bryan Vicke & Randy Buchanan <b>Crystal Burichin</b> <b>Donna Callodonato</b> Joey Campbell <b>Children of the world</b> Jayden Cockran Congregational Unity	Linda Dilley Jeff Hartman <b>Family of Mark Hickman</b> Jimmy Holt Family of Teresa Ingram Ann Jackson Amanda Johnson Evan & Leslie Johnson <b>Kenny Kosza</b> Maude Maloney Ann McLeod	Maxine McLeod <b>Family of Foster McNeill</b> Rhonda McNeill <b>Middle East peoples</b> Mike Phillips Susie Pierce <b>Jeff Popke</b> Helen Rogers Shirley Salmon Anna Sanfilippo <b>Rich Sauppe</b>	<b>Ron &amp; Peggy Scott</b> Becky Seymour <b>Family of Karen Shepard</b> Kyle Smith Lisa Stafford Joyce Key Thomas United Methodist Church <b>United States of America</b> Pam Vaughan Ruth Watson Jimmy Womack
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Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings      Attendance 4/14/24    76

Tithes & Offerings as of: 04/14/2024	
2024 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 55,470.66
2024 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 85,313.53
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 29,842.87

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

**Worship Volunteers**-- you are respectfully asked to arrange for a substitute in the event that you cannot fill your assigned slot. Thank you.

Apr	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
<b>21</b>	Rylee Ray Bryson Baker	Krystle Ray	Manuela Seymour	Carolyn Saucier Danny Baker	Dan Wissinger Melanie Wissinger	
<b>28</b>	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Stacey Burris	George Orlovsky	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Jack Harper Mavis Harper	
<b>May 5</b>	Ian Carter Isabelle Sturgill	Gillian Hubley	Steve Huepper	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Hank Richards Margaret Spivey	Kevin Seymour Manuela Seymour Greg Vorholt Cindy Vorholt
<b>12</b>	Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Richard Angel	Leslie Orlovsky	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Greg Vorholt Cindy Vorholt	
<b>19</b>	JC Ray Bryson Baker	Krystle Ray	Peggy Baker	Justin Ray JC Ray	Linda Dilley Pam Summers	

**After Worship Treats are provided by The Rays. Thank you!**