

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**

“Shine, Jesus, Shine ”

TFWS No. 2173

† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

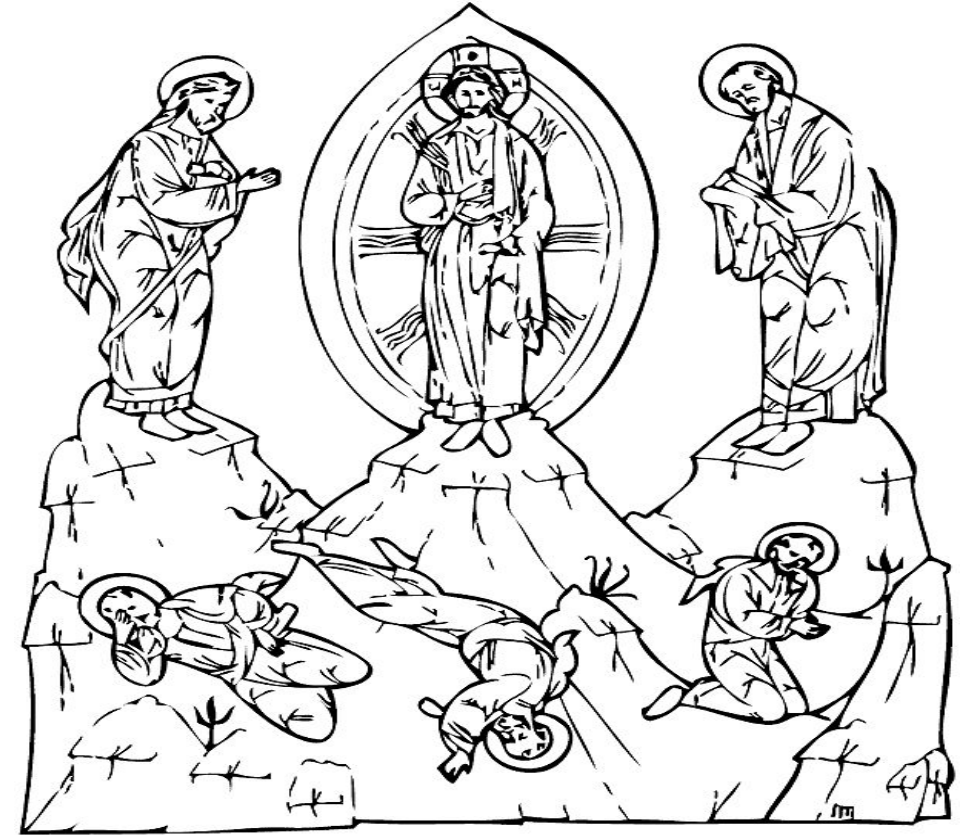
†The congregation is invited to stand, as you are able.

Father, who didst fashion man, Godlike in thy loving plan,
Fill us with that love divine, and conform our wills to thine.

Word made flesh, all hail to thee! Thou from sin has set us free,
And with thee we die and rise unto God in sacrifice.

Holy Spirit, you impart gifts of love to every heart;
Give us light and grace, we pray, Fill our hearts this holy day.

God, the blessed Three in One, may thy holy will be done;
In thy word our souls are free and we rest this day with thee.



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS

**MORRIS CHAPEL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

8533 Cox Mill Road, Sanford, North Carolina 27332

Office – (919) 499-4949

Pastor cell (919) 802-8286 | kseymour@nccumc.org

Service of Worship 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time 10:30 AM | Sunday School 11:00 AM

The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton
Raleigh Area Bishop

The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour
Pastor

A Service of Word and Table

Transfiguration Sunday

March 2, 2025 9:30 AM

Today is Transfiguration Sunday, which marks the last Sunday before the season of Lent.

The gospel lesson provides a vivid description of a mountaintop transformation where Jesus's face and garments become dazzling white in the presence of disciples Peter, James, and John. The appearance of both Moses and Elijah at the Transfiguration reminds us that Jesus stands in line with the great leaders of Israel. It also symbolizes Jesus's fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets through his life, death, and resurrection.

The Transfiguration also recalls Moses's encounter with God on Mt. Sinai. In 2 Corinthians, Paul teaches that while Moses's face had to be veiled after encountering the Lord, through Christ we are given freedom to approach God boldly. Jesus has torn the veil between earth and heaven, and he invites us to enter the new covenant through faith.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "There is a Fountain" Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise

† Call to Worship

Give God the glory, God and none other.
To God we give the glory: Spirit, Son, and Father.

