



# MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## An Order of Service for Word and Worship

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2022 - 9:30 AM

#### Entrance

#### Prelude

*"Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming"* (German melody)

**Welcome** Wake up! God is near. Wake up! God is here.

#### Lighting the First Advent Candle

“Hope”

Lou Millar and Gill Hubley

**Reader One:** “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’” (Psalm 122:1 NRSV)

**Reader Two:** We are glad. Whether we drove in or climbed up, whether we logged on or tuned in. We are glad to be here in this community, with this family. It is a place of joyful hope, of radical welcome. It is a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.

**Reader One:** “Many peoples shall come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God’s ways and that we may walk in Gods paths”(Isaiah 2:3).

**Reader Two:** We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored – our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God’s people for the promise to be fulfilled.

#### Call to Worship

*"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

Choir

#### † Opening Hymn

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

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#### † Opening Prayer

(Unison)

**Draw near to us, O God, even as we draw near to you. Open our hearts and our minds to your presence, and wake us up from the sleep and inattention holding us back. Prepare us to receive your love, even as we prepare our lives to celebrate the joy of Christ’s birth. In joyful hope, we pray. Amen.**

#### Old Testament Reading

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

Minister

#### † Gloria Patri

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#### Children’s Message

#### Receiving of Joys and Prayer Concerns

Minister

#### Musical Interlude

#### Pastoral Prayer and Silent Meditation

#### Special Music

*"Emmanuel"*

Choir

#### Message

**Matthew 24:36-44**

Minister

**People Get Ready, Jesus is Coming**

#### † Sending Forth

*"Soon and Very Soon"*

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#### † Postlude

† *Please stand as you are able*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES

Welcome to Morris Chapel United Methodist Church! We are excited that you joined us in Worship today via FaceBook Live and in person. All are welcomed as we come together to praise God and make disciples for Jesus!

**Communion Sunday** will be held on the first Sunday in December, December 4<sup>th</sup> rather than December 11<sup>th</sup>. Please make note and come to partake this Holy Sacrament of Christ as we move into the Advent season. Please bring your canned and boxed goods for Love Grove AME Food Pantry.

**2022 Advent Devotional Books** - Please pick up your 2022 Advent Devotional Book at the entrance of the church. I will once again have devotion time, 7:00 am each morning via Facebook Live. Sunday's devotion time is 8:45 am.

**The Christmas Cantata!**, "Mary Did You Know", is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup>!! Come early to get a good seat and then plan to stay for the full breakfast planned by the Fellowship Committee and the Men's Club! It will be a joyous way to continue God's blessing during this special season!

**Toys For Tots** - December 11th, please bring unwrapped toys as we collect them for our annual Christmas Toy Drive. Please drop them off in Fellowship Hall

**Tithes and Offerings:** The church thanks you for your faithfulness in tithing and offering. Please continue to mail your gifts and tithes to the church or bring them when you attend. You may also follow the directions on the website at [www.morrischapelumc.org](http://www.morrischapelumc.org) for on-line giving through Vanco. Be in God's Grace, Peace and Love.

*Announcements may be given by noon on Wednesdays  
to Laurel Parker at [laurelparker@charter.net](mailto:laurelparker@charter.net) or (919) 271-0963 **AND**  
Mavis Harper at [mavisharper1944@gmail.com](mailto:mavisharper1944@gmail.com) or (919) 770-0489.*

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Richard & Pat Angel  
Carla Bailey  
Joshua Black  
Pat Branton  
Della Brooks  
**Louise Buchanan**  
**Sherran Cameron**  
Berle Campbell  
Edna Carter  
Alan Cox  
Jeanette Amos-Cox  
Keith Cox  
Caleb Craig  
**Family of Shirley**  
**Crissman**  
Colleen Custer  
Melissa Edwards  
**John Fancher**  
Dennis Fore  
Bob Gillis

**Family of Mark Gillis**  
Pam Gillis  
**Bill Godfrey**  
**Ann Godwin**  
Buddy Godwin  
**Kristen Halstead Family**  
**Dorothy Harris**  
Dennis & Lewis Hartman  
Bobby & Laura Holder  
Holly Holt  
Kendall Huepper  
Mary Hudson  
Wayne Hudson  
Chad Huffman  
Rhonda Hughes  
**Nancy Jasany Family**  
Evan Johnson  
Ronnie Johnson  
Laverne Joiner  
Bobby Jones  
Phil Kelly

Peggy Kennedy  
Don Key  
Warren Keyser  
Beverly Leslie  
**Shirley Maddox**  
Maude Maloney  
Melissa Martin  
Martha Meeks  
Military troops & families  
Linda McNeill  
Mary McNeill  
Rhonda McNeill  
Tim & Donna McNeill  
Gary Nowell  
Molly Margaret O'Quinn  
Nancy Page  
Greg Patterson  
Susie Pierce  
Phyllis Poe  
Renee Ratcho  
Jason Ray

Peggy Kennedy  
Johnny Ray  
**Hank Richards**  
Dot Roberts  
Betty Jean Rosser  
Sandra Shope  
Patsy Sloan  
Caden Smith  
Jim Stuart  
**Joyce Key Thomas**  
Calvin Tucker  
United Methodist Church  
United States of America  
Unspoken Prayers  
Pam Vaughan  
Lance Weekly  
Flossie Wilkes  
Lilla Williams  
Bill Wilson  
Sammy Womack

After Worship goodies in the Fellowship Hall today are provided by Linda Dilley and Jack/Mavis Harper. Thank you!