Offertory

† Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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!

Sharing prayer concerns

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH No. 9

Sharing the bread and the cup

Prayer following Communion

SENDING FORTH

† Hymn

"Lead On, O Cloud of Presence"

TFWS No. 2234

† Postlude

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



'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where you ought to be, And when we find yourselves in the place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gain'd, to bow and to bend we shan't be asham'd.

To turn, turn will be our delight, 'til by turning, turning we come 'round right.



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 Service, 9:30 AM
Fellowship Time 10:30 AM | Sunday School 11:00 AM

The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton

The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour

Raleigh Area Bishop

Pastor

A Service of Word and Table

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost August 3, 2025 9:30 AM

What we value as a society can be very different from what Jesus calls us to value. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus warns against placing our security in possessions and ignoring the will of God. The prophet Hosea records God's urging of Israel to embrace a life worthy of the Lord, and not to test the God whose justice and love are perfect.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church Bell

Greeting

Prelude "Ave Verum Corpus" Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Jerry Keith

† Call to Worship

Praise be to the Father, by his hand the harvest will come.

No barn is big enough to hold the bounty of God's mercy.

Remember the word of the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ --

Man does not live by bread alone.

Come upon us Holy Spirit.

Stir us to bring good news to the poor. Amen!

† Opening Prayer

Gracious God, we pray for the farmer who was such a fool. We dare not judge him for the fruit of his fields, for it was your blessing of soil and sun and rain that produced such bounty. Merciful God, take our eyes to the Lord Jesus today, who gave himself completely for others. Pry from our hands the things we covet, the things that will perish, the extra that we have stashed in away in bigger and bigger barns. Cause us to turn that abundance loose and let it go where the kingdom may grow. **Amen.**

† **Hymn** "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" **TFWS No. 2031**

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord. We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord. And we offer up to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving; and we offer up to you the sacrifice of joy. (repeat).

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson Hosea 11:1-11 Isabelle Sturgill

Anthem "If Jesus Comes Tomorrow" Jerry Keith

Children's Lesson

† Gospel Lesson Luke 12:13-21

Sermon "Abundance" Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Prayer of Confession

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been of old. Do not remember the sins of my hard heart, or the sins of my greedy hands; according to your steadfast love, do Lord remember me. For your name's sake, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious unto me. Relieve my troubled heart and bring me out of distress. Consider my affliction and all my troubles. Forgive me of my sins. Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is merciful and just. The Lord hears those who call upon him, who call upon him in truth.

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!

† Hymn of Response "Now Thank We All Our God" UMH No. 102

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

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

This week at Morris Chapel

Sunday – Worship service @ 930 AM, fellowship time 10:45. Refreshments outside at the shelter following the worship service.

Back To School Celebration: Friday, 8/8 at 6:30pm

Join us for a fun-filled back-to-school celebration! Enjoy hotdogs and hamburgers with all the fixin's, exciting games, and so much more as we cheer on our children for their first day of school! Contact Krystle Ray.

Missions and Outreach

School Supply Drive. For Greenwood and Tramway Elem. Schools we are collecting: #2 pencils, Elmer's Glue Sticks, markers, colored pencils, crayons (24-pack), Pink Pearl erasers, Composition books.

Blankets & t-shirts for neglected and abused children. The Child Advocacy Center in Harnett County needs blankets & t-shirts to meet the nurtured needs of God's children who have come into harm's way. See **Karen Rosser.**

NC Storm Response. Recent flooding has caused considerable damage in our area. Saxapahaw UMC and its parsonage have been inundated. Early Response Teams are being deployed. Contact the Call Center at disaster@nccumc.org or 888-440-9167.

To make a special offering, give to Morris Chapel and designate "S00176 – NC Storm Response" on the memo line. 100% of your gift provides essential relief and hope to those affected.

Church Administration

Church Council will meet on August 18. We are all thankful for the lay leadership of the church. See Council Chair Danny Baker if you'd like to discuss a matter concerning our ministry together.

Acolyte Spotlight



Lincoln Brewer

Our Acolyte Spotlight this week is on Lincoln Brewer. Lincoln is 8 years old, He loves to play baseball, eat Pizza or Mac'N Cheese, and have ice cream for dessert. His favorite subject in school is MATH. Lincoln likes to play The Switch when he's not on the baseball field. He's the son of Jeff & Sara Brewer, and we are thankful that he makes worship at Morris Chapel so special.

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Family of Henry Hall, Family of Michael Kondratovich.

Donna Carter	Nancy Johnson	Rhonda McNeill	Danielle, Bill, and Nora	
Peggy Danielsen	Charles Maddox	Laurel Parker	Jean Rachko	
Elva Hall	Maude Maloney	Susie Pierce	Ron & Peggy Scott	
Marian Huepper	Tracey Maness	Ellie Swanson	Shelby Truelove	

Send prayer requests to Pastor Kevin @ 919-802-8286, kseymour@nccumc.org, or use the yellow prayer card request found in your pew pocket.

Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings Attendance last Sunday: 64

Tithes & Offerings as of: 07/27/2025	
2025 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 117,170.15
2025 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 132,512.66
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 15,342.51

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.

Serving in Worship

	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
August 3	Ian Carter Isabelle Sturgill	T. Zenninge	Isabelle Sturgill	Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Terrena Shelton	Steve Huepper Marian Huepper
August 10	Callen Morris Jase Burris	Krystle Ray	Drew Burris	Richard Angel	Danny Baker	
August 17	Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Richard Angel	Inge Hersman	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Marian Huepper	
August 24	JC Ray Bryson Baker	Stacey Burris	Bryson Baker	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Donnie Carter	
August 31	Calleigh Baker Lincoln Brewer	Manuela Seymour	George Orlovsky	Jason Kilmer Dan Wissinger	Richard Angel	

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.

[&]quot;From everyone to whom much is given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be required." Luke 12:48