

Presentation of God’s tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† **Doxology** **UMH No. 70** 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.**

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

SENDING FORTH

Announcements

† **Hymn** “*God of Grace and God of Glory*” **UMH No. 577**

† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

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



Joyce Young-Stewart became a certified lay speaker in 2025. Although she felt called many years earlier, she states that she finally listened, took action, and now finds great joy in serving others and sharing the gift that is God the Father, the Holy Spirit, and our savior Jesus Christ in so many ways.

Joyce currently attends Kipling UMC in Kipling, NC, where she serves as the Lay Servant Ministries representative, Food Pantry Manager, member of the Altar Guild, Parsonage Mgr, part-time assistant to the pastor with administrative duties, and a member of Missions & Outreach/Care Team.



**MORRIS CHAPEL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Worship Service 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time and Sunday School, 10:45

The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton
Raleigh Area Bishop

The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour
Pastor

A Service of the Word

August 16, 2026
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

In this morning’s Gospel reading, Jesus offers challenging words, teaching that outward religious piety is not enough to purify us, but rather what defiles comes out of the mouth and itself proceeds from the inward heart. A Canaanite woman displays a heart of pure faith and moves Jesus to heal her demon-oppressed daughter, even though she is not part of the house of Israel.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ring the Church bell

Greeting

Prelude

Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise

Krystle Ray

† Call to Worship

Drew Burris

Praise the Lord, all you nations.
All glory, laud, and honor, let the people sing.

May Jesus Christ be praised.
By his mercy we are saved, healed, restored, and forgiven.

Sing praise to the Holy Spirit.
Breathe on us, O God, with your loving Spirit.

† Prayer

Gracious Father God, inspire us by your word. Revive your church, and make us holy, strong, and faithful. For the sake of your glory, let these Holy Scriptures enter into us. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

† Hymn

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH No. 140

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson

Psalms 67 Pew Bible p. 529 OT

Calleigh Baker

Anthem

Krystle Ray

Children’s Lesson

Rylee Ray

† Gospel Lesson

Matthew 15:10-28 Pew Bible p. 17 NT

Sermon

“Wash Your Hands”

Joyce Young-Stewart

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Hymn of Response

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

UMH No. 540

† Affirmation of Faith

UMH No. 888

Leader:

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved:

People:

Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit.

Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

WELCOME TO MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

~ This 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 Time & Sunday School, 10:45.

Monday – PPRC meeting @ 630 PM.

Back to School means Back to Church! As we head back to church, let's re-connect and never forget to invite others to join us on the life-changing journey of discipleship and ministry.

'Tis the season of commitment, and so new opportunities are here for us to grow in faith and loving service.

Missions

THANK YOU. The 12th Annual *Give a Kid a Chance Golf* was a wonderful time of competition on the course and good fellowship all around. Under the sunny skies the Good Lord gave us, ample funds were raised to fuel another season of scholarship awards to students recommended by a church member, investment for the future, and funds for Morris Chapel's Youth Ministry. While the entire team is a hard-working and collaborative bunch, a big THANK YOU goes out to all who sponsored the event or signed up to play. See you again next year on the first Saturday in August.

School Supply Drive – Until Aug. 31

Wide-ruled composition book, 12 colored pencils, 10 small Crayola markers, pencils, disappearing purple school glue sticks, 24-count Crayola crayons, Expo dry erase markers, erasers for pencils, small white tube socks (for dry erase board).

Bring these items to the Fellowship Hall. See Karen Rosser.

Let us do all the good we can.



Why does our church support education in local schools and with our scholarship ministry?

As a people called to love the Lord our God with our hearts and our minds, we are a people of equal parts compassion and reason. It is our belief that the positive influence of education on civil society stands in second place only to the Christian faith. We pray that our prayers and our efforts will be blessed by God that they may be foundational in raising up tomorrow's leaders in this, our Father's world. – Pastor Kevin.

Worship

To all who serve in the various roles to support our Sunday services: Please be attentive to the rotations that are published here every week and at www.morrischapelumc.org so that you will know when it's your turn to step up. For questions about how to do the work you're assigned to, you'll find pamphlets detailing your responsibilities in the narthex. If you cannot fill your assigned slot, you are respectfully asked to arrange for a substitute. If you have changes, let Pastor Kevin or Peggy Baker know. Thank you for serving the good of God's church.

The Discipleship Path of Morris Chapel: INVITE – WELCOME – EQUIP – SEND

Jesus said, *"Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."*

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

The church calendar and worship bulletins are on our web site: www.morrischapelumc.org

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Ting Baucom, Kevin Fannin, Fred Spivey, Marla Stewart, Joyce Thomas.
Earthquake victims in Colombia.

Peggy Danielsen Libby Hubbard Karen Keyser Rhonda McNeill	Robert Odom Susie Pierce Hal Price Melvin Rosser	Phil Spivey Marilyn Stevens Denny Summers Shelby Truelove	Pam Vaughan Bob Woolston Sandy Woolston
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Attendance last Sunday – 58

Tithes & Offerings as of 08/09/2026	
Needed Each Week:	\$ 4,049.40
Received Last Week:	\$ 1,735.92

The amount needed each week is based on the 2026 church budget.
These funds enable us to pursue God's mission in the neighborhood and around the world.

Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce. Proverbs 3:9

You may support the ministries of Morris Chapel by giving online at
www.morrischapelumc.org/giveplus

Serving in Worship

Serving Communion Sept. 6 – Rylee Ray and Calleigh Baker.

	Acolytes	Children's Lesson	Lectors	Liturgists	Ushers	Greeters
August 16	Ellie Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Rylee Ray	Caleigh Baker		Jason Kilmer Dan Wissinger	Gail Thomas
August 23	Rylee Ray Callen Morris	Kevin Seymour	Evan Deminski	George Orlovsky	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Linda Dilley
August 30	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Krystle Ray	Isabelle Sturgill		Jake Wissinger Dan Wissinger	George Orlovsky
Sept. 6	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Calleigh Baker	Drew Burris	Drew Burris	Justin Ray JC Ray	Danny Baker
Sept. 13	Callen Morris Jase Burris	Stacey Burris	Inge Hersman		Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Marian Huepper

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