

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

SENDING FORTH

† Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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† Benediction

† Postlude

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

Sovereign of all! whose will ordains
the powers on earth that be,
By whom our rightful monarch reigns,
Subject to none but Thee.

To those who thee in him obey,
The Spirit of grace impart:
his dear, his sacred burden lay
on every loyal heart.

--John Wesley



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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

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The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour

Pastor

Nancy Martinez

Assistant to the District Superintendent

A Service of the Word

Christ the King Sunday
November 26, 2023 9:30 AM

Today we acclaim Christ the King. It is a day for expressing our faith that, even though Christ was rejected and crucified, he rose and ascended. He forever reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit in glory. Jesus' reign means that no mighty power, no tragic suffering, no evil force will have the last word. The last word is Jesus. It also means we may look to Jesus' life – his humility, his sacrifice, his compassion for outcasts – as a model of true kingship. Our loyalty to this Christ goes before our loyalty to any other claim on our lives. Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical year: next week a new year begins with the first Sunday in Advent.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Judy Spivey

Choral Praise

“All Hail King Jesus”

† Call to Worship

Canticle of the Holy Trinity

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth does worship thee: Father everlasting.

Hail to our Lord, Christ; the Son of the Father.
Jesus is the King of Glory!

Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of beginning and end,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

† Opening Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, it is your will to restore all things to Christ, whom you have anointed priest forever and ruler of creation. Grant that all people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen.**

† Hymn

“We Gather Together”

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 100

Peggy Baker

Anthem

“Child of the King”

Children's Lesson

Richard Angel

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 1:15-23

Sermon

“King Jesus”

Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer of Response

† Hymn

“We Believe in One True God”

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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!

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† Doxology

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MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – November 26, 2023

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:

First Time Visitors! We are so glad you joined us, and we hope you return! Please pick up a coffee mug with goodies and info at the front door area as you exit. It is a token of our gratitude and love for visiting our Worship Service. Be blessed!

Today's Live Flower Arrangement is given in loving memory of Marilyn Stevens' husband, John Stevens, who would have turned 90 today, by the family: Carol Heggstad, Susan Redman, Karen Shumate and John & Cindy Stevens. Thanks be to God for the tender memories of dear ones who have passed.

BIBLE STUDY: A study of the book of Philippians has started in classroom #3 (Searching Scripture for Christian Living.) at 10:50. Bring a Bible and be ready to read, listen and discuss the letter written by Paul to the church in Philippi. All scripture is God breathed.... So come and let the Word speak to you today! *It's not too late to join us!*

Canned Food Drive is coming up **next Sunday, Dec. 3**. Bring your canned or boxed goods (no glass containers) and place them in the box in the narthex. This food is invaluable for many who have fewer blessings than we at Morris Chapel enjoy. May God bless you for your generosity.

Toys for Tots! Please bring your new, unwrapped toys to church and deposit them in the big boxes in the Narthex or in the Fellowship Hall. The **LAST DAY** for bringing toys is **Sunday, Dec. 3rd**! Thank you for helping those less fortunate.

Toys for Tots Breakfast will be hosted **next Sunday Dec. 3rd** at 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars! Menu to be announced later – but anticipate it will be delicious!

The Morris Chapel Christmas Post Office will be in operation this Christmas season! It “opens” on the first Sunday in December! As a reminder, bring your cards to the Post Office location in the Fellowship Hall. The Media Class will sort them, and distribute all at Christmas time. Donations are accepted, of course, and all will be used for charitable purposes. See Margaret Spivey for any questions... Thank you!

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

Fairway District of NC is promoting the following courses/opportunities:

Next Gen Faith Builders: information on children's programs – course offered in Jan. 2024

Leadership Training: learn more about church positions: Trustees, Council, Finance, S/PPRC Jan. 2024

Spring Confirmation Retreat: will be held in March 2024 – for newly confirmed youth; sign up now

OTHER COURSES ARE ALSO LISTED AT THE WEBSITE

**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**

After Worship treats will be available in the Fellowship Hall provided by Jeanette Cox! Thank you Jeanette!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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| Anna's surgery & Gino's death – Manuela's friends Sherry Baucom Maryann Bell Rick Billings Brethen Family Richard & Amanda Campbell Kristie Casterlin Congregational Unity Deborah McNeill Cox Shelton Crutchfield Connie & Doug Currin Greg Garcia | Ron Hartman Ron Height Connie Hickman Family of Michael Hicks Mary Hudson Teresa Ingram Ann Jackson Evan Johnson Nancy Johnson Jeff Ludewig Charles Maddox Maude Maloney Ann McLeod | Maxine McLeod Rhonda McNeill Middle East atrocities Sandra Norris Leslie & George Orlovsky Peace on earth Susie Pierce Crosby Price Danielle Rahko Residents of Gaza Ron & Peggy Scott Kyle Smith | Nathaniel Smith Cynthia Spivey Kenneth Spivey Joey Stewart Joyce Key Thomas Family of Kelly Thomas United Methodist Church United States of America Pam Vaughan Sandy Woolston Debra Underwood |
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Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings

Attendance 11/19/23 93

| Tithes & Offerings | | |
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| 2023 Annual Budget | \$180,532.70 | |
| Needed Each Sunday | \$ 3,471.78 | |
| Received Last Sunday | \$ 3,548.50 | |
| Pro-rated Goal as of Last Sunday | \$163,173.79 | <i>90% of Budget</i> |
| Received as of Last Sunday | \$152,715.88 | <i>85% of Budget</i> |

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

| Nov | Acolytes | Children's Message | Lay Readers | Ushers | Greeters | Communion Servers |
|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|
| 26 | Paisley Kilmer Teagen Kilmer | Richard Angel | Peggy Baker | Ron Mercer Gary Maddox | Crystal Burichin Gail/Travis Thomas | |
| Dec 3 | Rylee Ray Jase Burris | Krystle Ray | Steve Huepper | Jack Harper Greg Vorholt | Hank Richards Drew Burris | Kevin Seymour Manuela Seymour Doug Currin Tommy Vaughan |
| 10 | Bryson Baker Calleigh Baker | Richard Angel | Drew Burris | Daniel Baker Drew Burris | Margaret Spivey Janice Holder | |
| 17 | Ian Carter Jason Little | Krystle Ray | Inge Hersman | Gary Rosser Danny Baker | Greg Vorholt Cindy Voholt | |
| 24 | Calleigh Baker Jase Burris | Richard Angel | George Orlovsky | Gary Maddox Gary Rosser | Marian Huepper Linda Dilley | |