

## Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

### 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, Alleluia!

### Sharing prayer concerns

### Holy Communion

*The Great Thanksgiving*

*Sharing the bread and the cup*

*Prayer following Communion*

### Announcements

#### SENDING FORTH

† Hymn

*"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"*

UMH No. 712

† Benediction

† Postlude

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

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;  
the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell in lowliness with men, their pattern and their King;

Still to the lowly soul he doth himself impart,  
and for his dwelling and his throne chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be;  
give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple meet for thee.



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Worship Service, 9:30 AM

Fellowship 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

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 8, 2026

What does God desire for his people? Today's passage from Micah reveals God in controversy with his people—for all of God's saving actions, the people of Israel offer only burnt offerings, when God desires that they do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with him. In Matthew, Jesus preaches the Sermon on the Mount, where conventional wisdom is turned upside down. Jesus proclaims that God's blessings fall upon those who mourn, who are meek, who are poor in spirit, and who are persecuted.

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

**Ringing the Church Bell**

**Greeting**

**Prelude**

*"Meditation"*

Lesley Orlofsky

**Choral Praise**

*"Jesus, Name of Above All Names"*

Choir

**† Call to Worship**

*Psalm 119, Matthew 5, Deuteronomy 30*

Praise God with an upright heart  
**And learn the ways of his commands.**

Happy are those who seek God with their whole heart.  
**Let us walk in the way of the Lord.**

Have you not heard the law?  
**We want to hear what Jesus said.**

Hold fast to him for the length of your days.  
**May the Spirit turn us from life's distractions,  
that we will hear and obey.**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**† Opening Prayer**

Lord Jesus, we sit among those who hear you preach on the mountain and we long to gain the truth of your wisdom within us. We seek to change our desires to what you command. Give us grace to be honest with one another so that we may rightly come and bring you a worthy offering of thanks and praise. **Amen.**

**† Hymn of Praise**

*"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"*

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## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**Old Testament Lesson  
Anthem**

**Micah 6:1-8** Pew Bible p. 866 (OT)  
*"Born of Grace"*

**Inge Hersman  
Choir**

**Children's Lesson**

**† Gospel Lesson**

**Matthew 5:1-12** Pew Bible p. 4 (NT)

**Manuela Seymour**

**Sermon**

*"That Mountain-top Mentality"*

**Kevin Seymour**

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**† Prayer of Confession**

**All: Holy God, we know your way is true and right. We know your statutes are life and peace.**

**Leader:** You have commanded us not to hurt each other with insults.

**People: We confess that we have not loved one another as Christ loves us.**

**Leader:** You have commanded that we must first be reconciled to each other before we present our offerings at your altar.

**People: We confess that we have resisted the urging of your Holy Spirit. We have neglected your inspiration.**

**Leader:** Jesus said that our righteousness must exceed the law of ancient times.

**People: We confess that our ways are not strong enough when it comes to keep with what you say.**

**We confess that we have come to worship while holding a grudge against another.**

**All: Forgive us, O God, for what we have been. Give us clean hearts to amend our ways. Grant that your Spirit will direct us to what we yet shall be. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

**Leader:** The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance; Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**† Hymn of Response**

*"Christ for the World We Sing"*

UMH No. 568

# ***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; Souper Bowl in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

Monday – Methodist Men, 6:30 PM.

Tuesday – Pastor’s Bible Study, 10 AM;

Wednesday –Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 PM.

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Therefore, our church will invite others to come and join us.

The church calendar is on our web site: [www.morrischapelumc.org/events](http://www.morrischapelumc.org/events)

## **For the Good of the Church**

**Today:** The Fellowship Committee is serving a variety of soups plus a grazing table with meats, cheeses, fruits, etc. and desserts. While enjoying your lunch, we’ll play a little football trivia game. All correct answers will be placed in a basket where a winner will be drawn and receive a special prize. Brush up, the special prize could be yours! You don’t want to miss this!

**Valentine’s Dinner – Feb. 14 @ 6:00 PM. See Crystal Burichin for tickets (919-499-8920).**

**All are encouraged to respond to the survey available to everyone in the United Methodist Church.** The survey has been authorized by the Council of Bishops and designed to listen to United Methodists across our connection about the present and future of The United Methodist Church.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UMCLG2026>

**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.hsbcbwync.org](http://www.hsbcbwync.org). **See Krystle Ray or Drew Burris.**

## **Upcoming**

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

**Feb. 14. Valentine’s Dinner @ 6 PM. See Crystal Burichin for tickets (919-499-8920).**

**Feb. 16, Scholarship Committee, 6:30 PM.**

**Feb. 17, Pancake Supper, 5 PM.** All are invited for a dinner of pancakes, bacon, and lots of butter & syrup. This follows an old tradition when Shrove Tuesday (or Fat Tuesday) was the last chance to eat rich foods and meat before the beginning of Lent when those foods were given up. Let’s get together for some food & fun on this day prior to Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Be sure to attend, and invite someone to join you.

**Feb. 18, Ash Wednesday service, 5 PM.** We’ll begin Lent in a time of worship to remember our mortality and our dependence on God. We’ll observe the imposition of ashes after hearing some words of instruction and encouragement for a disciplined life of faith. Be sure to attend, and invite someone to join you.

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## Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Deb Callodonato, Maude Maloney, Callen Morris, Phil Spivey, Nancy Johnson, Henry Swett.

Sue Buie	Linda Gallucci	Landon Massa	Donna Sloan
Robby Campbell	Crystal Hall	Linda McNeill	Jackson Snipes
Jeff Cummings	Elva Hall	Rhonda McNeill	Caroyn Sykes
Mandy Dalrymple	Dennis Hartman	Martha Meeks	Shelby Truelove
Peggy Danielsen	Lewis Hartman	Robert Mudd	Brantley& Cindy Turner
Warren Edwards	Edith Howard	Kathy Pembroke	Dave Whitney
Bill Farwick	Warren Lewis	Susie Pierce	Katie & Walter Woods
Casey Hall	Dano Linehan	Chuck Ralston	Bob Woolston
Katie Garcia Hinson	Larry Maddox	Ron & Peggy Scott	Sandy Woolston
Baby Samson Hinson		Rena Shry	Betty Zann
		Donna Sloan	

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 on January 18 -- 59

Tithes & Offerings as of: 01/18/2026	
Needed Each Week:	\$ 4,049.40
Received Last Week:	\$ 18,769.80

Your gifts enable us to celebrate God's goodness in worship, make music that inspires hearts to follow Christ, and for us to reach out with compassion to relieve human suffering. We pray that others will get a taste of God's kingdom on earth. Thank you for your faithful generosity.

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

### Serving in Worship

	Acolytes	Children's Lesson	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
Feb. 8	Ian Carter Callen Morris	Manuela Seymour	Inge Hersman	Justin Ray JC Ray	Janice Holder	Steve Huepper Marian Huepper
Feb. 15	Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Stacey Burris	Blair Pace	Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Linda Dilley	
Feb. 22	Calleigh Baker Lincoln Brewer	Kevin Seymour	Bryson Baker	Todd Pace Nash Pace	George Orlovsky	
Mar. 1	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Krystle Ray	George Orlovsky	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Danny Baker	Isabelle Sturgill George Orlovsky
Mar. 8	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Manuela Seymour	Manuela Seymour	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Marian Huepper	

**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.