

Jesus did not reject Peter because of his foolish words.
Jesus simply instructed Peter and the others
to tell no one what they had seen on the mountain.
Then, when they came down from the mountain,
Jesus led his disciples toward Jerusalem,
where they would understand everything.

Brothers and sisters,
Jesus forgives us our foolish words, and leads us to understanding.
Because Jesus forgives you, you can follow him anywhere.
And, as you follow, you will see his glory revealed again and again.
Amen.

† Hymn "Fairest Lord Jesus" # 189

Prayer of Thanksgiving, The Lord's Prayer

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

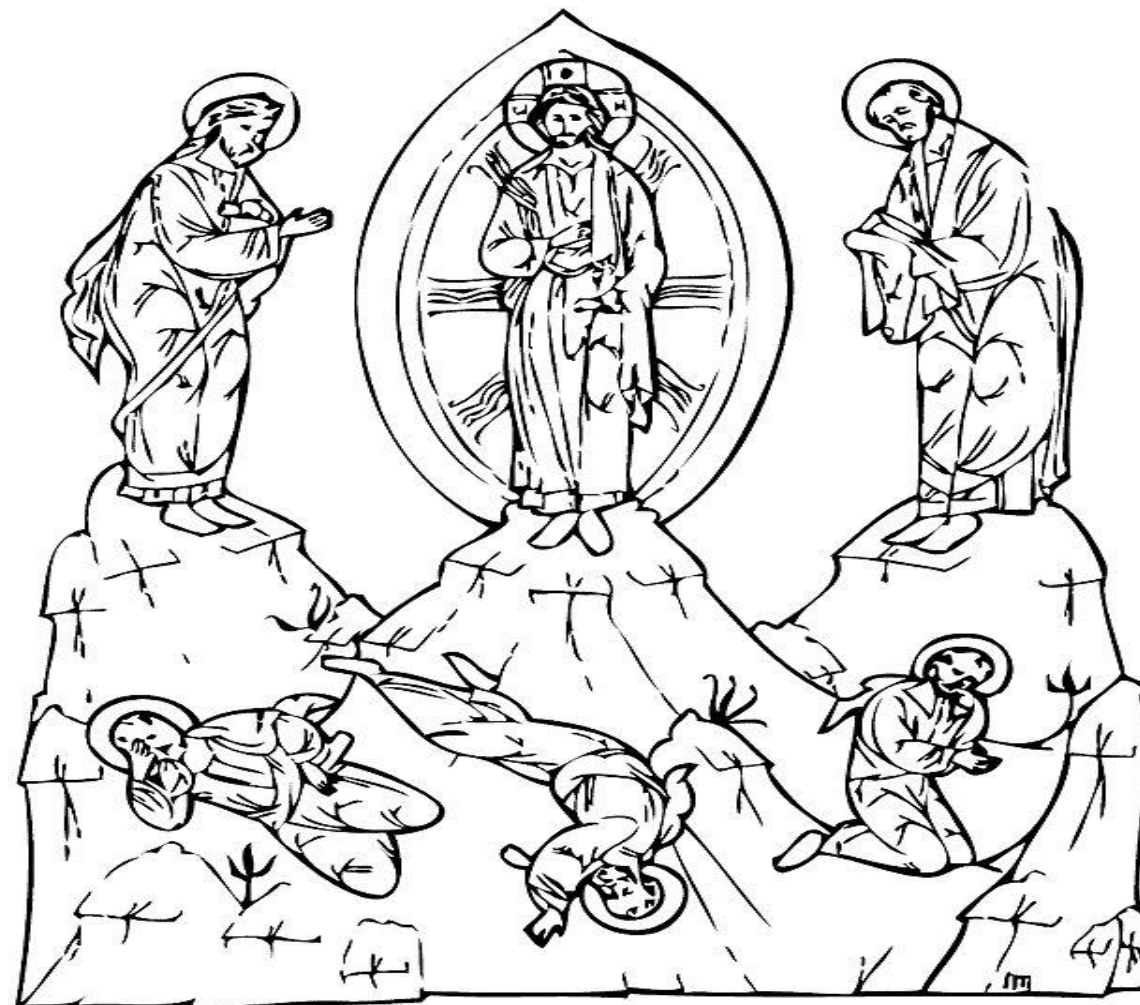
† Hymn "This Little Light of Mine" # 585

† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

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

O Splendor of God's glory bright, from Light eternal bringing light,
O Light of light, light's living Spring, true Day, all days illumining.
Come, very Sun of heaven's love, in lasting radiance from above, and pour the Holy
Spirit's ray on all we think or do today. –Ambrose (4th century)



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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. Sunny B. Limm

Fairway District Superintendent

The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour

Pastor

Nancy Martinez

Assistant to the District Superintendent

A Service of the Word

Transfiguration Sunday
February 11, 2024 9:30 AM

Today is Transfiguration Sunday, which marks the last Sunday before the season of Lent. The Transfiguration also recalls Moses' encounter with God on Mt. Sinai. The appearance of both Moses and Elijah at the Transfiguration symbolizes Jesus's fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets through his life, death, and resurrection.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* **Leslie Orlovsky**
by John Zundel, arranged by Tim Doran

Choral Praise *"He is Exalted"* **Choir**

† **Call to Worship** *from Psalm 99*

The Lord is king; the peoples tremble, and the earth quakes.

The Lord is great in Zion.

Exalt the Lord our God; bow down before Zion.

He the Lord is holy.

Among his priests were Aaron and Moses,
among those who invoked his name was Samuel.

