

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory *"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"*

† **Doxology**

OLD 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

SENDING FORTH

Announcements

† **Hymn** *"Lead On, O King Eternal"*

UMH No. 580

† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

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

Blest be that dear uniting love that will not let us part;
our bodies may far off remove, we still are one in heart.

Joined in one spirit to our Head, where He appoints we go,
and still in Jesus' footsteps tread, and do His work below.

We all are one who Him receive, and each with each agree;
in Him the One, the Truth, we live blest point of unity!

Partakers of the Savior's grace, the same in mind and heart,
nor joy, nor grief, nor time, nor place, nor death can part.
--by Charles Wesley (1742)



**MORRIS CHAPEL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Worship Service 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time and Sunday School, 10:45

The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton
Raleigh Area Bishop

The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour
Pastor

A Service of the Word

March 8, 2026
Third Sunday in Lent

Today's scripture lessons emphasize following the way of the Lord. Isaiah writes of how those who had walked in darkness have seen a great light. The light that shined on their paths broke the yoke of their burden and the bar of their oppressors. The Apostle Paul addresses the divided church at Corinth by asking the congregation there, "Has Christ been divided?"

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Greeting

Prelude *"There is a Green Hill Far Away"* Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise *"Make Us One"* Choir

† Call to Worship

Come now and worship, O people of God, and cast aside everything else.
We turn our hearts and minds to God our Father.

Come with joy to God's great light.
God has given us the light of Jesus Christ.

Praise God's loving and Holy Spirit.
Glory to God in the highest! Amen!

† Prayer

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: Grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

† Hymn *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* **UMH No. 384**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-4
Pew Bible p. 638, OT

Kevin Seymour

Anthem

"Bind Us Together"

Choir

Children's Lesson

Manuela Seymour

New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Pew Bible p. 166, NT

Sermon

"Knit Together"

Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Hymn

"For the Healing of the Nations"

UMH No. 428

† Affirmation of Faith

Pastor: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Pastor and People:

Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit.

Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

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

Sunday – Worship service @ 9:30 AM; Sunday School, 10:45

Tuesday – Pastor's Bible Study, 10 AM;

Wednesday – Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 PM.

Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."

Therefore, our church will invite others to come and join us.

The church calendar is on our web site: www.morrischapelumc.org/events

Missions

Scholarship applications are now available.

Students recommended by a church member are encouraged to apply. Stop by the church office after worship to pick up an application. See Danny Baker or email him at db242248@gmail.com if you have questions.

Donations for Haven will be received throughout the month of March: cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products for men, women and children, blankets & towels. A table is set up in the Fellowship Hall. HAVEN HOUSE is committed to providing safety to victims and survivors of domestic violence and rape/sexual assault.

The Missions Committee has made sure that the Children's Advocacy Center in Lillington has plenty of blankets to comfort children who've been neglected or abused.

Mar. 22-28, Family Promise Week. See Karen Rosser if you'd like to help.

Upcoming

Your favorite Easter candy will soon be available for sale. Spearheaded by the Media Sunday School Class, Easter candy can be purchased March 22 and 29 and April 5 at \$5 per bag. Proceeds will be donated to the Methodist Home for Children. See the posters in the Fellowship Hall.

March 16, Church Council meeting @ 6:30 PM.

NOTE: The Fellowship Bruch for March 22 has been rescheduled for April 19 after worship.

March 25, Fellowship Dinner featuring Chicken & Dumplings by Ms. Janice. 6 PM.

March 29, Easter Egg Hunt.

April 1, Children & Youth Night @ 6 PM.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: Maundy Thursday (4/2) 7 PM @ Morris Chapel; Good Friday (4/3) 7 PM @ Broadway UMC.

Easter Sunrise Service followed by Breakfast @ 8 AM on Easter Sunday.

Easter Worship @ 9:30 AM will feature "Jesus is Alive" Cantata by the Morris Chapel Choir.

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Macy Carver, Mindy Webster Joosten, Karen Kennedy.
Family of Grace Coleman.

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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.

Attendance last Sunday – 72

| Tithes & Offerings: 03/01/2026 | |
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| Needed Each Week: | \$ 4,049.40 |
| Received Last Week: | \$ 4,733.63 |

Your gifts enable us to celebrate God’s goodness in worship, make music that inspires hearts to follow Christ, and for us to reach out with compassion to relieve human suffering. We pray that others will get a taste of God’s kingdom on earth. Thank you for your faithful generosity.

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21.

Serving in Worship

| | Acolytes | Children’s Lesson | Lay Readers | Ushers | Greeters | Communion Servers |
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| Mar. 8 | Ian Carter Jase Burris | Manuela Seymour | Manuela Seymour | Daniel Baker Bryson Baker | Marian Huepper | |
| Mar. 15 | Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray | Stacey Burris | Steve Huepper | Jason Kilmer Dan Wissinger | Donnie Carter | |
| Mar. 22 | Callen Morris | Krystle Ray | Leslie Orlovsky | Ron Mercer George Orlovsky | Crystal Burichin | |
| Mar. 29 | Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer | Manuela Seymour | Rylee Ray | Justin Ray JC Ray | Gail Thomas | |
| April 5 | Calleigh Baker Lincoln Brewer | Kevin Seymour | Jason Kilmer | Drew Burris Gary Rosser | Janice Holder | Gary Rosser Karen Rosser |

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.