

A Service of Word and Table

Baptism of the Lord
January 7, 2024 9:30 AM

Today we remember the Baptism of our blessed Lord Jesus. 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’ transforming water into wine at Cana. In response to the baptism of Jesus, we renew our own baptismal covenants with our Lord. We recall three elements of our baptism—the stripping of all that stands between us and God, the washing in the water that cleanses us and drowns our sin, and being clothed in the garments of righteousness, 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

“Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice”

Choir

† Call to Worship

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’ baptism, the heavens were torn apart,
the Spirit descended like a dove upon Jesus,
and God’s voice was heard coming from above.

Holy Spirit, make us pleasing to our Father.

† Opening Prayer

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Beloved Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit: send your Spirit now to illuminate our lives
through teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† Hymn of Praise

“This is the Spirit’s Entry Now”

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

New Testament Lesson

Acts 19:1-7

Doug Currin

Anthem

“Wade in the Water”

Choir

Children’s Lesson

Stacey Burris

† Gospel Lesson

Mark 1: 4-11

Sermon

“Thirst”

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 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.

MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – January 7, 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!

Thank You to all who brought canned goods for the food drive. Just mark your calendar for every first Sunday of the month for this most helpful and needed donation. May you be blessed for your heartfelt response.

The 2024 Flower Calendar is posted in the Fellowship Hall on the left bulletin board just as you enter. Please sign in for the Sunday you have chosen and notify the bulletin preparers of the wording for the announcement. Thank you!

New Site: Accessing Sunday Sermons is as easy as going on Facebook. Refresh your memory, rethink the messages, be enriched again. May God bless your interest and devotion! Here is the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/MorrisChapelUnitedMethodistChurch>

PARISH NOTICES

Please check out nccumc.org for listings of programs and offerings beginning in January 2024 through early March. Included are: Conference Wide Leadership Training, Local Church Treasurer Training, What Does Church Look Like Now?, Safer Sanctuaries and Faithful Ministry in a Chaotic World.

Announcements: by noon on Wednesdays to Laurel Parker at laurelparker@charter.net or (919) 271-0963

AND Mavis Harper at mavisharper1944@gmail.com or (919) 770-0489.

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

After Worship treats are provided by the Jeanette Cox. Thank you!!

Enjoy some birthday cake on behalf of the January Birthday folks!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Adams Family baby Danny Baker Sherry Baucom Maryann Bell Rick Billings Family of Bobby Branch, Sr. Brethen Family Joey Campbell Kristie Casterlin Congregational Unity Deborah McNeill Cox Shelton Crutchfield Mary Ann Feavel Family of Barryman Hall	Henry Hall Ron Hartman Ron Height Connie Hickman Mark Hickman Jimmie Holt Wayne & Mary Hudson Teresa Ingram Ann Jackson Evan & Leslie Johnson Nancy Johnson Family of Sandi Kankelfritz Jeff Ludewig Charles Maddox	Maude Maloney Ashley McBurnett Ann McLeod Maxine McLeod Donna McNeill Rhonda McNeill Sandra Norris Leslie & George Orlovsky Peace on Earth Susie Pierce Crosby Price Danielle Rahko Anna Sanfilippo Ron & Peggy Scott	Becky Seymour Kyle Smith Nathaniel Smith Cynthia Spivey Kenneth Spivey Joey Stewart Joyce Key Thomas Debra Underwood United Methodist Church United States of America Pam Vaughan David Wagner Lance Weekly Bob & Sandy Woolston
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Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings

Attendance 12/31/23 54

Our 2023 budget was balanced on the last Sunday of December! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

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.

Jan.	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
7	JC Ray Rylee Ray	Stacey Burris	Doug Currin	Dan Wissinger Melanie Wissinger	Doug Currin Donna Maddox	Kevin Seymour Manuela Seymour Donnie Carter Sandra Carter
14	JC Ray Bryson Baker	Gillian Hubley	Gary Maddox	Jack Harper Janice Holder	Dan Wissinger Melanie Wissinger	
21	Jason Morton Calleigh Baker	Richard Angel	Drew Burris	Greg Vorholt Gary Maddox	Janice Holder Jack Harper	
28	Rylee Ray Bryson Baker	Krystle Ray	Inge Hersman	Carolyn Saucier Danny Baker	Hank Richards Margaret Spivey	
Feb 4	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Stacy Burris	George Orlovsky	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Cindy Vorholt Greg Vorholt	Kevin Seymour Manuela Seymour Laurel Parker Jack Harper

January Birthdays! Congratulations!

Amanda Johnson	Elaine Brown	Terry Spivey
Phyllis Poe	Drew Burris	Gregory Vorholt
Shirley Spivey	Sandra Klumpp	Michael Hubbard
Margaret Spivey	Diane Richards	Bryson Baker
Erin Horton	Debra Callodonato	Debbie Brown
Melanie Wissinger		