

SENDING FORTH

† Hymn

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

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† Benediction

† Postlude

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

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in,
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold. – by *John Ylvisaker*



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Worship Celebration 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time 10:30 AM | Sunday School 10:45 AM

The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton

Raleigh Area Bishop

The Rev. Sunny B. Limm

Fairway District Superintendent

The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour

Pastor

Nancy Martinez

Assistant to the District Superintendent

A Service of the Word

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024 9:30 AM

1 John names the disciples as children of God, children of resurrection who wait with hope and assurance of Jesus's ongoing presence in their lives, even in the face of sin.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"He Shall Feed His Flock"

Leslie Orlovsky

by George Frederick Handel, arranged by Martha Powell Setchell.

Choral Praise

"Open Our Eyes, Lord"

Choir

† Call to Worship

Father everlasting, all creation worships you.

The voice of God our Father is full of power and might.

To the blessed Lord Jesus we sing thanks and praise.

He is the Father's true and only Son.

Praise we now the Holy Ghost.

We'll sing it 'til our final rest: Trinity be forever blest!

† Prayer

by Charles Wesley

Come Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to whom we for our children cry. Give us discipline to bring them up for heaven. Remove all error and ignorance from our lives, O God, and unite the two so long disjoined: knowledge and vital piety, learning and holiness combined. **Amen.**

† Hymn

"Thine Be the Glory"

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

Inge Hersman

Anthem

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

Soloist, Barbara Lewis

Children's Lesson

Richard Angel

New Testament Lesson

1 John 3:1-3

Sermon

"Called by Name"

Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Hymn

"This is the Spirit's Entry Now"

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† The Lord's prayer

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Callen Morris

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New members: Warren and Barbara Lewis

Congregational welcome

Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

Congregational commitment

We give thanks for all that God has already given us. As members of the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness that in everything God made be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† Doxology

**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

MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – April 14, 2024

WELCOME!

Welcome to Morris Chapel United Methodist Church! We are delighted that you joined us in Christian Education and Worship today. Morris Chapel United Methodist Church welcomes visitors who are seeking a church home, those who join us for special occasions, and those who seek relief from life's burdens. Join us in praising God, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, and giving thanks to a loving God for the blessings of the day!

CALENDAR

Every Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service – in person and Livestream
Sunday	10:30 am	Fellowship Time
Sunday	10:45 am	Sunday Schools
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study “Sunday’s Coming” Pastor Seymour
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice – all are welcome

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

First Time Visitors! We are so glad you joined us, and we hope you return! Please pick up a coffee mug with goodies and info at the front door area as you exit. It is a token of our gratitude and love for visiting our Worship Service. Be blessed

Thank you to EVERYONE who joined us in-person and online at Morris Chapel for Easter. We were excited to welcome 145 worshippers for the 9:30 service, and about 25 for Easter Sunrise. The house was filled with fellowship and songs of resurrection. The music offered by the youth on hand chimes and the choir’s “The Offer Still Stands” cantata were an inspiration to all. The delicious breakfast and the Easter Egg Hunt were delightful, too. All are invited to come again to hear the good news, and bring friends and neighbors with you.

The Scholarship Committee has scholarship applications ready. See Danny Baker for a copy. He also can email the application to you, so let him know. See Danny for any questions you may have. Applications can be returned to either Danny or Pastor Kevin but must be returned no later than May 1. Thank you.

Please join us Wednesday, April 17, 2024—5:00-6:30 for a time of fellowship and JANICE HOLDER’S CHICKEN STEW w/ Slaw, Vegetables, Desserts and Beverages. Dinner will be served from 5:00pm—6:30pm. If you are unable to attend after RSVPing, *please let us know* by contacting Carol Martell at 919-498-5654 or email: martell6064@gmail.com.

New Church Directory with Color Family Photos is launched for this summer! SAVE these dates: Friday June 14 and Saturday June 15 for scheduling of your family photos! The Portrait Café will be in the Fellowship Hall to take member and attendee photos AND extended family photos! You will receive a free 8x10 photo at NO cost to you unless you choose to purchase more pictures. See the posters in the Fellowship Hall & Narthex for sign-up info. Your contact people at Morris Chapel are Gail Carucci, Project Leader, and Laurel Parker. We hope EVERYONE participates!!

Pastor’s Tuesday Bible Study is an extension of the Sunday Sermon! Class starts at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Every week is a different topic so you are never “behind” in this study. Come & see...Our group is growing....

The 2024 Fellowship Hall Calendar is posted in the Fellowship Hall on the left bulletin board just as you enter. **Committee Chairs**, please enter all meetings scheduled for the FH on this calendar. If an Announcement is needed for the church, email the bulletin preparers by Wednesday morning what you wish to have listed. Thanks!

Easy Site: Accessing Sunday Sermons is as easy as going on Facebook. Refresh your memory, rethink the messages, be enriched again. May God bless your devotion. <https://www.facebook.com/MorrisChapelUnitedMethodistChurch>

PARISH NOTICES

Two excellent websites for the North Carolina UMC will give you information on all sorts of lay ministries available and other courses/classes offered through the Methodist Churches. Go to cle@nccumc.org and/or communications@nccumc.org.

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

PLEASE word your announcement as you wish to see it printed.. Thank you

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sherry Baucom Lucas Bell Debbie Bryan Vicke & Randy Buchanan Amanda Johnson Joey Campbell Jayden Cockran Congregational Unity Linda Dilley Jeff Hartman Mark Hickman	Jimmy Holt Family of Teresa Ingram Ann Jackson Evan & Leslie Johnson Nanci Lenori Maude Maloney Ann McLeod Maxine McLeod Foster McNeill Rhonda McNeill Mike Phillips	Susie Pierce Jeff Popke Helen Rogers Al Rushatz The Royal Family Russian attacks Shirley Salmon Anna Sanfilippo Richard Saucier Ron & Peggy Scott Becky Seymour	Norman Sloan Family Kyle Smith Phil Spivey Lisa Stafford Joyce Key Thomas Ukraine churches United Methodist Church United States of America Pam Vaughan Ruth Watson Jimmy Womack
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Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings Attendance 4/7/24 83

Tithes & Offerings as of: 04/07/2024	
2024 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 51,772.62
2024 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 82,277.40
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 30,504.78

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Worship Volunteers-- you are respectfully asked to arrange for a substitute in the event that you cannot fill your assigned slot. Thank you.

Apr	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
14	Jason Morton Calleigh Baker	Richard Angel	Inge Hersman	Greg Vorholt Gary Maddox	Doug Currin Crystal Burichin	
21	Rylee Ray Bryson Baker	Krystle Ray	George Orlovsky	Carolyn Saucier Danny Baker	Dan Wissinger Melanie Wissinger	
28	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Stacey Burris	Manuela Seymour	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Jack Harper Mavis Harper	
May 5	Ian Carter Isabelle Sturgill	Gillian Hubley	Steve Huepper	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Hank Richards Margaret Spivey	Kevin Seymour Manuela Seymour Greg Vorholt Cindy Vorholt
12	Paisley Kilmer Teagon Kilmer	Richard Angel	Leslie Orlovsky	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Cindy Vorholt Greg Vorholt	