

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

SENDING FORTH

Announcements

† Hymn

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

UMH No. 662

† Benediction

† Postlude

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



Lift ev'ry voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith
that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope
that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun
Of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.
--by James Weldon Johnson



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

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The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour
Pastor

A Service of the Word

January 18, 2026
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Each of today’s scripture lessons reveal the ways that God invites humanity to participate in his work in the world. The prophet Isaiah says he was formed and called even before his birth with the purpose to gather the people of Israel back to God. In the letter to the church in Corinth, Paul argues that he and all people have been called to be saints who reveal God’s love and truth to the world. The church is being continually strengthened and conformed to bear witness to Christ.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ring the Church bell
Greeting

Prelude Great is Thy Faithfulness" Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise “Jesus, Name Above All Names” Choir

† Call to Worship Psalm 40, John 1, Gloria Patri
Oh, Lord, put a new song in our mouth.
A song of praise to you, O God.

Let us sing to Jesus Christ.
We praise the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Glory be to the Father,
and to the only Son.

Glory be the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and forever shall be.
World without end. Amen.

† Prayer
Most Holy God, it is awesome that you have chosen us for great responsibilities. You give us as a light to the nations. Let your light shine with us, through us, and even in spite of us. Let the light of salvation reach every corner of the earth. Grant that we will reflect your light to every life we touch, and for the untold multitudes that we will never know. Strengthen us in this hour of worship and equip us to represent you with honor. Amen.

† Hymn “O God, Our Help in Ages Past ” UMH No. 117
(verses 1, 5, 6)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 49:1-7 Pew Bible, p. 679, OT “You Are”	Drew Burris
Anthem		Choir
Children’s Lesson		Krystle Ray
New Testament Lesson	1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Pew Bible, p. 165, NT	
Sermon	“Partners with Christ”	Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Hymn	“Heralds of Christ”	UMH No. 567
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Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Presentation of God’s tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† Doxology	LASST UNS ERFREUEN
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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!

WELCOME TO MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
~ This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! ~

This week at Morris Chapel

Sunday – Worship service @ 930 AM; Fellowship & Sunday School, 10:45.
Monday – Church Council, 7 PM.
Tuesday – Pastor's Bible Study, 10 AM;
Wednesday – Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 PM.

For the Good of the Church

New Sunday School Class – Led by Lou Millar, this class will be using the Cokesbury Adult Bible series. The meeting place is directly across from the Media class at the end of the hall.

If you're interested, please call Lou Millar at 919-353-5582.

Coat Drive – The coat drive has been revived. New coats only -- sizes small (6) to XL (16) boys and girls. This will benefit children at local schools. We delivered in December and will continue to collect until the end of January. The coat rack is in the Fellowship Hall. **See Karen Rosser.**

Valentine's Dinner – Feb. 14 @ 6:00 PM. Save the Date! Details coming soon.

Men's & Women's Christian Conferences in Sanford. Sponsored by Holly Springs Baptist, the Men's event is Feb. 20 from 6-9 PM, and the Women's event is Feb. 21 from 10AM-1PM at the Wicker Civic Center. Tickets are \$40. Find all the details at www.hsbcbwaync.org. **See Krystle Ray or Drew Burris.**

Need to update your contact information? You may use the yellow prayer cards found in your pew pocket to provide the church with your new phone/email/ mailing address if changes are needed.

Upcoming

Jan. 19. Church Council, 6:30 PM.

Feb. 1, Food Pantry Sunday. Bring non-perishable food items and seasonings for the local Food Pantry.

Feb. 1, Souper Bowl Fellowship Time, 11 AM.

Feb. 2, Scholarship Committee, 6:30

Feb. 4, Children & Youth, 6 PM.

Feb. 9, Methodist Men, 6:30 PM.

Feb. 17, Pancake Supper, 5 PM.

Feb. 18, Ash Wednesday service, 5 PM.

Mar. 4, Chili Cook-off, 6 PM. Hosted by the Methodist Men, details coming soon.

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Deb Callodonato, Robby Campbell, Nancy Johnson, Martha Meeks, Linda Stack, Louise Walker.

Sue Buie Jeff Cummings Mandy Dalrymple Peggy Daniels Warren Edwards Bill Farwick Casey Hall Katie Garcia Hinson Baby Samson Hinson	Linda Gallucci Crystal Hall Elva Hall Dennis Hartman Lewis Hartman Edith Howard Warren Lewis Dano Linehan	Larry Maddox Maude Maloney Landon Massa Linda McNeill Rhonda McNeill Robert Mudd Kathy Pembroke Susie Pierce Chuck Ralston Ron & Peggy Scott Rena Shry	Donna Sloan Jackson Snipes Phil Spivey Caroyln Sykes Shelby Truelove Brantley & Cindy Turner Dave Whitney Katie & Walter Woods Bob Woolston Sandy Woolston Betty Zann
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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.

Attendance last Sunday: 83

Tithes & Offerings as of: 01/11/2026	
Needed Each Week:	\$ 4,049.40
Received Last Week:	\$ 2,882.92

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21.

Serving in Worship

	Acolytes	Children's Lesson	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
Jan. 18	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Krystle Ray	Drew Burris	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Gail Thomas	
Jan. 25	Ian Carter Callen Morris	Manuela Seymour	Inge Hersman	Justin Ray JC Ray	Janice Holder	
Feb. 1	Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Stacey Burris	Blair Pace	Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Linda Dilley	Steve Huepper Marian Huepper
Feb. 8	Rylee Ray Callen Morris	Kevin Seymour	Bryson Baker	Todd Pace Nash Pace	George Orlovsky	
Feb. 15	Calleigh Baker Lincoln Brewer	Krystle Ray	George Orlovsky	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Danny Baker	
Feb. 22	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Manuela Seymour	Manuela Seymour	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Marian Huepper	

**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.