They invoked the Lord and he answered.

To them he spoke in the pillar of cloud.

Exalt the Lord our God; bow down before his holy mountain
for the Lord our God is holy.

We'll sing it 'til our final rest: Trinity be forever blest. Amen.

† Opening Prayer

Jesus Christ, light of the world, shine upon us this day. In our time of worship and praise, may we be given a sure confidence in the light of your truth. Help us, as we listen to scripture and attend to the words of the sermon, to be enlightened, to see something that we had previously missed, to gain greater clarity in discerning your will for our lives. Remove the veil of misunderstanding from our hearts and minds so that we might see clearly the direction you want us to take. **Amen.**

† **Hymn** *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"* **# 64**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

New Testament Lesson **2 Corinthians 4:3 - 6** **Manuela Seymour**

Anthem *"Shine, Jesus, Shine"* **Choir**

Children's Lesson **Gillian Hubley**

† **Gospel Lesson** **Mark 9:2 - 9**

Sermon *"We Don't Preach Ourselves"* **Kevin Seymour**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

God of dazzling glory, when Peter foolishly offered to build three dwellings for Elijah, Moses and Jesus, he was doing what we have so often done ourselves. When we do not know what to say, when we're frightened, or angry or ashamed, we are apt to say anything that comes to mind, no matter how foolish it may be.

How we wish we could take back such misspoken words. Unlike Peter's words, our words have often hurt our families, or led people to actions that result in injury.

And how many times have we filled the air with foolishness, instead of keeping still to learn what you are teaching us, instead of listening for the words you would put in our mouths. We do not know how to be quiet.

We have forgotten how to meditate on your Word. We have lost the childlike ability to enjoy your wonders, and selfishly think that our adult judgment is needed for your glories and mysteries to be valid in our world.

**Overshadow us again with your presence, O Lord!
Lift your strong voice above ours.
Stun us into silence by once again revealing your Son's glory.**

(continue in silent prayer)

MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – February 11, 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

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!

New Bible Study Jet Tour thru the Minor Prophets starts TODAY at 11:00 in Classroom #3! This will be an organizational meeting. Study booklets will be given and a brief history will be introduced! Come and see.....

Easter Cantata practice is ready to begin! See Jerry Keith for music if you would like to take part. All are welcome.

NOTE: Choir Practice this coming Wednesday will immediately follow the Ash Wednesday service, likely at 5:45-6:00 rather than the usual 7:00 start.

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....

Pancake Dinner/Shrove Tuesday provided by the Methodist Men’s group is this coming Tuesday!! Please see the flyer and place it in the offering plate if you plan to attend! Thank you

"SOUPERBOWL SUNDAY - TODAY" - The Fellowship Committee is serving a variety of homemade soups and the Men's Group are making sandwiches. Come immediately after the church service and we look forward to seeing you there!

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 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

February is Black History Month Go to nccumc.org/media-center/ for books, DVDs, online video series, etc. that relate Black history in the UMC and in our larger culture. Many other educational and informational topics are available thru the Media Center so avail yourself of these free resources!

**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

Zane Almany Sherry Baucom Maryann Bell Crystal Burichin Joey Campbell Kristie Casterlin Congregational Unity Jimmy Clifton Diane Conti Jackie Fitch Ron Hartman Beth Hedging Ron Height	Mark Hickman Jimmie Holt Teresa Ingram Ann Jackson Evan & Leslie Johnson Nancy Johnson Margaret Kilcullen Jeff Ludewig Wanda MacPherson Charles Maddox Maude Maloney Ashley McBurnett Ann McLeod	Maxine McLeod Rhonda McNeill Family of Bob Pavone Mike Phillips Susie Pierce Crosby Price Helen Rogers Milton Rosser Anna Sanfilippo Shirley Salmon Ron & Peggy Scott Becky Seymour	Kyle Smith Kenneth Spivey Lisa Stafford Joey Stewart Joyce Key Thomas United States of America Harry Vasselion Pam Vaughan Shelby Weekly Jimmy Womack Bob & Sandy Woolston
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Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings Attendance 2/4/24 85

Tithes & Offerings as of: 02/04/2024	
2024 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 18,490.22
2024 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 42,008.74
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 23,518.52

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.

Feb	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
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	Jack Harper George Orlovsky	Gary Maddox Goerge Orlovsky	
25	JC Ray Bryson Baker	Krystle Ray	Leslie Orlovsky	Justin Ray JC Ray	Terenna Shelton Danny Baker	
Mar 3	Jason Morton Calleigh Baker	Stacey Burris	Peggy Baker	Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Richard Angel Pat Angel	Kevin Seymour Manuela Seymour Steve Huepper Marian Huepper
10	Rylee Ray Bryson Baker	Gillian Hubley	Isabelle Sturgill	Richard Angel Wayne Stack	Carolyn Saucier Janice Holder	

Methodist Men's Group

PANCAKE DINNER

SHROVE TUESDAY aka PANCAKE DAY

Tuesday 2/13 from 5:30-7:00 pm

MENU: *Pancakes, pancakes, pancakes, pancakes - Oh, and syrup, bacon and libations! Simple but delicious!*

Please complete this form and place it in the offertory plate or hand it to Greg Vorholt!

_____ I/We plan to attend. Make a reservation for:

_____ Number eating at the church

_____ Number of To-Go boxes needed

_____ Number needing Meal Deliver

Name _____

The information below is for Delivery Boxes if that applies

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Phone# _____

Email _____