

**Sharing our prayer concerns**

**Musical interlude**

**Prayers for the Church and the world, the Lord's Prayer**

**Scripture Lesson**

**John 1:1-5**

**p. 91,NT Pew Bible**

**† Hymn**

*“Go, Tell it on the Mountain”*

**UMH No. 251**

**† Benediction**

Hallelujah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords. —Revelation 19:6; 11:15; 19:16

**† Postlude**

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

A tender shoot has started up from a root of grace,  
as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race;  
It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter  
turning our darkness into light.

This shoot, Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring;  
the Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing:  
our God of endless might gave her this child to save us,  
thus turning darkness into light.  
*by O. Goldschmidt (1829-1907)*



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**The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour**  
Pastor

# A Service of Lessons and Carols

December 28, 2025

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

As Christians in the Wesleyan tradition, Methodists ways of John and Charles Wesley by putting our beliefs into practice. On any given Sunday, the liturgy, the sermon, and the hymns we sing are crafted such that sound Christian teaching is instilled and at once hearts are inspired for virtuous living.

Today's service is adapted from a tradition in the Church of England. Our aim today is to hear the loving purposes of God in carefully selected lessons of Scripture, and, because our faith is a sung faith, to respond to God's Holy Word with vigorous singing.

**Ringing the Church bell**

**Greeting**

**Prelude**

**† Call to Worship**

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed;

**Mary was that mother mild, and Jesus Christ her little child.**

The Almighty God bless us with his grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

**Amen.**

**† Prayer**

O God, you have brought us again to the glad season when we celebrate the birth of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that his Spirit may be born anew in our hearts this day and that we may joyfully welcome him to reign over us. Open our ears that we may hear again the angelic chorus of old. Open our lips that we too will sing with uplifted hearts: Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth and goodwill to men. **Amen.**

**Children's Lesson**

**Krystle Ray**

**Directions for singing**

**UMH p. vii**

**Scripture Lesson**

**Genesis 3:1-22**

*Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.*

**p. 2 OT, Pew Bible**

**† Hymn**

*"There's a Song in the Air"*

**UMH No. 249**

**Scripture Lesson**

**Isaiah 7:10-15**

**p. 636 OT, Pew Bible**

*God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as "God with us."*

**† Hymn**

*"What Child is This"*

**UMH No. 219**

**Scripture Lesson**

**Micah 5:2-4**

**p. 865, OT Pew Bible**

*The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem.*

**† Hymn**

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

**UMH No. 238**

**Scripture**

**Luke 1:26-38**

**p. 56, NT Pew Bible**

*The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will be the Son of the Most High.*

**Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings**

**Offertory**

**† Doxology**

*(to the tune of *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow:**

**Praise God all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host,**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

# ***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**

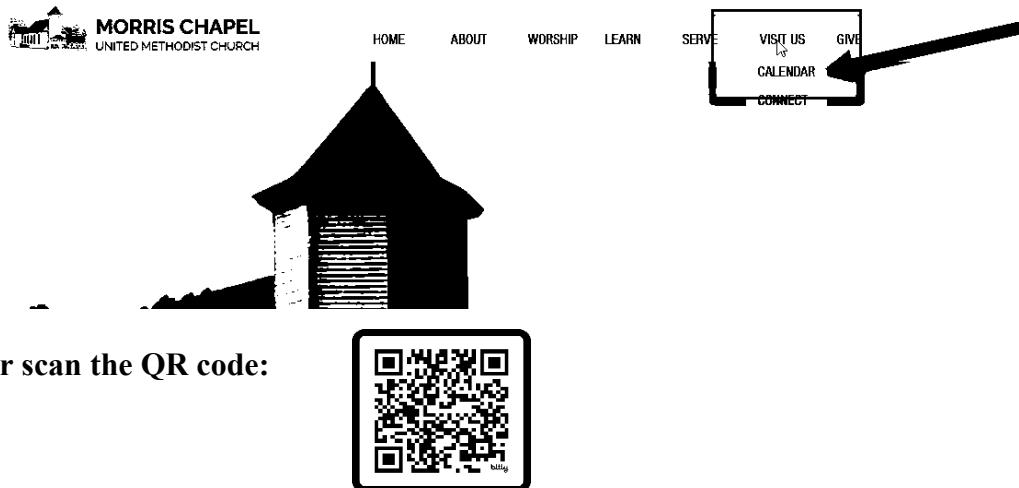
Sunday – Worship service @ 9:30 AM; Fellowship & Sunday School, 10:45.

