



**A Service of the Word**  
ELEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST  
August 13, 2023 9:30 AM

This morning's Scripture readings mark the inauguration of Jesus' earthly ministry. Jesus is baptized by John and models the way of obedience for us to follow. As Jesus rises out of the water, the Holy Spirit descends upon him, and he hears his Father's affirmation call out from heaven: this is my Beloved Son. This loving delight echoes down from the ancient prophecy of Isaiah, who prophesies of the One who will come to bring justice to the nations and light to those who are in darkness.

**GATHERING AND PRAISE**

**Ringing the Church Bell**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** "Consolation" by Felix Mendelssohn, arr. Martha Powell Setchell. **Leslie Orlovsky**

**Choral Praise** "He's All I Need" **Gerry Ellis**

† **Call to Worship**

Let our souls give thanks to the Lord, let all that is within us bless his holy name.

**We give thanks to our Father. We never forget his blessings!**

Fairest Lord Jesus forgives us our guilt, and heals us of every wound.

**Thanks be to Lord Jesus, who fills our lives with good things.**

Praise we now the Holy Spirit: God's power and presence in our lives.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

† **Opening Prayer**

Great God, who baptized Jesus and confirmed in your early disciples the gifts of the Spirit, grant us to hear and see your movement among us. Make your voice plain as you strengthen us to face the problems and the possibilities of this life. Grant us your strength and bless us with peace. **Amen.**

† **Hymn** "This is the Spirit's Entry Now" **#608**  
*(same tune as O! For a Thousand Tongues to Sing)*

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Loving Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we know ourselves to be your beloved children as we hear your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Old Testament Lesson** **Isaiah 42:1-9** **Steven Huepper**

**Anthem** "He Washed My Eyes With Tears" **Gerry Ellis**

**Children's Lesson** **Richard Angel**

† **Gospel Lesson** **Mark 1:4-11**

**Sermon** "On Christian Formation" **Kevin Seymour**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Prayer of Response**

† **Hymn** "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" **#605**

**Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**Offertory**

**\*\* Doxology** **#95**

**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism** **#39**

**Teo Josue Matapuncho  
Rowen Walker Hays**

**Congregational response**

**We give thanks for all that God has already given us. As members of the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness that in everything God made be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

**MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – August 13, 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**

Every Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service – in person and Livestream
Sunday	10:30 am	Fellowship Time
Sunday	11:00 am	Sunday School
Tuesdays	7:00 pm	Choir Practice – all are welcome (starts up in Sept)
Thursday.	10:00 am	Bible Study “Sunday’s Coming” Pastor Kevin Seymour

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Both Altar Flowers Today** are given by Linda Dilley in honor of Rowen Walker Hays and Teo Josue Matapuncho; the other in memory of Tony Carabajal, brother to Linda Dilley and Laura Reindl, husband to Jacki, Dad to Hailey, Papa to Rowen and loved by so many more.

**Attn: All Committee Heads:** Each Chair needs to turn in their budget request for 2024 to Sandra Carter, Finance Chair. Work will begin on next year’s budget shortly to prepare for Annual Conference.

**SAVE THE DATE** – September 24. Morris Chapel will be celebrating Homecoming Sunday. Stay tuned for more details. ALL are invited, and bring a friend.

**The Morris Chapel United Methodist Church Men's Group** will be meeting at the Fellowship Hall on 9/6/23 at 7pm. We need help from the men of the church to plan for this and next year. Any questions or ideas please contact [gregvorholt@yahoo.com](mailto:gregvorholt@yahoo.com)

**Bible Study: “Sunday’s Coming”** Bible Study with Pastor Kevin continues this coming Thursday at 10 AM. Please join us as we study the word of God! All are welcome!

**New Bible Study!** Starting Sunday Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 to 12:00! Searching Scripture for Christian Living offers a study on Christian Attributes. 7 consecutive weeks. Scripture readings, discussion & sharing. Email, call or text Laurel Parker (919) 271-0963 if you plan to attend!

**Providing Flowers for Church** Please SIGN UP on the Flower Calendar posted on the 1st bulletin board (left side) in the Fellowship Hall. Remember to text or email the bulletin preparers giving the reason for the flowers so an announcement notice can be added to the bulletin. Thank you!

**MORE Volunteer Worship Schedule Changes:** After much thought, Pastor believes posting the schedule per week will be better for the congregation. If you cannot be present for any Sunday, please locate a replacement for yourself. (NOTE: Mavis Harper will no longer be

finding substitutes for everyone.) We ask by God’s grace that you are responsible for your position to the benefit of the Church. Thank you and God’s blessings on you!

**Tithes and Offerings:** The church thanks you for your faithfulness in tithing and offering. Please continue to mail your gifts and tithes to the church or bring them when you attend. You may also follow the directions on the website at [www.morrischapelumc.org](http://www.morrischapelumc.org) for on-line giving through Vanco. Be in God’s Grace, Peace and Love.

**Announcements: by noon on Wednesdays to Laurel Parker at [laurelparker@charter.net](mailto:laurelparker@charter.net) or (919) 271-0963 AND Mavis Harper at [mavisharper1944@gmail.com](mailto:mavisharper1944@gmail.com) or (919) 770-0489.**

**VOLUNTEER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

<b>Aug.</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Children’s Message</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Communion Servers</b>
<b>13</b>	Calleigh Baker Jase Burris	Richard Angel	Daniel Baker Drew Burris	Morgan Baker Stacey Burris	
<b>20</b>	Bryson Baker Jason Little	Kevin Seymour	Gary Rosser Daniel Baker	Walt & Inge Hersman	
<b>27</b>	Jase Burris Calleigh Baker	Krystle Ray	Ron Mercer Gary Maddox	Morgan Baker Stacey Burris	
<b>Sept 3</b>	Bryson Baker Jason Little	Richard Angel	Greg Vorholt Hank Richards	Wayne Stack Linda Stack	Doug Currin Tommy Vaughan Wayne Stack George Orlovsky
<b>10</b>	Calleigh Baker Jase Burris	Kevin Seymour	Walt Hersman Danny Baker	Connie Currin Linda Dilley	

Fellowship Treats are being hosted today by Linda Dilley and Olivia Gorman. Thank you!

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Jolinda Adcock Richard & Pat Angel Sherry Baucom Maryann Bell Kristie Casterlin Bee Chapman Congregational Unity Jeannette Cox <b>Matthew Doty family-fire</b> Ron Hartman Ron Height Delbert Hill	Bob & Laura Holder Mary Hudson Teresa Ingram Evan Johnson Nancy Johnson Bob & Peggy Kennedy Diane Ludwig Maude Maloney <b>Gary Maddox</b> Ann McLeod Susie Pierce Danielle Rahko	<b>Ron &amp; Peggy Scott</b> Fred Spivey Jana Soward Lee Stetzer Joey Stuart Carthy Thomas Joy Key Thomas United Methodist Church United States of America Flossie Wilt Bob & Sandy Woolston World Wheat of Ukraine
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