

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, and the Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

† **Hymn** *"Rise Up, O Men of God"* **UMH No. 576**

† **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



**MORRIS CHAPEL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Service of Worship | 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time 10:30 AM | Sunday School 11:00 AM

The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton

Raleigh Area Bishop

The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour

Pastor

A Service of the Word

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 26, 2025 9:30 AM

What does it mean to be the people of God? The scripture lessons this morning seek to answer that question. In 1 Corinthians, Paul uses the metaphor of a body to talk about Christian community. In using this description, he encourages followers of Christ to treasure their different gifts and to pursue harmony in striving to be the body of Christ for the world. In the gospel of Luke, Jesus quotes the prophet Isaiah and speaks to the liberating nature of God's action in the world---a vision of jubilee where sight is recovered and captives are set free.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"* **Lesile Orlovsky**

Choral Praise *"Jesus, Name Above of All Names"*

† Call to Worship

Come, Lord Jesus, and preach to us your wisdom.
The law of the Lord is perfect.

Come, Lord Jesus, and bring us your sure testimony.
Come, Lord Jesus, and make wise the simple.

Come, Holy Spirit.
Come upon us, Holy Spirit, as you came upon our Lord Jesus.

† Opening Prayer

Almighty God, let us hear today the words of the Lord Jesus. As your Spirit came upon him in the synagogue, send your Spirit upon us here. Grant that we may truly listen to your Holy Scriptures, and believe that all truth is fulfilled our blessed Lord, Jesus the Christ. We pray that we will read and learn the scriptures in ways that bring your truth into our lives, and through us into your world.
Amen.

† **Hymn** *"This is the Spirit's Entry Now"* **UMH No. 608**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

New Testament Lesson **1 Corinthians 12:27-31** **Jason Kilmer**

Anthem *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"* **Choir**

Children's Lesson **Manuela Seymour**

† **Gospel Lesson** **Luke 4:14-21**

Sermon *"The Body in Motion"* **Kevin Seymour**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† **Hymn** *"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"* **UMH No. 581**

Reception of New Members **Raymond and Jessica Campbell**

Congregational commitment

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround him with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for him that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Congregational welcome

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God made be glorified through Jesus Christ.

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

This week at Morris Chapel

Tuesday – “Sunday’s Coming” Faith Formation class with Pastor Kevin. 10 AM.

Wednesday – Choir practice, 6:30 PM.

Sunday – Worship Service at 9:30 AM, Fellowship with snacks and coffee at 10:30, Chat with the Pastor, 10:45, Sunday School at 11.

For the good of the Church

Valentine’s Dinner, February 8. See Crystal Burichin for tickets.

The Methodist Men will meet on February 6. Greg Vorholt 586-201-0687.

Chat with Pastor Kevin -- Sunday at 10:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Is there something you’d like to know more about in our ministry together?

Would you like to know your Pastor a little better?

Perhaps you’d like to arrange for a time to discuss a matter of pastoral care.

All are welcome to come and chat with the Pastor today at 10:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

Altar flowers -- A new sign-up sheet for you to provide flowers has been posted in the Fellowship Hall.

Missions and Outreach

Please remember to bring groceries for the **Food Pantry at Love Grove AME Zion Church**. We deliver to Love Grove on the first Sunday of every month.

T-shirts and blankets will be donated to the Child Advocacy Center in Harnett County to meet the immediate nurtured needs of neglected and abused children. Stay tuned for details on this project. To make a donation to offset the costs, please note “blankets” on your check to Morris Chapel. See Karen Rosser or Sarah Kilmer.

Disaster Response, ERT Training – Training will be offered at various locations to equip volunteers to join Early Response Teams. ERTs assist survivors without causing further harm or being a burden to the affected community. See Bill Gross or take a look at: <https://nccumc.org/disaster/training/>

Family Promise – Meals are provided to families whose housing situation is in transition. Morris Chapel’s turn is coming up in March. See Karen Rosser.

Growing in Faith

Sunday School classes are now ready for children. Teachers are in place waiting for your precious children, so be sure to bring them by for lessons. Growing up in God’s word is a blessing. Two adult classes are offered every Sunday also.

Fellowship

Refreshments after worship -- Please consider volunteering to provide light refreshments on a Sunday morning. The sign-up poster is on the wall next to the kitchen counter. Thanks to Opal, Raymond, and Jessica Campbell for today’s goodies.

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Shannon Hudson, Lou Millar, LeVonda Richardson, Erica Taylor.

Condolences: Family of Rich Sauppe.

Ongoing Concerns:

Peggy Danielsen Fires in California Deb Callodonato Donna Callodonato Richard Campbell	Edwin Foushee Nellie Gillis Henry Hall Rock Hickman	Maude Maloney Carol Martell Rhonda McNeill Susie Pierce Valerie Robertino	Connie Rosser Ron & Peggy Scott Pam Vaughan Bob Woolston
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Prayer requests may be sent to Pastor Kevin at kseymour@nccumc.org, or just call / text 919-802-8286 any time at all. If any matter is close to your heart, it is never too big or small for the God we love and adore. Let me hear from you.

Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings

Attendance 01/19/25 **64**

Tithes & Offerings as of: 01/19/2025	
2025 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 11,717.01
2025 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 25,047.60
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 13,330.59

The church budget is raised to meet our basic operating expenses.
See Finance Chair Stacey Burris if you have questions.

Serving in Worship

	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
Jan. 26	Ian Carter Belle Sturgill	Manuela Seymour	Jason Kilmer	Danny Baker Carolyn Saucier	Crystal Burichin	
Feb. 2	Callen Morris Jase Burris	Richard Angel	Ian Carter	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Gail Thomas	Krystle Ray Rylee Ray
Feb. 9	Paisley & Teagan Kilmer	Krystle Ray	Peggy Baker	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Janice Holder	
Feb. 16	JC Ray Bryson Baker	Stacey Burris	Calleigh Baker	Jason Kilmer Dan Wissinger	Margaret Spivey	
Feb. 23	Calleigh Baker Lincoln Brewer	Gillian Hubley	Isabelle Sturgill	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Linda Dilley	

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.