

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† Doxology

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Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

SENDING FORTH

† Hymn

"Victory in Jesus"

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† Benediction

† Postlude

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

We sing to you,
We praise you,
We thank you, O Lord,
And we pray to you, our God.

—by *John Chrysostom, 5th century*



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Worship Celebration 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time 10:30 AM | Sunday School 10:45 AM

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The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour

Pastor

Nancy Martinez

Assistant to the District Superintendent

A Service of the Word

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023 9:30 AM

In this morning's Gospel reading, Jesus teaches the parable of the talents. A master entrusts three of his servants with different amounts of money before going on a journey. Upon his return, the servants give account for how they have managed what was entrusted to them. Those who invested wisely are rewarded, but the servant who hid his talent out of fear of the master is punished. Jesus invites us to use wisely what has been entrusted, and to use it all for the good of his Kingdom.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Judy Spivey

Choral Praise

"Give Thanks"

Choir

† Call to Worship

To the presence of the Lord, come with hearts of thanks and praise.

To the glory of God our Father our voices we do raise.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

We give thanks for the Lord Jesus, we are the sheep of his pasture.

Let us give thanks and call upon the Holy Spirit.

His mercy endures forever.

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty. Amen!

† Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, give us grace to live our lives so that when you come to judge us you might take great joy in the way we have used the gifts you've given to us. **Amen.**

† Hymn

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 123

Anthem

"Take My Life"

Choir

Children's Lesson

† Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon

"Risk Takers"

Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Lord's prayer

† Hymn

"A Charge to Keep I Have"

#413

Reception of New Members

#33

Jason and Brittany Ray

Dennis and Pam Summers

Congregational commitment

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Jesus Christ. We will surround our new sisters and brothers with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Congregational response

We give thanks for all that God has already given us. As members of the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness that in everything God made be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Sharing the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Glory to God, Amen.

MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – November 19, 2023

WELCOME!

Welcome to Morris Chapel United Methodist Church! We are delighted that you joined us in Christian Education and Worship today. Morris Chapel United Methodist Church welcomes visitors who are seeking a church home, those who join us for special occasions, and those who seek relief from life's burdens. Join us in praising God, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, and giving thanks to a loving God for the blessings of the day!

CALENDAR

Every Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service – in person and Livestream
Sunday	10:30 am	Fellowship Time
Sunday	10:45 am	Sunday Schools
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study “Sunday’s Coming” Pastor Seymour
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice – all are welcome

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

First Time Visitors! We are so glad you joined us, and we hope you return! Please pick up a coffee mug with goodies and info at the front door area as you exit. It is a token of our gratitude and love for visiting our Worship Service. Be blessed!

Choir Practice this Thanksgiving week (only) is moved to TUESDAY, Nov. 21st, at 7:00. Thank you!

REMINDER: Church Council meeting tomorrow evening at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to see all Committee Chairs in attendance. This meeting is open to any church member who wishes come and listen to the business of the church.

NEW BIBLE STUDY: A study (4-5 weeks) of the book of Philippians will start **TODAY** in classroom #3 (Searching Scripture for Christian Living.) at 10:50. Bring a Bible and be ready to read, listen and discuss the letter written by Paul to the church in Philippi. All scripture is God breathed.... So come and let the Word speak to you today!

New Site: Accessing Sunday Sermons is as easy as going on Facebook. Refresh your memory, rethink the messages, be enriched again. May God bless your interest and devotion! Here is the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/MorrisChapelUnitedMethodistChurch>

Toys for Tots! Please bring your new, unwrapped toys to church and deposit them in the big boxes in the Narthex or in the Fellowship Hall. The LAST DAY for bringing toys is **Sunday, Dec. 3rd**! Thank you for helping those less fortunate.

Toys for Tots Breakfast will be hosted on **Sunday Dec. 3rd** at 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars! Menu to be announced later – but anticipate it will be delicious!

The Morris Chapel Christmas Post Office will be in operation this Christmas season! It “opens” on the first Sunday in December which is the 3rd! As a reminder, bring your cards for the congregation members to the Post Office location in the Fellowship Hall. The Media Class will sort them, and distribute all at Christmas time. Donations are accepted, of course, and all will be used for charitable purposes. See Margaret Spivey for any questions... Thank you!

PARISH NOTICES

Laity Courses offered by UMC: Check out these courses (and others) offered to all UM laity. Learn about our church, how your gifts may be used to further the kingdom. GO TO <https://nccumc.org/laity/#training> for more information! (see course listings on next page)

Life Together in the United Methodist Connection (UM Polity) Facilitated by Taylor Mills
January 20, 8:30am-5pm Zoom Meeting

Basic Course in Lay Servant Ministries Facilitated by James Bernstein
February 10, 8:30am-5pm in-person (Raleigh-area, location TBD)

Living Our United Methodist Beliefs (UM History) Facilitated by Tom Santa
February 17, 8am – 5pm Zoom Meeting

OTHER COURSES ARE ALSO LISTED AT THE WEBSITE

Thank you to Gary & Donna Maddox for providing snacks and goodies after today's service!

**Announcements: by noon on Wednesdays to Laurel Parker at laurelparker@charter.net or (919) 271-0963
AND Mavis Harper at mavisharper1944@gmail.com or (919) 770-0489.**

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Anna's surgery & Gino's death – Manuela's friends Sherry Baucom Maryann Bell Rick Billings Brethen Family Richard & Amanda Campbell Kristie Casterlin Congregational Unity Deborah McNeill Cox Shelton Crutchfield Connie & Doug Currin	Greg Garcia Ron Hartman Ron Height Connie Hickman Family of Michael Hicks Mary Hudson Teresa Ingram Ann Jackson Evan Johnson Nancy Johnson Jeff Ludewig Charles Maddox	Maude Maloney Ann McLeod Maxine McLeod Rhonda McNeill Middle East atrocities Sandra Norris Leslie & George Orlovsky Peace on earth Susie Pierce Danielle Rahko Ron & Peggy Scott Kyle Smith	Nathaniel Smith Cynthia Spivey Kenneth Spivey Joey Stewart Joyce Key Thomas Family of Kelly Thomas United Methodist Church United States of America Pam Vaughan Sandy Woolston Debra Underwood
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LAST SUNDAY – Nov. 12

Attendance 80
 Tithes & Offerings \$2,654.00
 Weekly Goal \$3,696.63

To You I lift up my eyes, O You Who are enthroned in the heavens!our eyes look to the Lord our God until He has mercy upon us. (Psalm 123:1)

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Nov	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
19	Ian Carter Isabelle Sturgill	Krystle Ray		Gary Rosser Daniel Baker	Jack Harper Mavis Harper	
26	Paisley Kilmer Teagen Kilmer	Richard Angel	Peggy Baker	Ron Mercer Gary Maddox	Crystal Burichin Gail/Travis Thomas	
Dec. 3	Rylee Ray Jase Burris	Krystle Ray	Steve Huepper	Jack Harper Greg Vorholt	Hank Richards Drew Burris	Kevin Seymour Manuela Seymour Steve Huepper Marian Huepper
10	Bryson Baker Calleigh Baker	Richard Angel	Drew Burris	Daniel Baker Drew Burris	Margaret Spivey Janice Holder	
17	Ian Carter Jason Little	Krystle Ray	Inge Hersman	Gary Rosser Danny Baker	Scott Anderson Emma Anderson	