

Announcements

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world, the Lord’s Prayer

SENDING FORTH

† Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

UMH No. 327

† Benediction

† Postlude

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

Today we celebrate the eternal Kingship of Christ and the end of the church’s liturgical year.

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;

Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand,

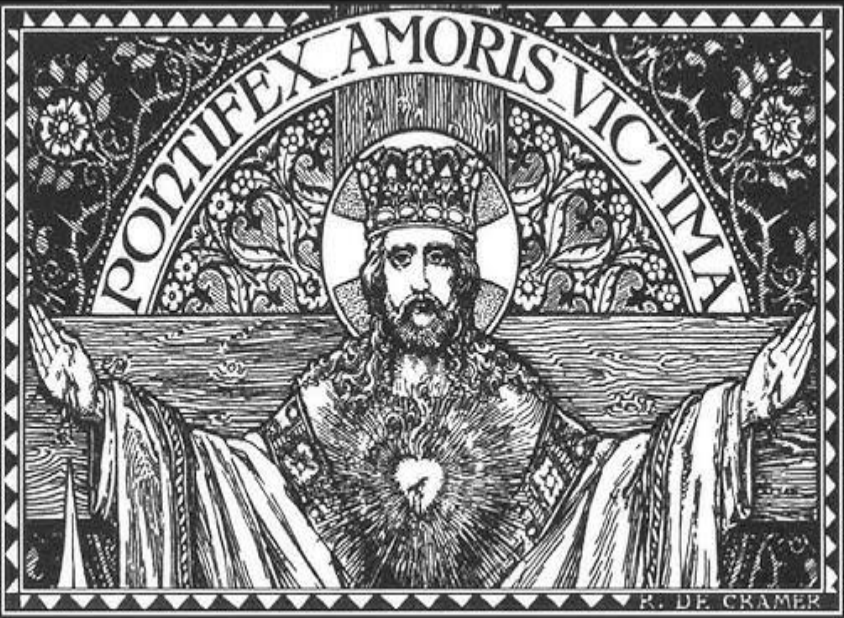
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,

veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry:

“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

—Liturgy of St. James (4th century)



*He shall rule
from sea to sea,
and from the
river to the ends
of the earth.*

*And all kings
shall adore Him,
all nations shall
serve Him.*

Psalm 71 : 8, 11

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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 the Word

November 23, 2025 9:30 AM
Christ the King Sunday

Today we commemorate Christ the King. It is a day for expressing our faith that, even though Christ was rejected and crucified, he rose and ascended, and forever reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit in glory. Jesus’ reign means that no mighty power, no tragic suffering, no evil force will have the last word; the last word is Jesus. It also means we may look to Jesus’s life – his humility, his sacrifice, his compassion for outcasts – for a model of true kingship. Our loyalty to this Christ goes before our loyalty to any other claim on our lives. Today is the last Sunday of the Church year: next week a new year begins with the first Sunday in Advent.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ring the Church bell

Greeting

Prelude *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"* **Leslie Orlovsky**

Choral Praise *"All Hail King Jesus"* **Choir**

† **Call to Worship**

O God, our King, we magnify thee.
We’ll praise your name forever.

Great is the Lord, and worthy to be praised!
There is no end to the greatness of the Lord.

Let every mouth sing the praises of the Lord.
And all flesh shall give thanks unto his name for ever and ever. Amen!

† **Prayer**

Almighty and everlasting God, it is your will to restore all things to Christ, whom you have anointed priest forever and ruler of creation. Grant that all people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen.**

† **Hymn** *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"* **UMH No. 694**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson	Jeremiah 23:1-6	George Orlovksy
Anthem	<i>"Child of the King"</i>	Choir
Children’s Lesson		Stacey Burris
New Testament Lesson	Colossians 1:1-11	
Sermon	<i>"Good King Jesus"</i>	Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Testimonies from Pilgrimage **Morris Chapel Youth**

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 @ 10:30; Sunday School at 11.

Monday – Church Council, 7PM.

Tuesday— Choir Rehearsal, 630 PM.

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Choir practice will be held on Tuesday the 25th at 6:30 pm so that members can prepare for Thanksgiving.

