

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† **Doxology**

OLD HUNDRETH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world, the Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

† **Hymn**

"All Glory Laud and Honor"

UMH No. 280

† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

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

Here are the lyrics to today's prelude, played by Leslie Orlovsky

O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay are strewn this day in festal preparation;
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away, E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.

His word goes forth, and peoples by its might once more regain freedom from degradation.
Humanity doth live to teach His right, while those in darkness find restored the light.

Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem, of all thy sons sing the emancipation.
Through boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem brings hope and faith to thee forevermore.

Join all and sing Hosanna!
Let every voice resound with joyous acclamation,
Hosanna! Praised be the Lord!
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.
—by *J. Baptiste Faure (1830 – 1914)*



KING JESUS RIDES INTO JERUSALEM

**MORRIS CHAPEL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Worship Celebration 9:30 AM

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

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Raleigh Area Bishop

The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour

Pastor

A Service of the Word

Palm/Passion Sunday
April 13, 2025 9:30 AM

Our service begins with a procession of the palms to recall the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The palms we wave reflect the fragility of the celebration—because a mere five days later the crowd’s adulation turns to hatred. In Philippians we read Paul’s account of Jesus’s ministry. Paul sums up the humiliation and the glory of Jesus that the Church honors this week as we follow Jesus to the cross on Good Friday and anticipate his resurrection three days later.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Prelude *“The Palms”*
by Jean Baptiste Faure, arr. by Albin C. Whitworth

† Opening Sentences

I was glad when they said unto me,
We will go into the house of the Lord.

Even the stones cry out --- This is the day the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

† **Hymn** *“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”* **UMH No. 278**

Children’s Music *“The Hosanna Song”*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

New Testament Lesson **Philippians 2:5-11** **Leslie Orlovksy**

Anthem *“Blessed is He”*

† **Gospel Lesson** **Luke 19:28-40**

Sermon *“The Triumphant Entry”* **Kevin Seymour**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Prayer of Confession

Eternal God: In Jesus Christ you entered Jerusalem to die for our sins. We confess that we have not hailed you as King or gone before you in the world with praise. For brief faith that fades in trouble, for enthusiasms that fizzle out, for hopes we parade but do not pursue, have mercy on us. Forgive us, God, and give us such trust in your power that, in every city, we may live for your justice and tell of your loving-kindness; for the sake of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

† Words of Assurance and Pardon

† **Hymn** *“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”* **UMH No. 277**

† **Affirmation of Faith** *“The Nicene Creed”* **UMH No. 880**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and `unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

WELCOME TO MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
~ I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the house of the Lord! ~

This week at Morris Chapel

Wednesday – Choir practice, 6:30 PM.

Thursday – Worship at Broadway UMC, 7 PM.

Friday – Good Friday worship, 7 PM.

Sunday – Sunrise service on our front lawn, 7:30 AM; Breakfast, 8 AM; Celebration of the Resurrection @ 9:30 AM, followed by the Easter Egg Hunt.

For the good of the Church

Holy Week Services: Maundy Thursday 4/17, 7 PM @ Broadway UMC; Good Friday, 7 PM @ Morris Chapel; Easter Sunrise 7:30 AM on the front lawn; Breakfast @ 8 AM; Easter Sunday worship @ 9:30 AM featuring Choir Cantata “*He Lives.*” Easter Egg Hunt – meet in the breezeway after our worship service.

Collection for Haven House. Ongoing through Easter Sunday. We will receive personal care items for our neighbors who have had to leave abusive home situations. The residents need cleaning supplies, towels & wash cloths, and personal care / bath items for ladies. Collection will be in the Fellowship Hall. **See Crystal Burichin.**

Easter Candy Sale –The Media Sunday School Class is selling home-made treats on the front lawn and in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service today through Easter Sunday. **\$5.00 a bag.** Your generous support will help the Methodist Home for Children care for orphans and foster kids in our area. Your generosity is appreciated.

Farewell to Margaret & Fred. A dinner to honor the witness and service of Margaret & Fred Spivey will be held on Saturday, April 26 @ 4 PM. The Spivey’s are relocating and the church will bid them farewell.

Chat with Pastor Kevin -- Sunday at 10:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Is there something you’d like to know more about in our ministry together?

Would you like to know your Pastor a little better?

Perhaps you’d like to arrange for a time to discuss a matter of pastoral care.

All are welcome to come and chat with the Pastor today at 10:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

Missions and Outreach

Scholarship applications must be received by Sunday April 20 (Easter). See Danny Baker.

Blankets for neglected and abused children. It will soon be time for us to tie some more blankets for the Child Advocacy Center in Harnett County. This will be a continuing effort to meet the nurtured needs of God’s children who have come into harm’s way. If you wish to offer financial support, make your check to Morris Chapel and indicate “blankets” on the memo line. See **Karen Rosser** if you’d like to tie some blankets.

Local charities--Morris Chapel provides annual financial support to the following: The Breadbasket, Christians United Outreach Center, El Refugio, Family Promise of Lee Co., Haven House, and the Helping Hand Clinic.

Family Promise Fundraiser. May 20 at the Elks Lodge in Sanford, 5:30-7:30 PM.

Tickets are \$25 each -- food tasting, raffle, and silent auction. Call 919-718-1540.

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Doug Currin, Bobby Holder, Lora Holder, Nancy McDuffie

Condolences: Family of Barry Mann.

Ongoing Concerns:

Peggy Baker	Marshall Garcia	Laurel Parker	Ron & Peggy Scott
Christina Black	Pam Gillis	Susie Pierce	Paul Sodergren
Noah Clifton	Elva Hall	Janie Ray	Marilyn Stevens
Mike Cortez	Warren Lewis	Johnny Ray	Pat Stone
Peggy Danielsen	Maude Maloney	Valerie Robertino	Pam Vaughan
Greg Davison	Evan Johnson	Danielle, Bill, and Nora	Western NC
Michaela Flynn	Nancy Johnson	Jean Rachko	Bob Woolston
	Rhonda McNeill	Margaret & Fred Spivey	

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 4/13/25 **80**

Tithes & Offerings as of: 04/06/2025	
2025 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 54,679.40
2025 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 77,539.35
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 22,859.95

Our budget is raised to meet the operational needs of the church and it provides for missional giving.
See Finance Chair Stacey Burris if you have questions about church finances.

Serving in Worship

	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
April 13	Bryson Baker JC Ray	Krystle Ray	Leslie Orlovsky	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Crystal Burichin	
April 20	Rylee Ray Bryson Baker	Richard Angel	Jason Kilmer	Justin Ray JC Ray	Pat Angel	
April 27	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Stacey Burris	Manuela Seymour	Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Janice Holder	
May 4	Callen Morris Jase Burris	Gillian Hubley	Calleigh Baker	Richard Angel Wayne Stack	Linda Dilley	Paisely Kilmer Carol Martell

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.