† Hymn

"Happy the Home When God is There"

UMH No. 445

Presentation to Methodist Home for Children

Marcia Garcia, Margaret Spivey

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

† 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!

Presentation of the 2025 "Give a Kid a Chance" Scholarships

Recipients: MacKenzie Baldwin, Barrett Butler, Rebecca Elliott, Kendal Gaines

Riley Maynor, Ashbee Standridge.

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

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

SENDING FORTH

† **Hymn** "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven"

UMH No. 66

† Benediction

† Postlude

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

Far above riches, far above honor, lasting beauty beyond compare--She is more noble, she is more precious. Treasure this one whose life we share.

Woman of honor, priceless companion, wife and mother and faithful friend, Shepherd and servant, teacher and helper--she lives a love that has no end.

Morning and evening, summer and winter, ever faithful and glad to share; touching and lifting, tenderly giving--in her we feel our Father's care.

God of all comfort, Fountain of blessing, ever loving in all You do, Thank You for giving Far Above Riches; Gladly we lift our praise to You.



MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8533 Cox Mill Road, Sanford, North Carolina 27332 Office – (919) 499-4949 Pastor cell (919) 802-8286 | kseymour@nccumc.org Worship Celebration 9:30 AM

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

The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton

The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour

Raleigh Area Bishop Pastor

A Service of the Word

Mother's Day May 11, 2025 9:30 AM

We are pleased to welcome Jennifer Cooper from the Methodist Home for Children today. MHFC dates back to 1899 when it was a campus-based orphanage. Today it serves children throughout North Carolina. Based on the belief that every child needs a chance, those who have been neglected or abused. MHFC offers family care and adoption, juvenile justice, family preservation, and early childhood education. Morris Chapel supports this work so that children and families may have the hope and the skills they need to build healthy, self-sufficient, and productive lives.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Meditation" Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise "He is Lord"

† Call to Worship

Father God, Creator, you are creating still.

By and word and deed you make all things new to meet the present need.

Redeemer Son, redeeming still, with overflowing grace:

Pour out your love upon us -- make this a holy place.

Sustainer Spirit, sustaining still, you give strength for every day.

Give us power to do your will and correct us when we stray.

We praise you Holy Trinity! Alleluia and Amen!

† Prayer

Almighty and merciful God, in the days of old you delivered your people from slavery in Egypt. We give thanks for the women whose hands saved Moses from troubled waters. With the helping hands of your servants, Moses grew strong enough to lead the people out of trouble and to the land of promise. We pray to you, heavenly Father, that, like the women of old that you'll grant us the wisdom to work for your good purposes in this world. **Amen.**

† **Hymn** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

UMH No. 139

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson 1 Samuel 2:18-20 Isabelle Sturgill

Anthem "Far Above Riches"

Children's Lesson Manuela Seymour

† Gospel Lesson Luke 2:41-52

Message Jennifer Cooper

Jennifer has worked for 29 years at the Methodist Home for Children in the fundraising department. She attends Millbrook UMC in Raleigh.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Litany of the Christian Home

A worthy woman who can find?

Her price is far above rubies.

She looks well to the ways of her house.

She never eats the bread of idle time.

Her children rise up, and call her blessed today.

Her husband sings her praises.

Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain:

A woman that fears the Lord will be praised.

Let the Father never provoke children to wrath; but bring them in nurture and admonition of the Lord.

If any provide not for his own, and especially those of his own house, then he has denied the faith of our Fathers and he is worse than the infidel.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: this is always good and right. Honor the Father and the Mother and it will be well with you.

A wise son makes a glad Father:

but a foolish son is heavy on the heart of his mother.

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it.

And the words the Lord commands this day – let them be in your heart.

We shall teach them diligently to the children. We shall walk in the ways that are true and just. Let it be so. Amen.

WELCOME TO MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the house of the Lord! ~

This week at Morris Chapel

Monday – Finance Committee meeting, 630 PM.

Tuesday – Pastor's Bible study, "Sunday's Coming." 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday – Choir practice, 630 PM.

Sunday – Worship service @ 930 AM, fellowship time, and then Sunday School.

