

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**I believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith. We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Commitment to baptismal vows**

With God's help we will order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, we may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

† Hymn                    "This the Spirit's Entry Now"                    UMH No. 608

† Remember Your Baptism All are invited to come and touch the holy water of the baptismal font or receive a blessing as a physical reminder of God's claim upon your life and your commitment to respond to God's love for you.

**Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings**

Offertory                    "Nearer, My God, to Thee"

† 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, Alleluia!

**Sharing our prayer concerns**

**Musical interlude**

**Prayers for the Church and the world, The Lord's Prayer**

### SENDING FORTH

**Announcements**

† Hymn                    "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"                    UMH No. 605

† Benediction

† Postlude                    "Nothing but the Blood"

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

“Come to the Water” by John Foley

Oh, let all who thirst, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: Without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord? And let all the poor, let them come to the water. Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord: Bring the children, without might. Easy the load and light: come to the Lord.



## MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship Service 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time & Sunday School, 10:45

**The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton**

Raleigh Area Bishop

**The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour**

Pastor

# A Service of the Word

## Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 11, 2026

The Epiphany season celebrates the revealing of Christ. Today we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord. Traditionally it marks the three events: the visit of the magi, the baptism of

Christ, and his first miracle—Jesus' transforming water into wine at Cana. As our response to the baptism of Jesus, we renew our own baptismal covenant with our Lord. We recall the three elements of our baptism—our stripping of all that stands between us and God, our washing in the water that cleanses us and drowns our sin, and our being clothed in the garments of righteousness, the new vocation of discipleship. Today is therefore a call to holiness of life and renewed vocation.

### GATHERING AND PRAISE

**Ringing the Church bell**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

*"Trust and Obey"*

Carl Sykes

**Choral Praise**

*"Jesus, Name Above All Names"*

Choir

**† Call to Worship**

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
**asccribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name,  
**worship the Lord in holy array.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the water,  
**the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon many waters.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful.

**The voice of God is full of majesty. Let us praise the name of the Lord!**

UMH No. 253

**† Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name, may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns, One God, in everlasting glory. **Amen.**

**† Hymn**

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

UMH No. 577

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**Old Testament Lesson**

**Isaiah 42:1-9** Pew Bible p. 670, OT

**Isabelle Sturgill**

**Anthem**

*"Wings of a Dove"*

**Choir**

**Children's Lesson**

**Matthew 3:13-17** Pew Bible p. 3, NT

**Kevin Seymour**

**† Gospel Lesson**

*"Remember Your Baptism, Be Thankful"*

**Kevin Seymour**

**Sermon**

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**Renewing our Baptismal Vows, the Decision to follow Christ:**

Do you turn to Christ as Savior, Lord, and Friend?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of all your sins?

**I repent of all my sins.**

Do you renounce evil?

**I renounce evil.**

**The outward sign of inward grace**

We thank you, gracious God, for your gifts of water and the Holy Spirit. We thank you that, through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land. We thank you that out of death you raised your Son to glorious life. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this water, that as we remember our burial with Christ in baptism, we may share in his resurrection to new life; that having been born again of water and the Holy Spirit, we may remain for ever in the number of your faithful children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Affirmation of Faith**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**I believe and trust in God the Father.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**I believe and trust in God the Son.**

**WELCOME TO MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
~ *This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!* ~

**This week at Morris Chapel**

Sunday – Worship service @ 930 AM; Fellowship & Sunday School, 10:45.

Monday – PPRC, 6:30; Finance, 7:00.

Tuesday – Pastor’s Bible Study, 10 AM;

Wednesday –Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 PM.

**Fellowship Dinner, January 17.** The Fellowship Committee’s first dinner in 2026 is happening Saturday, January 17 from 5:00PM-6:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. We are serving our popular meatloaf dinner with mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, desserts and beverages. Sign up on the sheet in your Sunday bulletin and place it in the offering plate. We look forward to enjoying a delicious meal with our church family and friends.

**New Sunday School Class** – Led by Lou Millar, this class will be using the Cokesbury Adult Bible series. The meeting place is directly across from the Media class at the end of the hall.