Christmas Party for all the church. December 7 in the afternoon. Details coming soon. See Karen Rosser.

Church Council Meeting – November 24 @ 7PM. The Church Council is the leadership team responsible for planning out our church ministries. All are invited to speak to Council Chair Danny Baker or Lay Leader Karen Rosser if you have questions about Morris Chapel.

Decorations for Advent / Christmas. The first Sunday of Advent will be November 30, so preparations for Advent / Christmas will be made after the worship service today. See Peggy Baker (sanctuary) or Marcia Garcia (fellowship hall) if you're planning to help.

Christmas Card Post Office. The Media SS Class invites you to drop off your Christmas cards for others in the church in the Fellowship Hall on December 7, 14, and 21. Please alphabetize your cards and they'll be placed in mailboxes for pickup.

Breakfast will be served on December 14 from 8 – 9 AM by the Methodist Men. Bring a toy to share with Toys for Tots.

Christmas Cantata --- "Good News from Home" will be presented during our worship service on December 14 by The Morris Chapel Choir. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

Christmas Eve worship with Holy Communion will be at 4pm.

Giving Thanks – I give thanks to God for the spirits and hearts of Morris Chapel. By the grace of our loving God the talents and desires of every heart come together week by week in a beautiful and faithful response to the One who has called us out of the darkness and into his marvelous light. For your patience and forbearance with me in times when my faults come to light, and for your loving kindness toward one another in the great cause of advancing the Kingdom of God, Thanks be to God. Pastor Kevin.

The Angel Tree is now in the Fellowship Hall. Please help a needy child's Christmas wish come true by removing one or more gift tags and purchasing the gifts listed. All gifts need to be wrapped and returned to the Angel Tree by December 7. Directions are on the tags. Questions? Please contact Karen Rosser (910-705-2766) or Linda Stack (724-831-8740).

Coat Drive --for children at local elementary schools. New coats only -- sizes small (6) to XL (16) boys and girls.

Toys for Tots– Bring a toy to share with a child for Christmas no later than December 14.

Local charities—Morris Chapel provides annual financial support to the following: The Breadbasket, Christians United Outreach Center, El Refugio, Family Promise of Lee Co., Haven House, and the Helping Hand Clinic.

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Katie Garcia Hinson & baby Samson Robert Hinson, Warren Edwards,

B. Chapman	Elva Hall	Maude Maloney	Ron & Peggy Scott
Jeff Cummings	Dennis Hartman	Nancy McDuffie	Donna Sloan
Mandy Dalrymple	Lewis Hartman	Linda McNeill	Shelby Truelove
Peggy Daniels	Bryant Hickman	Rhonda McNeill	Louise Walker
Bill Farwick	Edith Howard	Robert Mudd	Dave Whitney
Casey Goldberg	Nancy Johnson	Kathy Pembroke	Bob Woolston
Crystal Hall	Jared Lett	Susie Pierce	Sandy Woolston
	Dano Linehan		Betty Zann

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

Tithes & Offerings as of: 11/16/2025	
2025 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 179,660.89
2025 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 186,074.01
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 6,413.12

Given to each of us is the opportunity to fully participate in God's good work by supporting the ministries of Morris Chapel in the most generous manner that you can.

*O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 107:1.
Do good, be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share. 1 Timothy 6:18*

Serving in Worship

	Acolytes	Children's Lesson	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
Nov. 23	Rylee Ray Callen Morris	Stacey Burris	George Orlovsky	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Gail Thomas	
Nov. 30	Calleigh Baker Lincoln Brewer	Krystle Ray	Manuela Seymour	Jason Kilmer Dan Wissinger	Janice Holder	
Dec. 7	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Stacey Burris	Steve Huepper	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Linda Dille	Rylee Ray Calleigh Baker
Dec. 14	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Krystle Ray	Leslie Orlovsky	Justin Ray JC Ray	George Orlovsky	
Dec. 21	Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Stacey Burris	Rylee Ray	Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Danny Baker	
Dec. 28	Rylee Ray Callen Morris	Krystle Ray	Jason Kilmer	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	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.