

Pastor

A Service of the Word

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025 9:30 AM

This morning’s Scripture readings reveal the awesome power of God. We hear the story of the Jeremiah’s call and commissioning. Jeremiah is called to move beyond his excuses, trust in God, and prophesy to the nations.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ring the Church bell

Prelude *"Praise the Lord"* Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise *"Jesus, Name Above All Names"* Steve Huepper
Leslie Orlovsky

† Call to Worship

Let all of creation worship the Father everlasting.
We praise you, O God of power and might.

Sing praise to the Holy Lord Jesus.
Hail to the Lord Jesus, the glorious, the true, the only Son.

Praise the Holy Spirit now.
The Spirit of the Lord will guide the church into truth.

† Prayer

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

† Hymn *"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"* UMH No. 152

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson Psalm 71:1-6 Drew Burris

Anthem *"The Lord’s Prayer"* Steve Huepper

Children’s Lesson

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 1:4-10

Sermon *"The Calling Upon us All"* Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Prayer of Response

Most Holy God, we don’t always know why you picked us and not someone else to be your representatives. We know our limitations and our weaknesses, and yet you still call us to your good purposes. Grant to us today a fresh understanding of our responsibility to boldly tell the truth you want us to tell in this, your world. Amen.

† Hymn *"Praise the Source of Faith and Learning"* TFWS No. 2004

Announcements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

WELCOME TO MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

~ I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" ~

This week at Morris Chapel

Sunday – Worship service @ 930 AM, fellowship time 10:45, Sunday School at 11.
Monday – Church Council meeting, 7 PM.

On the Horizon

Youth Group, Sept. 3. The youth will meet on Wednesday night (9/3) from 6 – 7 PM.

Tuesday mornings with Pastor Kevin will resume on September 9. We meet at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to join us for discussion of our life together at Morris Chapel.

Homecoming Sunday, September 14. To Morris Chapel's great delight, we will be treated to "*The Man from Aldersgate*," a one-man play by BJ Johnston on the life and times of John Wesley. We'll see and hear how this remarkable man rode over 250,000 miles on horseback to bring the Christian message of renewal to the English speaking world.

Covered dish / pot-luck lunch will be served, so bring something to share.
Let all plan to be here on Sunday, September 14th and bring a friend.

Acolyte Spotlight



Callen Morris

Our Acolyte Spotlight this week is on Callen Morris. Callen is 6 years old, and he's a first-grader at Tramway Elementary School. Favorite sport: baseball; favorite food: Pizza; Snickers with peanut butter for dessert. His favorite subject in school is Physical Ed. Callen's favorite toy is his dirt bike. One of his favorite things to do is to tear things apart and then put them back together as something completely different. He's the grandson of Warren & Barbara Lewis, and we are thankful that he makes worship at Morris Chapel so special.

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Aiden Albright, Brandon Isenhour, Larry Johnson, Charles Maddox Nancy McDuffie, Bobby Holder, Laura Holder, Danielle Rachko.

Families of: Brent Smith, Lee Anne Finicum, Barry Honaker.

Troy Adams Peggy Baker Peggy Danielsen Elizabeth Day	Elva Hall Nancy Johnson Maude Maloney Tracey Maness	Rhonda McNeill Laurel Parker Susie Pierce	Ellie Swanson Ron & Peggy Scott Shelby Truelove Betty Zann
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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.

Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings

Attendance last Sunday: 68

Tithes & Offerings as of: 08/17/2025	
2025 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 128,887.16
2025 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 142,653.92
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 13,766.76

Let none appear before the Lord empty-handed; all shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you. – Deuteronomy 16:17.

Thank you for your generosity towards our budget which makes our shared work possible. I am honored to serve this flock called Morris Chapel, which has since the year of our Lord 18 and 60, stood against the forces of hatred, fear, and indifference. I pray this church will forever stand as a beacon of light for all that is good and right and everlasting. May God be praised in the music we sing, the liturgy we make, and by the mercy spread out to the community through us, the baptized. I pray that the gifts you bring to this house will be consecrated for the holy work where lives dead in their sins will rise to life anew in Jesus Christ.

– Pastor Kevin.

Serving in Worship

	Acolytes	Children's Lesson	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
August 24	JC Ray Bryson Baker	Kevin Seymour	Drew Burris	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Donnie Carter	
August 31	Calleigh Baker Lincoln Brewer	Manuela Seymour	George Orlovsky	Jason Kilmer Dan Wissinger	Richard Angel	
Sept. 7	Rylee Ray Bryson Baker	Richard Angel	Manuela Seymour	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Crystal Burichin	Isabelle Sturgill George Orlovsky
Sept. 21	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Krystle Ray	Steve Huepper	Justin Ray JC Ray	Gail Thomas	

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.