

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 prayer concerns

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the bread and the cup

Prayer following Communion

UMH No. 9

Announcements

SENDING FORTH

† **Hymn**

"Victory in Jesus"

UMH No. 370

† **Postlude**

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

O sacred banquet in which Christ is received,
the memory of his passion is recalled,
the mind is filled with grace,
and the pledge of future glory is given to us. Alleluia!



**MORRIS CHAPEL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Worship Service, 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 Word and Table

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

What does it mean to be a Christian community? As we move deeper into the season of Easter, the scriptures reflect on this question. In 1 Peter, the author speaks of disciples as living stones who will be gathered and bound together for the building of a spiritual house—the Church. Churches are not simply places of aesthetic beauty, but buildings of living and active stones.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church Bell

Greeting

Prelude *“He Shall Feed His Flock, by G.F. Handel”* Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise *“All I Need Is You”* Choir

† Call to Worship

God Father, praise and glory your children come to sing.
Goodwill and peace to mankind, the gifts your kingdom brings.

And you, Lord Coeternal, the Father’s only begotten Son.
O Jesus, King anointed, you have redemption won.

O Holy Ghost, Creator, the gift of God most high.
**Life, love and holy wisdom, our weakness now supply.
Amen.**

† Opening Prayer *in unison*

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: as we discover more of you in the scriptures today, give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

† Hymn of Praise *“The Church’s One Foundation”* UMH No. 545

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson Psalm 31, UMH No. 764
responsive reading

Anthem *“My Refuge Be”* Choir

Children’s Lesson Kevin Seymour

New Testament Lesson 1 Peter 2:2-10 Pew Bible p. 233 NT

Sermon *“Building Blocks”* Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful God, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare us, O God, as we confess our faults. Restore your faithful ones who are penitent, according to thy promises declared in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful God, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

† Words of Assurance and Pardon

Knowing that all are equal here, and knowing that Jesus paid the price for the whole world, hear the good news:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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† The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Glory to God, Amen.

† Hymn of Response *“How Firm a Foundation”* UMH No. 529

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

Sunday –Worship Service @ 930 AM; Fellowship Time & Sunday School,10:45.

Tuesday – Pastor’s Bible study, 10 AM.

Wednesday –Choir rehearsal, 630 PM.

For the good of the church

May Birthdays

Jason Kilmer 5/1, Pam Summers, 5/2, Mary Keith 5/3, Susie Pierce 5/5, Morgan Baker 5/7, Leslie Orlovsky 5/9, Jeanette Cox 5/13, Tommy Vaughan 5/13, Peggy Baker 5/14, Gina Butler 5/16, Rita Gross 5/18, Olivia Gorman 5/23, Elva Hall 5/24, Travis Thomas 5/24, JC Ray 5/26, Krystle Ray 5/28, Kimberly Shelton 5/28, Yaretzi Legge 5/31, Frank Piras 5/31.

THANK YOU! The Media Sunday School Class extends a warm thank you to all who supported its 2026 Easter Candy Mission. It is through your support and the dedication of “Team 5” candy makers we are blessed to bring cheer to the Methodist Home for Children. All proceeds are donated to the home. Thank you church family and surrounding community. See you next year!

Morris Chapel t-shirts are available! See Stacey Burriss to make your order.

The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee (PPRC) works to support our Pastor in his work here and also hold him responsible to expectations. If you feel that you need to share some feedback regarding our Pastor (positive or negative), please see PPRC Chair Sandra Carter.

The Trustees of Morris Chapel have the responsibility to care for the property here, the buildings and the grounds, the equipment, and how the property and building space is used. When upkeep or repairs are needed, the expertise and the planning of our Trustees are put into action. This is so because of long-time experience at this church, and also because these things are the responsibility of the Trustees according to the United Methodist plan of local church organization. Your Trustees chair is Gary Rosser, so when you have matters of concern, please speak to Gary.

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, finances, and personnel matters. 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.

Upcoming

May 6 – Children & Youth Night, 6 PM.

May 18 – Church Council, 7 PM.

May 31 – June 6 Family Promise Partner Week. If you’d like to help, speak to Karen Rosser.

June 8-11 – Vacation Bible School. Parents, please check in with Krystle Ray.

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Marian Huepper.
Family of Charles Ralston.

Mickey Bronner Lauren Cameron Peggy Danielsen Joshua Elliott Amanda Gregory	Samson Hinson Ann Holt Camden Husky Nancy Johnson Janelle Lawrence	Charles Maddox Rhonda McNeill Martha Meeks H.T. Pace Susie Pierce	Ron & Peggy Scott Phil Spivey Shelby Truelove Pam Vaughan 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 – 57

A reminder from the Pastor – All who have made the commitment to become a member of Morris Chapel have taken a sacred vow before God and the people of God to uphold the church with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

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

Serving in Worship

To all who serve in worship: For the good of our worship life together, please take care to arrange for a substitute to take your place when you're unable to fill your slot.
Once you've found a substitute, then let Pastor Kevin or Peggy Baker know.

	Acolytes	Children's Lesson	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
May 3	Ellie Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Kevin Seymour		Jason Kilmer Dan Wissinger	Marian Huepper	Rylee Ray Krystle Ray
May 10	Rylee Ray Callen Morris	Krystle Ray	Inge Hersman	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Donnie Carter	
May 17	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Kevin Seymour	Bryson Baker	Justin Ray JC Ray	Crystal Burichin	
May 24	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Krystle Ray	George Orlovsky	Drew Burris Garry Rosser	Gail Thomas	

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.