## **For the good of the church**

**New Sunday School Class** – Beginning on January 11 and led by Lou Millar, this class will be using the Cokesbury Adult Bible series. The meeting place is directly across from the Media class at the end of the hall. **If you're interested, please call Lou Millar at 919-353-5582.**

**Church calendar online:** [www.morrischapelumc.org/events](http://www.morrischapelumc.org/events)

Events and activities are kept current. Visit Morris Chapel's website and find the calendar as shown:



## **Upcoming**

**Jan. 4.** Bring non-perishable food items & seasonings for the food pantry at Love Grove AME Zion Church.

**Jan. 5.** Methodist Men, 6:30 PM.

**Jan. 7.** Children and Youth night, 6-7 PM.

**Jan. 11 – 17.** Family Promise Partner Week. See Karen Rosser.

**Jan. 12.** PPRC, 6:30 PM. Finance, 7 PM.

**Jan. 17.** Fellowship Dinner, 5 PM.

**Jan. 19.** Church Council, 7 PM.

## Keep these in your prayers

**New this week:** Peggy Baker, Casey Hall, Chuck Ralston, Jackson Snipes, Carolyn Sykes, Brantley & Cindy Turner, Joanna Vassilion.  
 Families of Bill Bingham, Brenda Gaster.

Morgan Baker Ernestine Black Sue Buie Jeff Cummings Mandy Dalrymple Peggy Danielsen Warren Edwards Bill Farwick Katie Garcia Hinson Baby Samson Hinson	Casey Goldberg Crystal Hall Elva Hall Dennis Hartman Lewis Hartman Bryant Hickman Edith Howard Nancy Johnson Warren Lewis	Dano Linehan Maude Maloney Landon Massa Nancy McDuffie Linda McNeill Rhonda McNeill Robert Mudd Kathy Pembroke Berky Perkins	Susie Pierce Ron & Peggy Scott Rena Shry Donna Sloan Phil Spivey Shelby Truelove Dave Whitney Katie & Walter Woods Bob Woolston Sandy Woolston Betty Zann
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Send prayer requests & to Pastor Kevin @ 919-802-8286, [kseymour@nccumc.org](mailto:kseymour@nccumc.org),  
 or use the yellow prayer card request found in your pew pocket.

**Attendance last Sunday: 63**

<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings as of: 12/21/2025</b>	
<b>2025 Budget - Needed to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 199,189.25</b>
<b>2025 Budget - Received to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 203,257.32</b>
<b>Running Surplus /(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 4,068.07</b>

*Do good, be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share.* 1 Timothy 6:18

### Serving in Worship

	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Children's Lesson</b>	<b>Lay Readers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Communion Servers</b>
<b>Dec. 28</b>	Rylee Ray Callen Morris	Krystle Ray	Jason Kilmer	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Danny Baker	
<b>Jan. 4</b>	Calleigh Baker Lincoln Brewer	Stacey Burris	Calleigh Baker	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Donnie Carter	Krystle Ray Morgan Baker
<b>Jan. 11</b>	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Kevin Seymour	Isabelle Sturgill	Jason Kilmer Dan Wissinger	Crystal Burichin	
<b>Jan. 18</b>	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Krystle Ray	Drew Burris	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Gail Thomas	
<b>Jan. 25</b>	Ian Carter Callen Morris	Stacey Burris	Inge Hersman	Justin Ray JC Ray	Janice Holder	
<b>Feb. 2</b>	Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Kevin Seymour	Blair Pace	Drew Burris Gary Rosser	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.