

Announcements

Presentation of God’s tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

UMH No. 110

† Benediction

† Postlude

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

'Tis the ol' ship of Zion, 'Tis the ol' ship of Zion,
'Tis the ol' ship of Zion;Get on board, get on board!

It has landed many a thousand, It has landed many a thousand,
It has landed many a thousand; Get on board, get on board!

King Jesus is the captain, King Jesus is the captain,
King Jesus is the captain; Get on board, get on board!
--a traditional Afro-American spiritual



MORRIS CHAPEL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship Service 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
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 12, 2025

This morning's Scripture lesson from Jeremiah speaks of God's plans for our flourishing. The prophet writes God's commands to the exiled Israelites: to build houses, plant gardens, raise families and seek the welfare of their city.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringling the Church bell

Greeting

Prelude “*O Rest in the Lord*” **Leslie Orlovsky**

Choral Praise *“The Family of God”* **Choir**

† Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The grass withers, the flower fades.

But the Word of the Lord endures forever!

Glory and honor and praise to God forevermore, Amen.

† Prayer

Holy and Loving Father, illuminate our lives through your holy word and your abiding presence. Let us see the goodness in the land of our time. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

† **Hymn** *“Faith of Our Fathers”* **UMH No. 710**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson **Psalm 66:1-12** **Isabelle Sturgill**

Anthem *“Teach Me Lord to Wait”*

Children's Lesson

Stacey Burris

Old Testament Lesson **Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7**

Sermon “*This Will Take Some Time*” **Kevin Seymour**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Hymn “All Things Bright and Beautiful” UMH No. 147

† Affirmation of Faith “The Nicene Creed” UMH No. 880

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and `unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

Sunday – Worship service @ 930 AM; Fellowship @ 10:30; Sunday School at 11.

Monday – Methodist Men @ 630 PM.

Wednesday – Choir Rehearsal, 630 PM.

Upcoming Meetings

Methodist Men. Monday night at 630. See Drew Burris.

Pastor-Parish Relations Committee – October 20 @ 6 PM. PPRC holds our Pastor accountable.

Church Council -- October 20 @ 7 PM. Council plans and carries out the ministries of the church.

For the good of the church

The season of commitment is here. There are new opportunities to grow in our faith and to serve others. It's time to head back to church, re-connect, and so let's all invite someone to join us on the life-changing journey of discipleship and ministry.

Upcoming Missions –Coat drive, Angel Tree. November & December. See Karen Rosser.

All Saints Sunday will be observed on November 2. A list of those who have passed on since last year is posted in the Fellowship Hall. Please take a look and see if you need to add a loved one's name to be read at our upcoming service. See Karen Rosser.

Acolyte Spotlight



Rylee Ray

Our Acolyte Spotlight this week is on Rylee Ray, the lovely daughter of Justin and Krystle Ray and "sweet" sister to JC. She's 11 years old; favorite sport, cheerleading; best hobby, spending money; subject in school ELA; teacher, Mrs. Crews and coach Mrs. Web. At dinner time she likes verde chicken the best with chocolate chip cookies for dessert. Rylee's best game is Uno, favorite color is pink and her best friend in the whole wide world is Calleigh Grace Baker. Say hello to Rylee and give her a word of thanks for making worship so special here at Morris Chapel.

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Robert Mudd

Peggy Baker Opal Campbell Jeff Cummings Mandy Dalrymple Peggy Danielsen Elva Hall	Bryant Hickman Dennis Hartman Lewis Hartman Bobby Holder Laura Holder Nancy Johnson	Jared Lett Charles Maddox Nancy McDuffie Rhonda McNeill Laurel Parker Kathy Pembroke	Susie Pierce Ron & Peggy Scott Donna Sloan Shelby Truelove
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Send prayer requests to Pastor Kevin @ 919-802-8286, kseymour@nccumc.org,
or use the yellow prayer card request found in your pew pocket.

Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings

Attendance last Sunday: 68

2025 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 156,226.86
2025 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 164,474.78
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 8,247.92

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Thank you for every gift you make.

Serving in Worship

	Acolytes	Children's Lesson	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
Oct. 12	Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Stacey Burris	Isabelle Sturgill	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Marian Huepper	
Oct. 19	Calleigh Baker Lincoln Brewer	Krystle Ray	Calleigh Baker	Jason Kilmer Dan Wissinger	Danny Baker	
Oct. 26	Cole Burris Jase Burris	Stacey Burris	Jason Kilmer	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	George Orlovsky	
Nov. 2	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Krystle Ray	Drew Burris	Justin Ray JC Ray	Danny Baker	Gary & Karen Rosser
Nov. 9	Ian Carter Jase Burris	Stacey Burris	Inge Hersman	Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Donnie Carter	

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.