

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† **Doxology**

**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!**

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

SENDING FORTH

† **Hymn**

"Thine Be the Glory"

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† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

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

O blessed spring, where word and sign embrace us to Christ the Vine:
here Christ enjoins each one to be a branch of this life-giving tree.

Through summer heat of youthful years, uncertain faith, rebellious tears,
sustained by Christ's infusing rain, the boughs will shout for joy again.

Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree, be praised for this blest mystery:
that word and water thus revive and join us to your Tree of Life.

-- by *Susan Palo Cherwien*



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Worship Celebration 9:30 AM

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

The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton

Raleigh Area Bishop

The Rev. Sunny B. Limm

Fairway District Superintendent

The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour

Pastor

Nancy Martinez

Assistant to the District Superintendent

A Service of the Word

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024 9:30 AM

In the Acts of the Apostles, Philip continues the spread of the Gospel to all peoples, sharing the good news about Jesus to an Ethiopian eunuch, who is converted and baptized.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *“O Rest in the Lord”* **Leslie Orlovsky**
by Felix Mendelssohn, arr. by Martha Powell Setchell.

Choral Praise *“O How He Loves You and Me”* **Choir**

† **Call to Worship**

Creating God We praise you.
We praise you.

Risen Christ We bless you.
We bless you.

Comforting Spirit We worship you.
We worship you.

Holy Blessed Trinity, we'll praise your name forever.
Alleluia and Amen!

† **Prayer**

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: send your Spirit now to guide us as we hear your holy word. In your name we pray, **Amen.**

† **Hymn** *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”* **# 327**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson	Psalms 22:25-31	George Orlovsky
Anthem	<i>“Since Jesus Came Into My Heart”</i>	Choir
Children’s Lesson		Stacey Burriss
New Testament Lesson		Acts 8:26-40
Sermon	<i>“name”</i>	Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† **Hymn** *“Christ Is Risen”* **#307**

Prayer of Thanksgiving, The Lord’s Prayer
Sharing the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you! Glory to God, Amen.

Affirmation of Faith *“The Nicene Creed”* **#880**
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – April 28, 2024

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.

Church Council Meeting TODAY right after the service in the Heritage Room. The meeting will be brief but please plan to attend. Thank you.

Need Help Making Your Photo Appointment Time? Gail Carucci will be in the Fellowship Hall after church to assist anyone who is having trouble making an appointment. She has her laptop and will gladly help. Be prepared to tell her how many people will be photographed so the time slots can be sequentially arranged. Take advantage of this assistance! You'll be glad....

United Methodist Men's Group There will be a UMC Men's meeting at the Fellowship Hall on May 2 at 7pm. We will make plans for Fund Raising and Summer Picnic.

Canned Food Drive is coming up next Sunday, May 5th. Bring your canned or boxed goods (no glass containers) and place them in the box in the narthex. Our donations are added to the food pantry at Love Grove AME Zion Church to help feed hungry neighbors. Your generosity is appreciated.

The Scholarship Committee has scholarship applications ready. See Danny Baker for a copy. He also can email the application to you, so let him know. See Danny for any questions you may have. Applications can be returned to either Danny or Pastor Kevin but must be returned no later than May 1. Thank you.

New Church Directory & Color Family Photos UPDATE! Remember – all attendees of Morris Chapel are invited to have their photos taken! AND YOU MAY BRING YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS with you... grown children and grandchildren, your brothers or sisters, your extended family. ALL will receive a free 8x10 photo! Of course, only church members and attendees will be in the Directory proper, but all are welcome for photos. If you need several separate photos i.e. you alone and then with family, BOOK 2-3 SLOTS with the Portrait Café. Your contact people at Morris Chapel are Gail Carucci, Project Leader, and Laurel Parker. We hope EVERYONE participates!

Pastor's Tuesday Bible Study is an extension of the Sunday Sermon! Class starts at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Every week is a different topic so you are never “behind” in this study. Come & see...Our group is growing....

The 2024 Fellowship Hall Calendar is posted in the Fellowship Hall on the left bulletin board just as you enter. **Committee Chairs**, please enter all meetings scheduled for the FH on this calendar. If an Announcement is needed for the church, email the bulletin preparers by Wednesday morning what you wish to have listed. Thanks!

Easy Site: Accessing Sunday Sermons is as easy as going on Facebook. Refresh your memory, rethink the messages, be enriched again. May God bless your devotion. <https://www.facebook.com/MorrisChapelUnitedMethodistChurch>

PARISH NOTICES

Lay Ministry Courses are being offered at the Garner, NC Conference Building of our Fairway District. Uncertain? Attend the **Day of Discovery** June 1 (10:00-3:00) seminar that will explain how to become a certified Lay Minister. The course will be offered at the NC Conference Building in Garner, NC. Lunch is provided free. To register, go cle@nccumc.org and search for Day of Discovery registration. You will be edified...

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. PLEASE word your announcement as you wish to see it printed.. Thank you

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Richard & Pat Angel Family of George Atkinson Sherry Baucom The Bedard Family Lucas Bell Debbie Bryan Vicke & Randy Buchanan Crystal Burichin Donna Callodonato Joey Campbell Children of the world	Jayden Cockran Congregational Unity Terri Dussalt Tim & Heather Fabek Family of Cona Falcon Family of Mark Hickman Jimmy Holt Ann Jackson Amanda Johnson Evan & Leslie Johnson Kenny Kosza Maude Maloney	Ann McLeod Maxine McLeod Family of Foster McNeill Rhonda McNeill Middle East peoples Kenneth Noles family Mike Phillips Susie Pierce Jeff Popke Helen Rogers Al Rushatz Shirley Salmon	Anna Sanfilippo Rich Sauppe Ron & Peggy Scott Becky Seymour Family of Karen Shepard Lisa Stafford Joyce Key Thomas United Methodist Church United States of America Pam Vaughan Ruth Watson Jimmy Womack
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Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings Attendance 4/21/24 94

Tithes & Offerings as of: 04/21/2024	
2024 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 59,168.71
2024 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 89,004.91
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 29,836.20

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Worship Volunteers-- you are respectfully asked to arrange for a substitute in the event that you cannot fill your assigned slot. Thank you.

Apr	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
28	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Stacey Burris	George Orlovsky	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Jack Harper Mavis Harper	
May 5	Ian Carter Isabelle Sturgill	Gillian Hubley	Steve Huepper	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Hank Richards Margaret Spivey	Kevin Seymour Manuela Seymour Greg Vorholt Cindy Vorholt
12	Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Richard Angel	Leslie Orlovsky	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Greg Vorholt Cindy Vorholt	
19	JC. Ray Bryson Baker	Krystle Ray	Peggy Baker	Justin Ray JC Ray	Linda Dilley Pan Summers	
26	Jason Morton Calleigh Baker	Stacey Burris	Isabelle Sturgill	Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Gary Maddox George Orlovsky	

After Worship Treats are provided by The Fellowship Committee. Thank you!