**If you’re interested, please call Lou Millar at 919-353-5582.**

**Coat Drive** –The coat drive has been revived. New coats only -- sizes small (6) to XL (16) boys and girls. This will benefit children at local schools. We delivered in December and will continue to collect until the end of January. The coat rack is in the Fellowship Hall. **See Karen Rosser.**

**Address for Rena Shry:** Terrena’s 101 year-old mother is in rehab for a broken hip. Send cards to: Autumn Lake, 56 Frederick Street, Walkersville MD 21783

**Valentine’s Dinner – Feb. 14 @ 5:30 PM.** Save the Date! Details coming soon.

**Men’s & Women’s Christian Conferences in Sanford.** Sponsored by Holly Springs Baptist, the Men’s event is Feb. 20 from 6-9 PM, and the Women’s event is Feb. 21 from 10AM-1PM at the Wicker Civic Center. Tickets are \$40. Find all the details at [www.hsbcbowaync.org](http://www.hsbcbowaync.org). **See Krystle Ray or Drew Burris.**

**Upcoming**

**Jan. 17. Fellowship Dinner, 5 PM.** Meatloaf, Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Desserts and Beverages.

**Jan. 19. Church Council, 7 PM.**

**Feb. 1, Souper Bowl Fellowship Time, 11 AM.**

**Feb. 2, Scholarship Committee, 6:30**

**Feb. 4, Children & Youth, 6 PM.**

**Feb. 9, Methodist Men, 6:30 PM.**

**Feb. 17, Pancake Supper, 5 PM.**

**Feb. 18, Ash Wednesday service, 5 PM.**

**Mar. 4, Chili Cook-off, 6 PM.** Hosted by the Methodist Men, details coming soon.

## Keep these in your prayers

**New this week:** Nancy Johnson.

Families of Bryant Hickman, Edna Hickman, and Jashbhai Patel, Rama Smith.

Morgan Baker Ernestine Black Sue Buie Jeff Cummings Mandy Dalrymple Peggy Danielson Warren Edwards Bill Farwick Casey Hall Katie Garcia Hinson Baby Samson Hinson	Linda Gallucci Casey Goldberg Crystal Hall Elva Hall Dennis Hartman Lewis Hartman Bryant Hickman Edith Howard Warren Lewis Dano Linehan	Larry Maddox Maude Maloney Landon Massa Linda McNeill Rhonda McNeill Robert Mudd Kathy Pembroke Susie Pierce Chuck Ralston Ron & Peggy Scott Rena Shry	Donna Sloan Jackson Snipes Phil Spivey Caroyn Sykes Shelby Truelove Brantley & Cindy Turner Dave Whitney Katie & Walter Woods Bob Woolston Sandy Woolston Betty Zann
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Send prayer requests & to Pastor Kevin @ 919-802-8286, [kseymour@nccumc.org](mailto:kseymour@nccumc.org),  
or use the yellow prayer card request found in your pew pocket.

**Attendance last Sunday: 76**

<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings as of: 01/04/2026</b>	
<b>Needed Each Week:</b>	<b>\$ 4,049.40</b>
<b>Received Last Week:</b>	<b>\$ 3,811.00</b>

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

### Serving in Worship

	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Children's Lesson</b>	<b>Lay Readers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Communion Servers</b>
<b>Jan. 11</b>	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Kevin Seymour	Isabelle Sturgill	Jason Kilmer Dan Wissinger	Crystal Burichin	
<b>Jan. 18</b>	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Krystle Ray	Drew Burris	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Gail Thomas	
<b>Jan. 25</b>	Ian Carter Callen Morris	Manuela Seymour	Inge Hersman	Justin Ray JC Ray	Janice Holder	
<b>Feb. 1</b>	Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Stacey Burris	Blair Pace	Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Linda Dilley	Steve Huepper Marian Huepper
<b>Feb. 8</b>	Rylee Ray Callen Morris	Kevin Seymour	Bryson Baker	Todd Pace Nash Pace	George Orlovsky	

**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.