

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† **Doxology**

95

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

SENDING FORTH

† **Hymn**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

557

† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

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

I dream a world where man
No other man will scorn,
Where love will bless the earth
And peace its paths adorn
I dream a world where all
Will know sweet freedom's way,
Where greed no longer saps the soul
Nor avarice blights our day.
A world I dream where black or white,
Whatever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth
And every man is free,
Where wretchedness will hang its head
And joy, like a pearl,
Attends the needs of all mankind-
Of such I dream, my world!
---by Langston Hughes (1902 – 1967)



**MORRIS CHAPEL
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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 after the Epiphany

January 21, 2024 9:30 AM

Today we'll hear how the story of Jonah's running away from God, getting swallowed up by a sea creature, and then given another chance and did, at long last, do God's will. Jesus spoke of the sign of the prophet Jonah, and so we'll hear how the stories of Jesus and Jonah work together.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"The Solid Rock"* by William B. Bradbury **Leslie Orlovsky**

Choral Praise *"Heal Our Land"* **Choir**

† Call to Worship

Praise be to God the Father.
He sent his only Son to save us.

By the Holy Spirit, we repent and believe the gospel.
Through Christ we have a chance for new life and new hope.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, has come among us!
The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God has come near.

† Opening Prayer

Everlasting God, new every morning your mercies we see. As you call the nations to your light, guide us and keep us when we run away. As your servant Jonah tried to run, he could not hide. Call us again as you did with Jonah so that we too may turn around in true repentance. We pray through your son Jesus Christ, who is the true light to turn to, who is the bright morning star for all to see. **Amen.**

† **Hymn** *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"* # 117

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson **Psalm 62:5-12** **Drew Burris**
Anthem *"Change My Heart, O God"* **Choir**
Children's Lesson **Richard Angel**
Old Testament Lesson **Jonah 3:1-5; 10**
Sermon *"The Sign of the Prophet Jonah"* **Kevin Seymour**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Litany Prayer of Salvation *from Luke 1:68 – 79*
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who has come to set the chosen people free.

The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Savior from the house of David.

Through the holy prophets, God promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us;

To show mercy to our forebears, and to remember the holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:

To set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship without fear, Holy and righteous in the Lord's sight, all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

To give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son. Amen.

† **Hymn** *"Amazing Grace"* # 378

Prayer of Thanksgiving, The Lord's Prayer

The Peace May the Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Glory to God, Amen!

MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – January 21, 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

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| 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:

Pastor’s Tuesday Bible Study is an extension of the Sunday Sermon! Come at 10:00 to learn more. Come when you can! Every week is a different topic so you are never “behind” in this study. Come & see – you will be glad you did....

Mission Coat Drive for Broadway Elementary School! Must be NEW coats in sizes small or XL sizes (6-14)! They will be collected during January for February delivery. Please bring them to the Fellowship Hall! Thank you for your consideration of those less fortunate!

February Men’s Meeting will be on Thursday 2/8/24 at 7PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will plan for sandwiches for Souper Bowl Sunday 2/11/24, and {Fat Tuesday} Pancake Dinner 2/13/24.
Greg Vorholt 586-201-0687 gregvorholt@yahoo.com

Ash Wednesday Worship – Join us for a brief service of prayer, reflection, and the Imposition of Ashes on February 14 at 5 PM. This service begins the 40-day journey to Holy Week and Easter. All are welcome.

The 2024 Flower Calendar is posted in the Fellowship Hall on the left bulletin board just as you enter. Please sign in for the Sunday you have chosen and notify the bulletin preparers of the wording for the announcement. Thank you!

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 what you wish to have listed by Wednesday morning. Thanks!

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

PARISH NOTICES

Please check out nccumc.org/media-center for obtaining these insightful books! MORE available than listed here...

Toward the Cross: Heart-Shaping Lessons for Lent and Easter by Taylor W. Mills with Gary Thompson and Michelle Morris. Explore qualities and characteristics of Christian discipleship that demonstrate that following Jesus is our highest priority.

Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws by Adam Hamilton. As we study Luke and see Jesus’ concern for those who were considered unimportant, we hear a hopeful and inspiring word for our lives today.

Remember: God’s Covenants and the Cross by Susan Robb. Leads readers through the covenants with Noah, Abraham, Moses and Israel, and David, followed by the New Covenant established on Maundy Thursday.

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

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| Zane Almany Cindy Alexandria Sherry Baucom Maryann Bell Rick Billings Brethen Family Joey Campbell Kristie Casterlin Congregational Unity Jimmy Clifton Diane Conti Deborah McNeill Cox Shelton Crutchfield Family of Cordie Dorman III Family of Dustin Grooms | Henry Hall Ron Hartman Ron Height Connie Hickman Mark Hickman Jimmie Holt Teresa Ingram Ann Jackson Evan & Leslie Johnson Nancy Johnson Tom Kirby Jeff Ludewig Charles Maddox Maude Maloney Ashley McBurnett Ann McLeod | Maxine McLeod Family of Donna McNeill Rhonda McNeill Lou Millar Leslie & George Orlovsky Peace on Earth Dick Philbin Susie Pierce Crosby Price Danielle Rahko Helen Rogers Melvin & Angelene Rosser Anna Sanfilippo Ron & Peggy Scott Becky Seymour | Kyle Smith Nathaniel Smith Cynthia Spivey Kenneth Spivey Joey Stewart Joyce Key Thomas Debra Underwood United States of America Pam Vaughan David Wagner Family of Mary Carolyn Watson Family of David Way Family of Lance Weekly Bob & Sandy Woolston |
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Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings

Attendance 1/14/24 83

| Tithes & Offerings as of: 01/14/2024 | |
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| 2024 Budget - Needed to Date: | \$ 7,396.09 |
| 2024 Budget - Received to Date: | \$ 17,027.65 |
| Running Surplus /(Deficit) | \$ 9,631.56 |

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.

| Jan. | Acolytes | Children's Message | Lay Readers | Ushers | Greeters | Communion Servers |
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| 21 | Jason Morton Calleigh Baker | Richard Angel | Drew Burris | Greg Vorholt Gary Maddox | Janice Holder Jack Harper | |
| 28 | Rylee Ray Bryson Baker | Krystle Ray | Inge Hersman | Carolyn Saucier Danny Baker | Hank Richards Margaret Spivey | |
| Feb 4 | Jase Burris Cole Burris | Stacey Burris | George Orlovsky | Donnie Carter Ian Carter | Greg Vorholt Cindy Vorholt | Kevin Seymour Manuela Seymour Laurel Parker Jack Harper |
| 11 | Ian Carter Isabelle Sturgill | Gillian Hubley | Manuela Seymour | Daniel Baker Bryson Baker | Linda Dilley Pam Summers | |
| 18 | Paisley Kilmer Teagen Kilmer | Richard Angel | Steve Huepper | Ron Mercer George Orlovsky | Gary Maddox George Orlovsky | |

After Worship treats are cordially provided by Pam Summers and Janice Holder. Thank you!!