

Sharing prayer concerns

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the bread and the cup

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION—I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVETH BY G.F. HANDEL

Prayer following Communion

UMH No. 9

SENDING FORTH

† Hymn

“The Summons”

TFWS No. 2130

† Benediction

† Postlude

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

Most ancient of all mysteries, before your throne we lie;
have mercy now, most merciful, most Holy Trinity.

When heaven and earth were still unmade, when time was yet unknown,
you in your radiant majesty did live and love alone.

You were not born; there was no source from which your being flowed;
there is no end which you can reach: for you are simply God.

How wonderful creation is, the work which you did bless!
what then must you be like dear God, eternal Loveliness!

Most ancient of all mysteries, before your throne we lie;
have mercy now and ever more, most Holy Trinity.

--by Frederick William Faber, 1849



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 Word and Table

The Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025 9:30 AM

From the Book of Acts today we hear about the conversion of Paul. The risen Christ appears to church persecutor and religious terrorist Saul, saying, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting." In the book of Revelation, John envisions a great multitude in the Holy City singing around the throne of the Lamb, singing, "Glory and honor and blessing!"

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "To God Be the Glory" Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise "He is Lord"

† Call to Worship

Sing to Trinity in great gladness. To Trinity sing the hymn of praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise.

On the cross, our savior bled.
Jesus Christ, King of glory, he's now risen from the dead.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
We sing the resurrection song!

† Opening Prayer

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; for he who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

† Hymn "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" UMH No. 712

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

New Testament Lesson Revelation 5:11-14 Manuela Seymour

Anthem "Worthy of Worship"

Children's Lesson Kevin Seymour

New Testament Lesson Acts 9:1-6

Sermon "Suddenly, Light!" Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

words of assurance are spoken by the minister

† Pardon In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

† The Peace May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Glory to God, Amen!

† Hymn of Response "Thine Be the Glory" UMH No. 308

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

Monday – Scholarship Committee Meeting, 630 PM.

Tuesday – Pastor’s Bible study, “Sunday’s Coming.” 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday – Choir practice, 630 PM.

Sunday – Worship service @ 930 AM, fellowship time, and then Sunday School.

For the good of the Church

The Media Sunday School class will meet directly after service in the Media Sunday School classroom for 10 minutes for an important update and discussion.

The Scholarship Committee will meet tomorrow night, May 5, @ 630 PM in the Fellowship Hall. See Danny Baker if you have questions about this ministry.

Guest speaker next Sunday. Jennifer Cooper will be here from the Methodist Home for Children to receive a gift from the Media Sunday School Class. Funds raised by the Candy Sale are evidence of Morris Chapel’s generosity and the compassionate work of Marian Huepper, Mavis Harper, Terrena Shelton, Marcia Garcia and Pam Summers. For hearts to feel and for hands to serve, thanks be to God!

Vacation Bible School. *Wonder Junction* - Teaching kids that there’s no greater joy than praising the name of the Lord all day long. June 1 – 5. Time, TBD. Reach out to **Krystle Ray** if you are interested in volunteering your time and talents to this rewarding ministry to the young people in our church. Please note you must have completed the Safe Sanctuary training to serve with us in at VBS.

The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee works to hold our Pastor accountable to expectations and also supports our Pastor and his family. Any feedback that you have regarding our Pastor, whether positive or negative, should be shared with PPRC Chair Sandra Carter.

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.

Missions and Outreach

Blankets for neglected and abused children. It will soon be time for us to tie some more blankets for the Child Advocacy Center in Harnett County. This will be a continuing effort to meet the nurtured needs of God’s children who have come into harm’s way. If you wish to offer financial support, make your check to Morris Chapel and indicate “blankets” on the memo line. See **Karen Rosser** if you’d like to tie some blankets.

Celebrating Birthdays this month

Jason Kilmer 05/01, Pam Summers 05/02, Mary Keith 05/03, Susie Pierce 05/05, Morgan Baker 05/07, Leslie Orlovsky 05/09, Jeanette Cox 05/13, Tommy Vaughan 05/13, Peggy Baker 05/14, Olivia Gorman 05/23, Elva Hall 05/24, Travis Thomas 05/24, JC Ray 05/26, Krystle Ray 05/28, Larry Johnson 05/29, Henry Hall 05/31, Frank Piras 05/31.

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Mike Berryman, Edith Howard, Brooks Howard, Janet Hunter, Laurel Parker, JC Ray.

Christina Black Noah Clifton Mike Cortez Peggy Danielsen Greg Davison Michaela Flynn	Elva Hall Maude Maloney Evan Johnson Nancy Johnson Rhonda McNeill	Susie Pierce Valerie Robertino Danielle, Bill, and Nora Jean Rachko Margaret & Fred Spivey	Ron & Peggy Scott Pam Vaughan Western NC 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. If any matter is close to your heart, it is never too big or small for the God we love and adore.

Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings

Attendance 4/27/25 **77**

Tithes & Offerings as of: 04/27/2025	
2025 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 66,396.42
2025 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 87,171.57
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 20,775.15

Our budget is raised to meet the operational needs of the church and it provides for missional giving.
See Finance Chair Stacey Burris if you have questions about church finances.

Serving in Worship

	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
May 4	Callen Morris Jase Burris	Kevin Seymour	Manuela Seymour	Richard Angel Wayne Stack	Linda Dilley	Paisley Kilmer George Orlovsky
May 11	Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Manuela Seymour	Isabelle Sturgill	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	George Orlovsky	
May 18	JC Ray Bryson Baker	Richard Angel	Drew Burris	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Danny Baker	
May 25	Calleigh Baker Lincoln Brewer	Krystle Ray	Inge Hersman	Jason Kilmer Dan Wissinger	Laurel Parker	

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.