For the good of the Church

Vacation Bible School. *Wonder Junction* - Teaching kids that there's no greater joy than praising the name of the Lord all day long. June 1 – 5. Time, TBD. Reach out to **Krystle Ray** if you are interested in volunteering your time and talents to this rewarding ministry to the young people in our church. Please note you must have completed the Safe Sanctuary training to serve with us in at VBS.

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.

Church Administration

Finance Committee meets tomorrow night at 630 PM.

Church Council will meet on Monday, May 19 at 7 PM. Your leadership team plans and carries out the ministries of the church for the purpose of making disciples of Jesus Christ. Danny Baker serves as Chair.

The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee works to hold our Pastor accountable to expectations and also supports our Pastor and his family. Any feedback that you have regarding our Pastor, whether positive or negative, should be shared with PPRC Chair Sandra Carter.

Missions and Outreach

"All worldly joys are less than that one joy of doing kindnesses." –John Wesley

Local charities—By means of the church budget, 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.

Family Promise Fundraiser. May 20 at the Elks Lodge in Sanford, 5:30-7:30 PM. Tickets are \$25 each -- food tasting, raffle, and silent auction. Call 919-718-1540.

Blankets for neglected and abused children. Morris Chapel provides blankets for the Child Advocacy Center in Harnett County on an on-going basis. This will be a continuing effort to meet the nurtured needs of God's children who have come into harm's way. If you wish to offer financial support, make your check to Morris Chapel and indicate "blankets" on the memo line. See **Karen Rosser** if you'd like to tie some blankets.

Faith Formation

Pastor Kevin's Tuesday morning class has resumed. Meets at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We call it "Sunday's Coming" and it is attuned to the church year and the life of Morris Chapel. All are welcome.

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Cathie Ciccotelli, Frances Mathews, Baby Olivia Love, Denny & Pam Summers.

Condolences: Family of Doris Maddox.

| Mike Berryman | Elva Hall | Rhonda McNeill | JC Ray | |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Christina Black | Brooks Howard | Laurel Parker | Margaret & Fred | |
| Noah Clifton | Edith Howard | Susie Pierce | Spivey | |
| Mike Cortez | Janet Hunter | Valerie Robertino | Ron & Peggy Scott | |
| Peggy Danielsen | Maude Maloney | Danielle, Bill, and Nora | Pam Vaughan | |
| Greg Davison | Evan Johnson | Jean Rachko | Western NC | |
| | Nancy Johnson | | Bob Woolston | |
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Prayer requests may be sent to Pastor Kevin at kseymour@nccumc.org, or just call / text 919-802-8286. If any matter is close to your heart, it is never too big or small for the God we love and adore.

Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings

Attendance 5/4/25 **77**

| Tithes & Offerings as of: 05/04/2025 | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----|-----------|--|--|--|--|
| 2025 Budget - Needed to Date: | \$ | 70,302.09 | | | | |
| 2025 Budget - Received to Date: | \$ | 91,457.49 | | | | |
| Running Surplus /(Deficit) | \$ | 21,155.40 | | | | |

Thank you for your generosity toward our budget which makes our shared work possible. May God bless all that we have and all that we give so that sinners will know salvation and the suffering will know mercy.

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Serving in Worship

| | Acolytes | Children's | Lay Readers | Ushers | Greeters | Communion |
|-----------|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| | | Message | | | | Servers |
| May | Paisley Kilmer | Manuela | Isabelle Sturgill | Dan Wissinger | George | |
| 11 | Teagan Kilmer | Seymour | | Ian Carter | Orlovsky | |
| May 18 | JC Ray Bryson Baker | Richard Angel | Drew Burris | Daniel Baker Bryson Baker | Danny Baker | |
| May 25 | Calleigh Baker Lincoln Brewer | Krystle Ray | Inge Hersman | Jason Kilmer Donnie Carter | Laurel Parker | |
| June 5 | Rylee Ray Bryson Baker | Stacey Burris | George Orlovsky | Ron Mercer George Orlovsky | Marian Huepper | Gary & Karen Rosser |

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.