† Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation"

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The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† Doxology

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. (Repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong!" Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" (Repeat)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

SENDING FORTH

† Hymn

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

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- † Benediction
- † Postlude

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



Having first gained all you can, saved all you can, then give all you can. – *John Wesley*



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Assistant to the District Superintendent

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A Service of the Word

Fourth Sunday in Lent March 10, 2024 9:30 AM

In perhaps the best-known passage of Scripture, the witness of John's gospel makes it clear that all who will truly see Jesus lifted up on the cross will know eternal life. The darkness of the world is scattered by the life and death of Jesus Christ.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "On the Cross of Calvary" Leslie Orlovsky

by Richard E. Gerig

Choral Praise "For God So Loved the World" Choir

† Call to Worship

Let God Almighty be praised.

We give thanks to the Lord, his steadfast love endures forever.

God sent the Son not to condemn, but to save.

By his stripes we are healed.

By the Holy Spirit, let the people sing: Jesus Christ is Lord!

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty. Amen!

† Opening Prayer

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we are lost and have turned aside from your way. We are misled by greedy self-determination. We see ourselves pure when we are stained, and we see ourselves as great when we are small. We have failed in loving generously, we have neglected justice, and we stubbornly ignore your calling upon us to live like Jesus. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, our Savior, Amen.

† Hymn

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

New Testament LessonPsalm 107:1-9Isabelle SturgillAnthem"There Is a Savior"ChoirChildren's LessonKevin Seymour

† Gospel Lesson John 3:14-16

Sermon "Giving and Saving" Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer of Response

The judgment at the end of time is this, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. **Christ, have mercy.**

But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God. Lord, have mercy.

(Congregation prays silently in confession to God)

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn, but in order that you might be saved through him.

Repent and believe the good news concerning your forgiveness, salvation and new life in Christ.

Thanks be to you, O great God of love. Amen.

MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – March 10 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 Livestrea	ery Sunday	son and Livestrea
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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:

<u>First Time Visitors!</u> 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

<u>Safe Sanctuary Training will be next Sunday, March 17th at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall.</u> Lunch will be provided. Please text Sandra (919) 770-4772 if you can be in attendance. <u>Everyone</u> that participates in our church ministry must be trained in our policy unless you received training last year. Training reoccurs every three years.

<u>The Month of March the Mission Committee</u> will collect items for The Haven, a safe house for abused men, women and children. They are requesting full size hair items such as shampoo, conditioner, mousse and hairspray as people can be there for 60 days or more. They also need of cleaning products like Clorox or Pine Sol. If you find it in your heart and can help, collection bins will be in the church narthex and the Fellowship Hall. Thank you and God Bless

<u>Holy Week & Easter Services</u> -- We will gather for Maundy Thursday worship at 7:15 PM on March 28 to recognize and remember the Last Supper. Easter Sunrise Service will be on the front lawn at 7:15 AM on March 31, followed by The Resurrection of our Lord at 9:30 AM. Please plan to attend, and invite family and friends to join us.

<u>The Fellowship Committee</u> is preparing a traditional St. Patrick's Day Dinner THIS Wednesday, March 13 at 5:00pm. Thanks to all who have signed up and we look forward to seeing everyone!

<u>Pastor's Tuesday Bible Study</u> is an extension of the Sunday Sermon! Class starts at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Every week is a different topic so you are never "behind" in this study. Come & see....

<u>A Delicious Time of Year</u> is quickly approaching. On March 13th (at Fellowship Dinner), March 17th and 24th, we will be selling small chocolate covered peanut butter balls, peanut clusters, and Buckeyes priced at \$4.00 a bag. (Correct change greatly appreciated!) We hope you are all ready to stock up! Thank you in advance for supporting this fun project. The proceeds will go to the Men's group and will be earmarked for decorations and choir robes. Project ladies are Terrena Shelton, Marion Huepper, Marcia Garcia and Mavis Harper.

<u>The 2024 Fellowship Hall Calendar</u> is posted in the Fellowship Hall on the left bulletin board just as you enter. Committee Chairs, please <u>enter all meetings scheduled</u> for the FH on this calendar. If an Announcement is needed for the church, email the bulletin preparers by Wednesday morning what you wish to have listed. Thanks!

<u>New Site: Accessing Sunday Sermons</u> is as easy and going on Facebook. Refresh your memory, rethink the messages, be enriched again. May God bless your devotion. https://www.facebook.com/MorrisChapelUnitedMethodistChurch

PARISH NOTICES

<u>The Center for Leadership Excellence</u> invites you to a webinar, <u>Looking Up: Acknowledging Grief, Embracing Hope</u> with Courtney Ellis. This is an invitation into simple, gentle, creative spiritual practices that encourage our hearts as we seek to live with open hands. Whether you're holding the weight of grief, seeking to lead well through uncertain days, or just eager for a fresh encounter with the Spirit, Ellis is a wise and soulful guide. **Tuesday, March 19, 2024 1pm-2pm** Go to https://nccumc.org/leadership/looking-up-acknowledging-grief-embracing-hope/ to register

PLEASE word your announcement as you wish to see it printed.. Thank you

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sherry Baucom	Mark Hickman	Ann McLeod	Kyle Smith
Vicke & Randy Buchanan	Jimmie Holt	Maxine McLeod	Kenneth Spivey
Joey Campbell	Teresa Ingram	Foster McNeill	Lisa Stafford
Kristie Casterlin	Ann Jackson	Rhonda McNeill	Isabelle Sturgill
Congregational Unity	Evan & Leslie Johnson	Mike Phillips	Joyce Key Thomas
Jayden Cockran	Nancy Johnson	Susie Pierce	United Methodist Church
Family of Diane Conti	Margaret Kilcullen	Helen Rogers	United States of America
Jimmy Clifton	Kenny Kosca	Family of Betty Rosser	Pam Vaughan
Christina Harper	Charles Maddox	Anna Sanfilippo	Family of Nelson West
Jeff Hartman	Maude Maloney	Shirley Salmon	Family of Polly Williams
Ron Hartman	Ashley MacBurnett	Ron & Peggy Scott	Jimmy Womack
Beth Hedging	David MacBurnett	Becky Seymour	Bob & Sandy Woolston

Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings

Attendance 3/3/24 83

Tithes & Offerings as of: 03/03/2024					
2024 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$	33,282.40			
2024 Budget - Received to Date:	\$	61,540.86			
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$	28,258.46			

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Mar	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
10	Rylee Ray Bryson Baker	Kevin Seymour	Isabelle Sturgill	Richard Angel Wayne Stack	Carolyn Saucier Janice Holder	Scrvers
17	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Stacey Burris	Jason Morton	Jason Morton Danny Baker	Drew Burris Laurel Parker	
24	Ian Carter Isabelle Sturgill	Krystle Ray	Doug Currin	Richard Angel Pat Angel	Marian Huepper Marcia Garcia	
31	Paisley Kilmer Teagon Kilmer	Stacey Burris	Gary Maddox	Dan Wissinger Melanie Wissinger	Scott Anderson Emma Anderson	
Apr 7	JC Ray Bryson Baker	Gillian Hubley	Drew Burris	Jack Harper Janice Holder	Donnie Carter Sandra Carter	Kevin Seymour Manuela Seymour Deb Callodonato George Orlovsky