

Reception of New Members and Holy Baptism

Todd, Stephanie, Blair, and Nash Pace

UMH No. 33

Congregational commitment

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this family 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 welcome

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

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

SENDING FORTH

† Hymn

"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"

UMH No. 359

† Benediction

† Postlude

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

Here are the lyrics to today's prelude, played by Leslie Orlovsky.

O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay are strewn this day in festal preparation;
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away, e'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.
Join all and sing, His name declare; let every voice resound with joyous acclamation.
Hosanna! Praised be the Lord! Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.

—by J. Baptiste Faure (1830 – 1914)



KING JESUS RIDES INTO JERUSALEM

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Worship Service 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time and Sunday School, 10:45

The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton
Raleigh Area Bishop

The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour
Pastor

A Service of the Word

Palm/Passion Sunday
March 29, 2026 9:30 AM

Our service begins with a procession of the palms to recall the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, fulfilling an ancient prophecy of the coming Messiah. The palms we wave reflect the fragility of the celebration—since a mere five days later, the crowd’s adulation turns to hatred. The Hebrew children spread their garments in the road, and cried out, saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord!”

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Prelude

“The Palms”

by Jean Baptiste Faure, arr. by Albin C. Whitworth

† Call to Worship

Cokesbury Hymnal, Psalm 118, Matthew 21

Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Behold, now comes your king.

Meek and humble is he, sitting on a donkey and on a colt.

Now the righteous one enters the gate.

The Father set his son upon the holy hill of Zion.

This is the day the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

† Hymn

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

UMH No. 278

Children’s Lesson

Kevin Seymour

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 118 – UMH No. 839

Rylee Ray

responsive reading

Anthem

“In the Name of the Lord”

† Gospel Lesson

Matthew 21:1-11 Pew Bible, p. 23, NT

Sermon

“Carriers”

Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Affirmation of Faith

“The Apostles’ Creed”

UHM No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

† The Lord’s Prayer

† Hymn

“Baptized in Water”

TFWS No. 2248

Presentation of God’s tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† Doxology

OLD 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*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; Sunday School, 10:45. Easter Egg Hunt.

Tuesday – Pastor's Bible Study, 10 AM;

Wednesday – Children & Youth, 6 PM; Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 PM.

Thursday – Maundy Thursday worship service, 7 PM.

Friday – Good Friday worship service, 7 PM @ Broadway UMC.

Easter Sunday – Sunrise Service, 730 AM; Breakfast, 8 AM; Worship Service @ 930 AM.

Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."

Therefore, our church will invite others to come and join us.

The church calendar is on our web site: www.morrischapelumc.org/events

Missions

Scholarship applications are now available.

Students recommended by a church member are encouraged to apply. Stop by the church office after worship to pick up an application. See Danny Baker or email him at db242248@gmail.com if you have questions.

Donations for Haven will be received throughout the month of March: cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products for men, women and children, blankets & towels. A table is set up in the Fellowship Hall. HAVEN HOUSE is committed to providing safety to victims and survivors of domestic violence and rape/sexual assault.

Your favorite Easter candy is now on sale.

Easter candy can be purchased through April 5 at \$5 per bag.

Proceeds will benefit the Methodist Home for Children.

April 5, Bring non-perishable foods and seasonings for the food pantry at Love Grove AME Zion Church.

Upcoming

April 1, Children & Youth Night @ 6 PM.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Maundy Thursday (4/2) 7 PM @ Morris Chapel; Good Friday (4/3) 7 PM @ Broadway UMC.

Easter Sunrise Service followed by Breakfast @ 8 AM on Easter Sunday.

Easter Worship @ 9:30 AM will feature "Jesus is Alive" Cantata by the Morris Chapel Choir.

Keep these in your prayers

Pirjo Blosser Deb Callodonato Macy Carver Peggy Danielsen Dennis Hartman Lewis Hartman	Katie Garcia Hinson Baby Samson Hinson Nancy Johnson Mindy Wester Joosten Karen Kennedy Maude Maloney	Joe Martin Linda McNeill Rhonda McNeill Martha Meeks Callen Morris Susie Pierce Ron & Peggy Scott	Aubrey Sherron Marilyn Stevens David Stout Phil Spivey Shelby Truelove Bob Woolston Sandy Woolston
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Send prayer requests & to Pastor Kevin @ 919-802-8286, kseymour@nccumc.org,
or use the yellow prayer card request found in your pew pocket.

Attendance last Sunday – 67

Tithes & Offerings: 03/22/2026	
Needed Each Week:	\$ 4,049.40
Received Last Week:	\$ 2,520.23

Your gifts enable us to celebrate God’s goodness in worship, make music that inspires hearts to follow Christ, and for us to reach out with compassion to relieve human suffering. We pray that others will get a taste of God’s kingdom on earth. Thank you for your faithful generosity.

To whom much is given, much is required. Luke 12:48.

Serving in Worship

	Acolytes	Children’s Lesson	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
Mar. 29	Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Kevin Seymour	Rylee Ray	Justin Ray JC Ray	Gail Thomas	
April 5	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Kevin Seymour		Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Janice Holder	Gary Rosser Karen Rosser
April 12	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Krystle Ray	Jason Kilmer	Todd Pace Nash Pace	Linda Dilley	
April 19	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Manuela Seymour	Calleigh Baker	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	George Orlovsky	
April 26	Ian Carter Callen Morris	Stacey Burris	Isabelle Sturgill	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Danny Baker	

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.