

Presentation of God’s tithes and our offerings

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 our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

SENDING FORTH

† Hymn

“As a Fire is Meant for Burning”

TFWS No. 2237

† Benediction

† Postlude

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

Merciful Jesus,
who takes away the sins of the world,
Grant them rest.

Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world,
Grant them everlasting rest.

--by Andrew Lloyd Weber



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Worship Service 9:30 AM
Fellowship Time 10:30 AM | Sunday School 10:45 AM

A Service of the Word

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 10, 2025 9:30 AM

In this morning’s Gospel reading, Jesus teaches that where we place our treasure is where our heart will be also. He calls us to invest in the Kingdom of God and be alert to his return, which will be at an unexpected hour. The Book of Proverbs describes for us the results of a faith unattended.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Prelude	<i>"Amazing Grace"</i>	Leslie Orlovsky
Choral Praise	<i>"I Love You Lord"</i>	Leslie Orlovsky

† Call to Worship

Creator God: Breathe into us the breath of life.
By your breath may we live for you.

Faithful Shepherd: Guide our every step.
Show us, Lord Jesus, so we will walk in your way.

Holy Spirit: ignite our hearts, that we might seek your will.
Feed us, Trinity, feed us ‘till we want no more.

† Prayer

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

† Hymn	<i>"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"</i>	UMH No. 400
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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson	Proverbs 24:30-34	Bryson Baker
Anthem	<i>"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"</i>	Leslie Orlovsky
Children’s Lesson		Krystle Ray
† Gospel Lesson	Luke 12:32-40	
Sermon	<i>"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"</i>	Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer of response

† Hymn	<i>"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"</i>	UMH No. 384
† Affirmation of Faith		

We believe God has established an everlasting covenant with the people of Israel, and through Jesus we have been included in this covenant that we too may know the Lord. We believe God justly judges human sin, yet God takes no pleasure in the death of anyone and offers us a new heart and a new spirit. We believe God’s holiness is made known among the nations to draw us back continually into covenantal relationship. And we believe the Lord brings life out of the dry bones of death and will reside with God’s people forever. Amen.

Announcements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

WELCOME TO MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

~ I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" ~

This week at Morris Chapel

Sunday – Worship service @ 930 AM, fellowship time 10:45.
Refreshments outside at the shelter following the worship service.

August Birthdays

Connie Currin, 8/3; Kevin Seymour 8/5; Ellie Kilmer 8/17; Wayne Stack 8/18; Manuela Seymour 8/20; Brittany Ray 8/21; Crystal Burichin 8/22.

On the Horizon

Church Council will meet on August 25. We are all thankful for the lay leadership of the church. Your Church Council plans and carries out the ministries of the Church. All are invited to speak to Chair Danny Baker or Lay Leader Karen Rosser concerning matters important to you.

Homecoming Sunday, September 14. This year's Homecoming will feature special guest "John Wesley." Stay tuned for more details.

Missions and Outreach

The Little Free Library is now in operation. Given in loving memory of Greg Garcia, all are invited to leave a book for another to read, or take a book for yourself to enjoy. Brother Greg believed that books open doors to expanding our minds and to virtuous living. The library is located outside at the shelter.

NC Storm Response. Recent flooding has caused considerable damage in our area. Saxapahaw UMC and its parsonage have been inundated. To make a special offering, give to Morris Chapel and designate "S00176 – NC Storm Response" on the memo line. 100% of your gift provides essential relief and hope to those affected.

Acolyte Spotlight



Lincoln Brewer

Our Acolyte Spotlight this week is on Lincoln Brewer. Lincoln is 8 years old, He loves to play baseball, eat Pizza or Mac'N Cheese, and have ice cream for dessert. His favorite subject in school is MATH. Lincoln likes to play The Switch when he's not on the baseball field. He's the son of Jeff & Sara Brewer, and we are thankful that he makes worship at Morris Chapel so special.

Keep these in your prayers

Donna Carter Peggy Daniels Elva Hall Nancy Johnson	Maude Maloney Tracey Maness Rhonda McNeill Laurel Parker	Susie Pierce Ellie Swanson Danielle, Bill, and Nora Jean Rachko	Ron & Peggy Scott Shelby Truelove
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Send prayer requests to Pastor Kevin @ 919-802-8286, kseymour@nccumc.org,
or use the yellow prayer card request found in your pew pocket.

Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings

Attendance last Sunday: 64

Tithes & Offerings as of: 08/03/2025	
2025 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 121,075.82
2025 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 136,044.58
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 14,968.76

Thank you for your generosity toward our budget which makes our shared work possible. May God bless all that we have and all that we give so that sinners will know salvation and the suffering will know mercy.

"From everyone to whom much is given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be required." Luke 12:48

Serving in Worship

	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
August 10	Callen Morris Jase Burris	Krystle Ray	Bryson Baker	Richard Angel	Danny Baker	
August 17	Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Richard Angel	Inge Hersman	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Pam Summers	
August 24	JC Ray Bryson Baker	Stacey Burris	Bryson Baker	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Donnie Carter	
August 31	Calleigh Baker Lincoln Brewer	Manuela Seymour	George Orlovsky	Jason Kilmer Dan Wissinger	Richard Angel	
Sept. 7	Rylee Ray Bryson Baker	Richard Angel	Manuela Seymour	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Crystal Burichin	Isabelle Sturgill George Orlovsky

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.