

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† **Doxology**

OLD 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

SENDING FORTH

Announcements

† **Hymn**

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

UMH No. 152

† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

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



"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

by Isaac Watts

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his Name,
In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
He leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.



**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

March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Lent

In the letter to the Ephesians, Paul uses imagery of darkness and light to reveal how light exposes the dirt and sin of our lives, but that Christ's light illuminates goodness and truth.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Greeting

Prelude "When I Survey" Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise "Make Us One" Choir

† Call to Worship

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Great is the name of the Father, the Almighty.
Let the heavens and the earth praise his holy name.

Call upon the Lord Jesus, Son of God, heir of salvation.
He has shown the way to love, to serve, and to heal.

Come Holy Spirit, and let us worship now.
Father, Son, and Spirit be blessed.

† Prayer *a prayer from the 4th century*

O Lord and Master of my life, give me not a spirit of sloth,
vain curiosity, lust for power or idle talk. But give to me, your servant,
a spirit of soberness, humility, patience and love.
O my Lord and my King, grant me to see my own faults,
and not to condemn my brother. Blessed are you to the ages of ages.
Amen.

† Hymn "Give to the Winds Thy Fears"

UMH No. 129

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 23
UMH No. 754, responsive reading

Steve Huepper

Anthem

"Surely Goodness and Mercy"

Choir

Children's Lesson

Stacey Burris

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 5:8-14 Pew Bible p. 194, NT

Sermon

Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Hymn

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

UMH No. 147

† Affirmation of Faith

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

Pastor and 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
~ 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 @ 9:30 AM; Sunday School, 10:45

Monday – Church Council meeting, 7:00 PM.

Wednesday – Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 PM.

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 is on our web site: www.morrischapelumc.org/events

Missions

Scholarship applications are now available.

Students recommended by a church member are encouraged to apply. Stop by the church office after worship to pick up an application. See Danny Baker or email him at db242248@gmail.com if you have questions.

Donations for Haven will be received throughout the month of March: cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products for men, women and children, blankets & towels. A table is set up in the Fellowship Hall.

HAVEN HOUSE is committed to providing safety to victims and survivors of domestic violence and rape/sexual assault.

The Missions Committee has made sure that the Children's Advocacy Center in Lillington has plenty of blankets to comfort children who've been neglected or abused.

Mar. 22-28, Family Promise Week. See Karen Rosser if you'd like to help.

Upcoming

Your favorite Easter candy will be available beginning next week.

Easter candy can be purchased March 22 and 29 and April 5 at \$5 per bag.

Thanks to the Media Sunday School class, proceeds will benefit the Methodist Home for Children.

March 16, Church Council meeting @ 6:30 PM.

NOTE: The Fellowship Bruch for March 22 has been rescheduled for April 19 after worship.

March 25, Fellowship Dinner featuring Chicken & Dumplings by Ms. Janice. 6 PM.

March 29, Easter Egg Hunt.

April 1, Children & Youth Night @ 6 PM.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Maundy Thursday (4/2) 7 PM @ Morris Chapel; Good Friday (4/3) 7 PM @ Broadway UMC.

Easter Sunrise Service followed by Breakfast @ 8 AM on Easter Sunday.

Easter Worship @ 9:30 AM will feature "Jesus is Alive" Cantata by the Morris Chapel Choir.

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Dennis Hartman, Lewis Hartman, Joe Martin.
Family of Rena Shry.

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| Pirjo Blosser Deb Callodonato Macy Carver Peggy Danielsen Christina Esposito Katie Garcia Hinson Baby Samson Hinson | Mackenna Holly Kristen Halsted Nancy Johnson Mindy Wester Joosten Karen Kennedy Maude Maloney Linda McNeill | Rhonda McNeill Martha Meeks Callen Morris Susie Pierce Ron & Peggy Scott Jane Smith | Marilyn Stevens Phil Spivey Shelby Truelove Dave Vannoy 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 – 67

| Tithes & Offerings: 03/08/2026 | |
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| Needed Each Week: | \$ 4,049.40 |
| Received Last Week: | \$ 2,869.92 |

Your gifts enable us to celebrate God’s goodness in worship, make music that inspires hearts to follow Christ, and for us to reach out with compassion to relieve human suffering. We pray that others will get a taste of God’s kingdom on earth. Thank you for your faithful generosity.

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

Serving in Worship

| | Acolytes | Children’s Lesson | Lay Readers | Ushers | Greeters | Communion Servers |
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| Mar. 15 | Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray | Stacey Burris | Steve Huepper | Jason Kilmer Dan Wissinger | Donnie Carter | |
| Mar. 22 | Callen Morris Lincoln Brewer | Krystle Ray | Leslie Orlovsky | Ron Mercer George Orlovsky | Crystal Burichin | |
| Mar. 29 | Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer | Manuela Seymour | Rylee Ray | Justin Ray JC Ray | Gail Thomas | |
| April 5 | Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray | Kevin Seymour | Jason Kilmer | Drew Burris Gary Rosser | Janice Holder | Gary Rosser Karen Rosser |
| April 12 | Jase Burris Cole Burris | Krystle Ray | Calleigh Baker | Todd Pace Nash Pace | Linda Dilley | |

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.