

† Hymn

“Spirit of the Living God”

UMH No. 393

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Mission Moment

Sarah Kilmer

Presentation of God’s tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† Doxology

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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

“How Firm a Foundation” UMH No. 529

† Benediction

† Postlude

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

May the Spirit of the Lord rest upon you,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone has done wondrous things.



BAPTISM OF THE LORD MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Service of Worship | 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time 10:30 AM | Sunday School 11:00 AM

The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton

Raleigh Area Bishop

The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour

Pastor

A Service of the Word

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 12, 2025

Today we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord. The Epiphany season celebrates the revealing of Christ. Traditionally it marks three events: the visit of the magi, the baptism of Christ, and his first miracle—Jesus’s transforming water into wine at Cana. Even as we celebrate Jesus’s baptism this morning, we remember our own. In remembering, we recall three elements of our baptism—our stripping of all that stands between us and God, our washing in the water that cleanses us and drowns our sin, and our being clothed in the garments of righteousness. In these we have the new vocation of discipleship. Therefore, today is a call to holiness of life and renewed vocation.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

† Openings Sentences

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Almighty Father, repentance does not come easy to us.

Jesus came after John, is more powerful than John,
and baptizes with the Holy Spirit.

Beloved Jesus, use your power to transform us.

At Jesus’s baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon him and a voice from
heaven claimed him as the Beloved Son.

Holy Spirit, make us pleasing to our Father.

† Opening Prayer

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit; grant to us, who are born again by water and
the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children, through
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

† Hymn of Praise

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

UMH No. 577

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

Peggy Baker

Anthem

“Wings of a Dove”

Children’s Lesson

Krystle Ray

† Gospel Lesson

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon

“People of the New Exodus”

Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer of Confession

Dear Jesus, I want to be a Christian in my heart;
please forgive my disobedience.

I want to be a Christian in all that I do;
please forgive my bad choices.

I want to be a Christian in my words;
please forgive the mean things I say.

I want to be a Christian in my whole life;
help me to be more loving to you and to others. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon, and sharing the Peace

He became sin who knew no sin, that you might become his righteousness.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

May the Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Glory to God, Amen!

WELCOME TO MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
~ This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! ~

This week at Morris Chapel

Monday –Scholarship Committee meeting, 6:30 PM.

Tuesday – “Sunday’s Coming” Faith Formation class with Pastor Kevin. 10 AM.

Wednesday – Choir practice, 6:30 PM.

Saturday – Funeral for Cindy Strickland, 12 noon; visitation at 11 AM.

Sunday – Worship Service at 9:30 AM, Fellowship with snacks and coffee at 10:30, Chat with the Pastor, 10:45, Sunday School at 11.

For the good of the Church

Scholarship Committee will meet tomorrow night (1/13) at 6:30 PM. If anyone at Morris Chapel has questions about this ministry, please contact Danny Baker.

Church Council will meet on Monday, January 20 at 7 PM to begin planning Morris Chapel’s ministry for 2025.

Chat with Pastor Kevin -- Sunday at 10:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Is there something you’d like to know more about in our ministry together?

Would you like to know your Pastor a little better?

Perhaps you’d like to arrange for a time to discuss a matter of pastoral care.

All are welcome to come and chat with the Pastor today at 10:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

Altar flowers -- A new sign-up sheet for you to provide flowers has been posted in the Fellowship Hall.

Missions and Outreach

T-shirts and blankets will be donated to the Child Advocacy Center in Harnett County to meet the immediate nurtured needs of neglected and abused children. Stay tuned for details on this project. To make a donation to offset the costs, please note “blankets” on your check to Morris Chapel. See Karen Rosser or Sarah Kilmer.

Disaster Relief—Over \$10,000 has been sent to help victims of Hurricane Helene from Morris Chapel. Your recent donations were combined with proceeds from a prior year Harvest Sale to make this generous gift. In addition to that, the Methodist Men purchased chain saws and other supplies totaling \$1400. Praise be to God for your unbound generosity.

Local charities--Morris Chapel provides annual financial support to the following: The Breadbasket, Christians United Outreach Center, El Refugio, Family Promise of Lee Co., Haven House, and the Helping Hand Clinic.

Growing in Faith

Sunday School classes are now ready for children. Teachers are in place waiting for your precious children, so be sure to bring them by for lessons. Growing up in God’s word is a blessing. Two adult classes are offered every Sunday also.

Pastor Kevin’s class “Sunday’s Coming” will resume this Tuesday (1/14) at 10 AM. All are welcome.

Fellowship

The Methodist Men will meet on February 6. Greg Vorholt 586-201-0687.

Refreshments after worship -- Please consider volunteering to provide light refreshments on a Sunday morning. The sign-up poster is on the wall next to the kitchen counter.

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Connie Rosser.

Condolences: Families of Cindy Strickland, Terry Cox.

Arrangements for Cindy Strickland: Funeral at Morris Chapel Saturday 1/18 @ noon; visitation at 11 AM.

Prayer requests may be sent to Pastor Kevin at kseymour@nccumc.org, or just call / text 919-802-8286 any time at all. If any matter is close to your heart, it is never too big or small for the God we love and adore. Let me hear from you.

Ongoing Concerns:

Jeff Brewer Peggy Danielsen Baby Dutton Deb Callodonato	Donna Callodonato Richard Campbell Edwin Foushee Henry Hall	Maude Maloney Rhonda McNeill Susie Pierce Valerie Robertino	Josie Weiss Madelyn Weiss Pam Vaughan Bob Woolston Jorge Zuluwaga
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Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings

Attendance 01/05/25 **70**

Tithes & Offerings as of: 01/05/2025	
2025 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 3,905.67
2025 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 4,086.00
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 180.33

The church budget is raised to meet our basic operating expenses.
See Finance Chair Stacey Burris if you have questions.

Serving in Worship

Dec.	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
Jan. 12	Rylee Ray Bryson Baker	Krystle Ray	Peggy Baker	Richard Angel Wayne Stack	Donnie Carter	
Jan. 19	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Gillian Hubley	Leslie Orlovsky	Danny Baker Donnie Carter	Richard Angel	
Jan. 26	Ian Carter Belle Sturgill	Manuela Seymour	Jason Kilmer	Carolyn Saucier Danny Baker	Crystal Burichin	
Feb. 2	Callen Morris Jase Burris	Richard Angel	Ian Carter	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Gail Thomas	Krystle Ray Rylee Ray

Notice to all who are scheduled to serve -- you are respectfully asked to arrange for a substitute in the event that you cannot fill your assigned slot.
If you have changes, let Pastor Kevin or Peggy Baker know.
Thank you for serving the good of God's church.