Christ is the world's light; he is the world's peace.
Christ who redeems us reigns with God the Father.

The one who knows Jesus knows the living God.
In the Spirit he binds us to the Father.
Glory be to God on high! Amen!

† Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, while you prayed on the mountain-top, the others were heavy with sleep. And then everything changed. You became dazzling white, shining bright with the light of your divine glory. You spoke with Moses and Elijah. A voice came from the cloud, saying: "this is my Son, my chosen, listen to him." The others knew not what to do, and neither do we. Arouse us from our slumbers to see you not just as rabbi, but savior. **Amen.**

† Hymn "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" UMH No. 173

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

New Testament Lesson 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Doug Currin

Anthem

Children's Lesson Manuela Seymour

† Gospel Lesson Luke 9:28-36

Sermon "Taking Jesus to Go" Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful God, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful God, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

All pray in silent confession

† Words of Assurance

† Pardon In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

† Hymn of Response "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" UMH No. 349

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

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

Tuesday – Pancake Supper, 5 PM.

Wednesday – Ash Wednesday service, 5 PM; Choir practice, 6:30 PM.

Thursday – Methodist Men, 7 PM.

Sunday – Worship Service at 9:30 AM, Fellowship with snacks and coffee at 10:30, Sunday School at 11.

For the good of the Church

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper – March 4 at 5 PM. All ages are invited to come and enjoy pancakes, bacon, and lots of syrup. This is a celebration just before we begin the season of Lent – a time of penitence and sacrifice.

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

Scholarship applications are now available. Stop by the church office after worship to pick one up. See Danny Baker if you'd like to know more.

The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee works to hold our Pastor accountable to expectations and also supports our Pastor and his family. If you have feedback to offer or questions about this, please see Sandra Carter.

Missions and Outreach

Family Promise – Week of March 10. Meals are provided to families whose housing situation is in transition. See Karen Rosser if you're interested in providing a meal for a family.

Ready to put Christian love into action? Opportunities for both the young and old in our congregation are available to go forth and rebuild and to make disciples through the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission umvim.org. If there's interest, a **Mission Trip** may be planned. See Bill Gross or Pastor Kevin.

Fellowship

Refreshments after worship -- Our time together after worship is a precious moment of the week. Please consider volunteering to provide light refreshments on a Sunday morning. The sign-up poster is on the wall next to the kitchen counter.

Methodist Men will meet March 6 at 7 PM to elect new leaders. The Methodist Men work to support the ministries of the church, working in partnership with and alongside other ministry groups.

Faith Formation

Sunday School classes are now ready for children. Teachers are in place waiting for your precious children, so be sure to bring them by for lessons. Growing up in God's word is a blessing. Two adult classes are offered every Sunday also.

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Evelyn Watson.

Ongoing Concerns:

Pat Angel Mike Berryman Rick Billings Chris Carver Mitch Darroch	Peggy Danielsen Edwin Foushee Katie Lacy Maude Maloney Rhonda McNeill Susie Pierce	Lindsay Rattner Valerie Robertino Ron & Peggy Scott Donna Skoen Fred Spivey Antonio Strickland	Joyce Key Thomas Western NC Kentucky floods Wayne Thomas Joanna Vassilion Pam Vaughan
--	---	---	--

Prayer requests may be sent to Pastor Kevin at kseymour@nccumc.org, or just call / text 919-802-8286. If any matter is close to your heart, it is never too big or small for the God we love and adore.

Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings

Attendance 2/23/25 **64**

Tithes & Offerings as of: 02/23/2025	
2025 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 31,245.37
2025 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 56,315.66
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 25,070.29

Serving in Worship

	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
March 2	Rylee Ray Bryson Baker	Manuela Seymour	Doug Currin	Justin Ray JC Ray	George Orlovsky	Donnie Carter Sandra Carter
March 9	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Richard Angel	Drew Burris	Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Danny Baker	
March 16	Ian Carter Isabelle Sturgill	Krystle Ray	Inge Hersman	Richard Angel Wayne Stack	Laurel Parker	
March 23	Callen Morris Jase Burris	Stacey Burris	George Orlovsky	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Marian Huepper	
March 30	Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Gillian Hubley	Manuela Seymour	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Donnie Carter	

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.