

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

UMH No. 9

SENDING FORTH

† Hymn
† Postlude

“Lead On, O Cloud of Presence”

TFWS No. 2234

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

O sacred banquet,
in which Christ is received,
the memory of his Passion is renewed,
the mind is filled with grace,
and a pledge of future glory is given us.
Alleluia!

“Sacrum Convivium”-- a hymn from the 13th century



The scouts of the Israelites bring back fruit from the land of God’s promise

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

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The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour
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A Service of Word and Table

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 7, 2025 9:30 AM

In the Book of Numbers, spies are sent forth to the land of Canaan in order to bring back a report of what they find there. Despite the grapes and figs and pomegranates that are brought back, the Israelites remain afraid to go there. They cannot see the future of God’s promise. In Matthew’s gospel, Jesus institutes the Lord’s Supper, the promise of forgiveness for all who faithfully partake of the fruit of his vine.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ring the Church Bell

Greeting

Prelude “Jesus Paid it All” Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise “O How He Loves Me” Choir

† Call to Worship

To the almighty maker of heaven and earth we sing.
We bow before the Lord of all.

For unto us God gave a son.
Let every tongue confess with one accord that Jesus Christ is Lord!

Holy Father, Holy Spirit, and Holy Son:
We bless your name Almighty One.

† Opening Prayer *a prayer from the 2nd century*

Born as a son, led forth as a lamb, sacrificed as a sheep, you rose from the dead as God. You are by nature God and man. You are all things: You judge, and so you are law; you teach and so you are word; you save and so you are grace; you beget and so you are father; you are begotten and so you are son; you suffer and so you are sacrifice; you were buried and so you are man; you rose again and so you are God. You are the Christ, to whom belongs glory for all ages. **Amen.**

† Hymn of Praise “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” UMH No. 64

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson	Numbers 13:17-20; 23-24	Manuela Seymour
Anthem	“Come to the Table”	Choir
Children’s Lesson		Krystle Ray
† Gospel Lesson	Matthew 26:26-29	
Sermon	“God’s Abundant Provision”	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!
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May the Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you. Glory to God, Amen!

† Response Hymn “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” TFWS No. 2223

WELCOME TO MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

~ This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! ~

This week at Morris Chapel

Sunday – Worship service @ 930 AM, fellowship time 10:45, Sunday School at 11.
Pastor's Bible Study – Tuesday at 10 AM. No choir practice this week.

On the Horizon

Tuesday mornings with Pastor Kevin will resume on September 9. We meet at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to join us for discussion of our life together at Morris Chapel.

Homecoming Sunday, September 14. To Morris Chapel's great delight, we will be treated to "*The Man from Aldersgate*," a one-man play by BJ Johnston on the life and times of John Wesley. We'll see and hear how this remarkable man rode over 250,000 miles on horseback to bring the Christian message of renewal to the English speaking world.

Covered dish / pot-luck lunch will be served, so bring something to share.
Let all plan to be here on Sunday, September 14th and bring a friend.

September 28 -- snack time after worship will be hosted by the Fellowship Committee. See **Carol Martell**.

Missions – Later in the fall we'll hold a coat drive for children at local elementary schools. We'll also be contribute to Thanksgiving dinners provided to the needy in our community, and plans are to once again share Christmas cheer with others with an Angel Tree. See **Karen Rosser** concerning mission projects.

Acolyte Spotlight



Calleigh Baker

Our Acolyte Spotlight this week is on Calleigh Baker. Calleigh is 12 years old, and she's the daughter of Daniel & Morgan Baker. Her favorite activity is dancing, and ALL her dance teachers are her favorites. At school, she likes Math as her favorite subject. At the dinner table she likes steak & baked potato, with ice cream for dessert. Favorite color: royal blue, but she's really fine with all shades of blue; hanging out with friends is her best past-time; and her favorite dance style is lyrical and jazz and hip-hop and acro! Thank you, Calleigh, for serving in worship at Morris Chapel.

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Family of John Benson.
Kelly Fuhrer.

Troy Adams Peggy Baker Peggy Danielsen Elva Hall Bobby Holder	Laura Holder Brandon Isenhour Larry Johnson Nancy Johnson	Charles Maddox Tracy Manness Nancy McDuffie Rhonda McNeill Laurel Parker	Susie Pierce Danielle Rachko Ron & Peggy Scott Shelby Truelove
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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: 57

Tithes & Offerings as of: 08/31/2025	
2025 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 136,698.50
2025 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 147,116.47
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 10,417.97

Let none appear before the Lord empty-handed; all shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you. – Deuteronomy 16:17.

Earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can. – *John Wesley.*

Serving in Worship

	Acolytes	Children's Lesson	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
Sept. 7	Rylee Ray Bryson Baker	Krystle Ray	Manuela Seymour	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Crystal Burichin	Isabelle Sturgill George Orlovsky
Sept. 21	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Krystle Ray	Steve Huepper	Justin Ray JC Ray	Gail Thomas	
Sept. 28	Ian Carter Isabelle Sturgill	Stacey Burris	Leslie Orlovsky	Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Janice Holder	
Oct. 5	Callen Morris Jase Burris	Kevin Seymour	Rylee Ray	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Linda Dilley	Paisley Kilmer Carol Martell
Oct. 12	Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Krystle Ray	Jason Kilmer	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	George Orlovsky	
Oct. 19	JC Ray Bryson Baker	Stacey Burris	Calleigh Baker	Jason Kilmer Dan Wissinger	Danny Baker	

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.