

Presentation of the 2026 “Give a Kid a Chance” Scholarships

Recipients: Addison Amelia Butler, Rebecca Katherine Elliott, Riley Nicole Maynor, Ava Michael Baldwin.

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

SENDING FORTH

Announcements

† **Hymn**

“Thine Be the Glory”

UMH No. 308

† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

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

Shine on me, Shine on me.
Let the light from the lighthouse,
Shine on me.
Shine on me. Shine on me.
Let the light from the lighthouse
shine on me.
~ a traditional Negro Spiritual~



ASCENSION SUNDAY

**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

May 17, 2026
Ascension Sunday

Forty days after Easter, the Church celebrates the Ascension of Jesus as told to us in the Book of Acts, and the Gospels of Luke and Mark. This is one of the most ancient Christian traditions in observance. The Day of Ascension is important to us because all the work that Jesus came to do has been accomplished, and he returns to the right hand of the Father.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Greeting

Prelude "To God be the Glory" Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise "All I Need is You" Choir

† Opening Sentences

Human flesh has been touched by a visit from the Eternal One.

The realm of God has broken into our world and in our time to revise all of our possibilities.

Clap, shout, and sing praise! God reigns over all the earth.

The Risen One has become the head of all things and our hearts are moved to joyful worship.

This is the time to rejoice in the blessings of God as given to us in the law, and the prophets and the Psalms.

We join the countless host of saints in thanksgiving and praise! Amen.

† Prayer *in unison*

Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven. As we are formed by your Word today, help us to seek after your will and serve your way, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory forevermore. Amen.

† Hymn "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" UMH No. 66

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson Psalm 47 Pew Bible p. 518, OT Blair Pace

Anthem "Glory to His Name Medley" Choir

Children's Lesson Kevin Seymour

New Testament Lesson Acts 1:6-14 Pew Bible p. 118, NT

Sermon "Holy Waiting" Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Hymn "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" UMH No. 312

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

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!**

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;

Scholarship Award presentations during the worship service.

Safe Sanctuaries Training, 11 AM.

Monday – Church Council, 7 PM.

Wednesday –Choir rehearsal, 630 PM.

For the good of the church

From the family of Maude Maloney: We deeply appreciate the kindness, love and support our Mom's church family showed us during this difficult time. It will always be remembered. *Cindy, Kim, and Ken.*

Vacation Bible School – June 7 – 11 from 6-8 PM. We'll explore Ireland's lush landscapes as our kids learn how to cross from anxiety to peace, from fear to faith, and from uncertainty to a firm foundation in God's Word through a relationship with the Good Shepherd. Mark your calendar and get ready for an Irish adventure through Psalm 23!

Morris Chapel t-shirts are available! See Stacey Burris 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.

"Discipleship Matters" Sermon Series. Going back to the days of Jesus, there have been those who answered his invitation to "follow me" with lukewarm interest – then ones who heard his message but then just moved on with life as usual. It's also true that others have taken the message of Jesus to heart. These are *authentic disciples* – the ones who devote their lives to the ways of the Master. This sermon series by Pastor Kevin will begin on June 7.

Upcoming

May 18 – Church Council, 7 PM.

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

June 7 – *Disciple Matters* sermon series by Pastor Kevin begins.

Bring non-perishable food items and seasons for the Food Pantry donation.

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

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Amber Ellis, Family of Donna Sloan.

Perry Campbell Peggy Danielsen Samson Hinson Julie Johnson	Nancy Johnson Charles Maddox Warren Lewis Rhonda McNeill	Ron & Peggy Scott Susie Pierce Marilyn Stevens 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 – 67

Tithes & Offerings: 05/10/2026	
Needed Each Week:	\$ 4,049.40
Received Last Week:	\$ 5,622.00

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 arrange for a substitute to take your place when you're unable to fill your assigned 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 17	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Kevin Seymour	Blair Pace	Justin Ray JC Ray	Crystal Burichin	
May 24	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Krystle Ray	Bryson Baker	Drew Burris Garry Rosser	Gail Thomas	
May 31	Ian Carter Callen Morris	Stacey Burris	George Orlovsky	Dan Wissinger Jake Wissinger	Janice Holder	
June 7	Ellie Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Kevin Seymour	Manuela Seymour	Todd Pace Nash Pace	Linda Dilley	Steve Huepper Marian Huepper

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.