

Words of Assurance

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God's love for us.

Pardon

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God, Amen.

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH No. 9

Sharing the bread and the cup

Communion Offertory I KNOW MY REDEEMER LIVETH, by G. F. Handel

Prayer following Communion

Announcements

SENDING FORTH

† Hymn

"Thine Be the Glory"

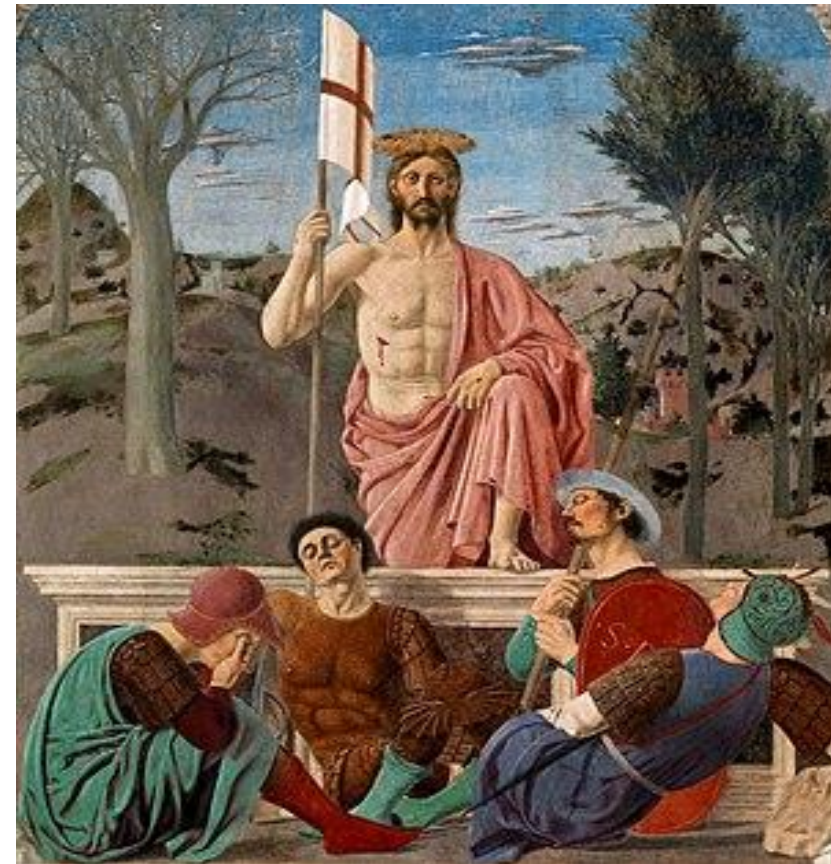
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† Benediction

† Postlude

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

I know that my Redeemer liveth
And that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth
And though worms destroy this body
yet in my flesh shall I see God.
For now is Christ risen from the dead
The first fruits of them that sleep.
-- by G.F. Handel



The Resurrection of our Lord

MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship Service, 9:30 AM

Fellowship and Sunday School, 10:45

The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton

Raleigh Area Bishop

The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour

Pastor

A Service of Word and Table

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

Today is Easter Sunday, the Day of Resurrection. Through Christ's life, death, and resurrection, life-giving waters, like the four rivers that flowed from Paradise, flow toward us all. God chose the standard of the cross to show the way of salvation. By this sign have the ancient prophecies been fulfilled. Christ is our Passover. He passed over from death to life. When Jesus overcame the sting of death, all the faithful ones forevermore were given hope of eternal life.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church Bell

Greeting

Prelude

"The Risen Lord"

Lesley Orlovsky

† Hymn of Praise

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"
(verses 1 - 4)

UMH No. 302

† Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Christ our Lord is risen today!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Proclamation of the Word

† Gospel Lesson

John 20:1-18

Children's Lesson

Kevin Seymour

Sermon

"Why We Sing"

Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Cantata

"Jesus is Alive"

Presented by the Morris Chapel Choir under the direction of Mr. Jerry Keith

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

† Sharing 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

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought,
word and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We
have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as
ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your
Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in
your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

All pray in silence

Jesus Is Alive

Created by Johnathan Crumpton



Contents

Hosanna, Messiah

Come to the Altar

Via Dolorosa - Steve Huepper, soloist

Cross Medley

Behold the Lamb

Above All

The Old Rugged Cross

Jesus Is Alive with Worship Christ, the Risen King

WELCOME TO MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
~ I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" ~

This week at Morris Chapel

Easter Sunday – Sunrise Service, 7:30 AM; Breakfast, 8 AM; Worship Service @ 9:30 AM.

Church Council meeting after the worship service.

Tuesday – Pastor's Bible study, 10 AM.

Wednesday – Choir rehearsal, 6:30 PM.

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Therefore, our church will invite others to come and join us.

The church calendar is on our web site: www.morrischapelumc.org/events

For the Good of the Church

To my Morris Chapel Family – Thank you so much for the beautiful basket of all-white mixed flowers in memory of my sweet Mother. They lifted my spirits at a difficult time. Your prayers, cards and phone calls were truly a blessing to me and my Mother during her last few months of her life. ~ Gratefully, Terrena Shelton & family. ~

Is God calling you to serve? A variety of opportunities here at Morris Chapel may offer you a role in servant leadership. There are administrative functions to care for the church property, finance, and personnel. Perhaps you feel called to work with the Pastor in planning our worship services. We also have committees for missions and fellowship. If you feel called to servant leadership, please speak to Pastor Kevin.

Fellowship Brunch, April 19 after worship. All are invited.

Missions

Scholarship applications are now available.

Students recommended by a church member are encouraged to apply. Stop by the church office after worship to pick up an application. See Danny Baker or email him at db242248@gmail.com if you have questions.

Your favorite Easter candy is on sale through today, \$5 per bag.

Proceeds will benefit the Methodist Home for Children.

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Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Linda Gurley, Camden Husky, Patsy Sloan, Pam Vaughan.

Pirjo Blosser Deb Callodonato Macy Carver Peggy Danielsen Dennis Hartman Lewis Hartman	Katie Garcia Hinson Baby Samson Hinson Nancy Johnson Karen Kennedy Maude Maloney Joe Martin	Linda McNeill Rhonda McNeill Martha Meeks Callen Morris Susie Pierce Ron & Peggy Scott	Aubrey Sherron Marilyn Stevens David Stout Phil Spivey Shelby Truelove Bob Woolston Sandy Woolston
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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 – 106

Tithes & Offerings: 03/29/2026	
Needed Each Week:	\$ 4,049.40
Received Last Week:	\$ 6,541.63

Your gifts enable us to celebrate God’s goodness in worship, make music that inspires hearts to follow Christ, and for us to reach out with compassion to relieve human suffering. We pray that, by these gifts, others will get a taste of God’s kingdom on earth. Thank you for your faithful generosity.

To whom much is given, much is required. Luke 12:48.

Serving in Worship

	Acolytes	Children’s Lesson	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
April 5	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Kevin Seymour		Drew Burris Daniel Baker	Janice Holder	Stacey Burris Drew Burris
April 12	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Krystle Ray	Jason Kilmer	Todd Pace Nash Pace	Linda Dilley	
April 19	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Manuela Seymour	Calleigh Baker	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	George Orlovsky	
April 26	Ian Carter Callen Morris	Stacey Burris	Isabelle Sturgill	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Danny Baker	

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.