

Presentation of God’s tithes and our offerings

Offertory “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

† Doxology UMH No. 70 GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen, Amen.

Sharing our prayer concerns

Holy Communion UMH No. 9

The Great Thanksgiving
Sharing the bread and the cup
Communion Offertory “Goodness of God”

Carl Sykes

SENDING FORTH

Announcements

† Hymn “Blessed Assurance” UMH No. 369

† Benediction

† Postlude “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

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



For God our way, our bread, our rest, of all these gifts the Giver.
Our strength, our guide, our nurturing breast whose hand will yet deliver.
Who keep us till the day when night shall pass away,
when hate and fear are gone and all our work is done,
and we shall sing forever.

--- by Ken Medema (b.1943)



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

MORRIS CHAPEL
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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 Word and Table
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
October 4, 2026 9:30 AM

This morning we celebrate World Communion Sunday, giving thanks for the universal Body of Christ. In the sacrament of Holy Communion, we are bonded in spiritual unity with Christians around the world, receiving Jesus, the Bread of Life.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ring the Church Bell

Welcome

Prelude *“Morning Has Broken”* **Carl Sykes**

Choral Praise *“Praise the Name of Jesus”*

† Call to Worship *adapted from Psalms 23 and 73, & Isaiah 55*

I was glad when they said to me,
Let us go to the house of the Lord!

Come all who hunger and all who thirst,
The gracious Lord Jesus has spread a table in our sight.

Let us forever abide in His saving grace.
And let us desire nothing more.

O Holy Spirit, make your divine grace to us be known,
Meet us here today we pray, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

† Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, the disciples gathered with you on the night in which you gave yourself up for us. They heard you say that the cup poured out was your blood of the new covenant. In your great mercy, we come to your table today not by our own designs. For we could not in a million years earn the right to dine with you. Grant us today just the grace we need, and give us a hearty appetite for your offering of love. **Amen.**

† Hymn of Praise *“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”* **UMH No. 152**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson Psalm 2, p. 489 OT

Anthem *“Taste and See”*

Children’s Lesson **Krystle Ray**

New Testament Lesson 1 John 5:6-13, p. 241 NT

Sermon *“Word and Sacrament and Spirit”* **Kevin Seymour**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Prayer of Confession

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.**

We repent of the evil that enslaves us and the evil we have done.

**Forgive us, restore us, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Words of Assurance and Pardon

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. That proves God love for us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.
Glory to God, Amen!**

† Hymn of Response *“The Church’s One Foundation”* **UMH No. 545**



MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LOVE GOD, FOLLOW JESUS, & SERVE OTHERS

This week at Morris Chapel

Sunday –Worship Service @ 930 AM; Fellowship Time & Sunday School, 10:45;
Christmas Play Practice, 10:45; Charge Conference, 2 PM.

Monday – PPRC, 6:30 PM.

Tuesday – Pastor's Bible Study, 10 AM.

Wednesday – Children & Youth, 6 PM; Choir Rehearsal, 630 PM.

October Birthdays

Melvin Rosser 10/1, Inge Hersman 10/4, Marilyn Stevens 10/6, Donna Fancher 10/6, Jason Ray 10/8, Dan Wissinger 10/10, Jase Burris 10/14, Paisley Kilmer 10/14, Pirjo Blosser 10/18, Vickie Harrington 10/25, Steve Huepper 10/25, Terrena Shelton 10/25, Giovanni Legge 10/29.

Congregational Care

If you would like to take part in helping the ministry of Morris Chapel reflect the unconditional love of Jesus, please let Pastor Kevin know. A ministry team is building for the purpose of caring for each other in a time such as this.

Upcoming

October 11 – Laity Sunday, Drew Burris preaching.

October 25 – Guest preacher Karen Cruthfield, Pastor Kevin off.

November 1, All Saints Sunday. If you have loved ones to remember, see Karen Rosser.

The Fellowship Committee will be preparing a turkey dinner after the worship service on All Saints Day -- November 1. Please plan to enjoy this wonderful meal with your church family. More details and a sign-up sheet will be in the bulletin next week, October 11.

Did you know?

One of the biggest reasons a person will decide to attend worship is because they've been INVITED by someone they know.

So that you'll be updated on all things Morris Chapel, you will find our church calendar and worship bulletins at www.morrischapelumc.org

"Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God." – *John Wesley*

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Wendy Diez, Louise Walker.

Family of Joe Hawley.

Ting Baucom Joe Cavaluzzi Peggy Daniels Clarence Edwards Warren Lewis	Shirley Matthews Drew McDonald Rhonda McNeill Amy & James O'Hara Susie Pierce	Melvin Rosser Judy Sharpe Phil Spivey Marilyn Stevens Marla Stewart	Denny Summers Shelby Truelove Pam Vaughan Bob Woolston Sandy Woolston
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Attendance last Sunday: 69

Tithes & Offerings as of 09/27/2026	
Needed Each Week:	\$ 4,049.40
Received Last Week:	\$ 3,103.63

The funds needed each week are raised to meet the church budget. Your generous support enables the support of worship, music, and the pursuit God's mission locally and around the world.

"Having, first, gained all you can, and, secondly saved all you can, then give all you can."
— John Wesley

You may support the ministries of Morris Chapel by giving online at
www.morrischapelumc.org/giveplus

Serving in Worship

Serving Communion October 4 -- Gail Thomas and Drew Burris.

	Acolytes	Children's Lesson	Lectors	Liturgists	Ushers	Greeters
Oct. 4	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Krystle Ray	Manuela Seymour	Manuela Seymour	Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Gail Thomas
Oct. 11	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Calleigh Baker	George Orlovsky		Crystal Burichin Travis Thomas	Janice Holder
Oct. 18	Rylee Ray Callen Morris	Rylee Ray	Steve Huepper	Inge Hersman	Jake Wissinger Dan Wissinger	Linda Dilley
Oct. 25	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Stacey Burris	Leslie Orlovsky		Todd Pace Nash Pace	Carl Sykes

**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.