

SENDING FORTH

† Hymn

“For All the Saints”
(verses 1, 4, 6)

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† Benediction

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

† Postlude

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



Give us the wings of faith to rise
Within the veil, and see
The saints above, how great their joys,
How bright their glories be.

We ask them, whence their victory came;
They with one united breath,
Ascribe the conquest to the Lamb,
Their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod,
His zeal inspired their breast;
And following their incarnate God,
they reached the promised rest. --- *Isaac Watts*



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Worship Celebration 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time 10:30 AM | Sunday School 11:00 AM

The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton

Raleigh Area Bishop

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Nancy Martinez

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A Service of Word and Table

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
November 5, 2023 9:30 AM

Today is All Saints' Sunday, when we give thanks for the worldwide communion of our brothers and sisters in Christ, in past, present, and future ages.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"Thanks Be to Thee, O Lord"* Leslie Orlovsky
By Frederick Handel, arr. by Rick Parks

Choral Praise *"For All the Saints"* Choir

† Call to Worship

Grace and peace in the name of the One who is, who was, and is to come.

Amen!

Let the faithful ones sing glory to God.

Praise the Lord!

Peace be unto you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

He is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, the ruler of all kings on earth!

In Christ we set our hope, for he is our salvation.

Sealed with the Holy Spirit, we live for the praise of his glory!

† Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, from age to age you have raised men and women to live and die in the faith. So many times, we forget the ones who have taught us the truth. Forgive our indifference to your will. Look away when we forget the great gift we've been given. You have called us to serve, but we want to be served. Forgive us of our pride, and drive us to our knees in humility before you. Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and Peace

† Hymn of Praise *"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"* # 712

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

New Testament Lesson Revelation 7:9-17 Manuela Seymour
Anthem *"Gloryland Medley"* Choir
Children's Lesson Richard Angel

New Testament Lesson 1 John 3:1-3
Homily *"Communion of Saints"* Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† Doxology #95

Holy Communion # 13

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the bread and the cup

The altar is open for prayer

Naming the Honored Dead Tommy Vaughan

family members are invited to come forward and light a candle

Prayer of Response

Scripture Ephesians 2:4-10

Musical response Bill Gross

MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – November 5, 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!

Accessing Sunday Sermons is as easy as going to this link: <https://www.morrischapelumc.org/sermons> ! Refresh your memory, rethink the messages, be enriched again. May God bless your interest and devotion!

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.

The Fellowship Committee is having a **Thanksgiving dinner** with all the trimmings **this Wednesday, November 8** from 5:00PM-6:30PM. The Sign-Up sheet is included in the bulletin. Please let us know ASAP so we have plenty of time to purchase and prepare the food for this meal.

Christmas Cantata Practice Please consider joining the choir for the Christmas Cantata. Practice has started on Wednesdays from 7-7:35. It is *not too late* to join in! Come, raise your voice in praise of our Holy God!

Fellowship Time After Church Please prayerfully consider signing up to provide refreshments after Church on Sunday mornings. The Fellowship Committee provides refreshments one Sunday per month. All other Sundays are for general congregation sign-up. The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall, right wall next to the counter. See the white binder on the kitchen counter with ideas and what to do so let's keep this time of fellowship going!

Do You Love Children? Then perhaps you will assist with the Children's Messages?! We need 2-4 interested and caring volunteers to round out the monthly schedule. That would mean one message per month per volunteer. Please pray about this – then contact either Mavis Harper, Laurel Parker, or Pastor Kevin regarding your decision to assist. Thank you!

Birthday Cake, Goodies and Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall to honor the November birthday folks! See the birthday list below. Join us to wish our members a very happy birthday! Thank you Jack & Mavis Harper and Richard and Pat Angel for providing the treats!

*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 Angelo - leukemia Sherry Baucom Maryann Bell Rick Billings Family of Mike Byrd Richard & Amanda Campbell Kristie Casterlin Congregational Unity Deborah McNeill Cox Shelton Crutchfield	Connie & Doug Currin Greg Garcia Ron Hartman Ron Height Connie Hickman Mary Hudson Teresa Ingram Ann Jackson Evan Johnson Nancy Johnson Jeff Ludewig Charles Maddox	People of Maine Maude Maloney Ann McLeod Maxine McLeod Rhonda McNeill Middle East atrocities Sandra Norris Peace on earth Susie Pierce Danielle Rahko Ron & Peggy Scott Nathaniel Smith	Cynthia Spivey Kenneth Spivey Family of Susie Springer Joyce Key Thomas Kelly Thomas Maggie Ann Tora United Methodist Church United States of America Pam Vaughan Sandy Woolston Debra Underwood
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LAST SUNDAY – Oct. 29

Attendance	75
Tithes & Offerings	\$3,161.00
Weekly Goal	\$3,696.63

Let all the earth fear the Lord, let all the people of the world revere Him. For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm. (Psalm 33:8-9)

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Nov	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
5	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Richard Angel	Manuela Seymour	Jack Harper Danny Baker	Jack Harper Mavis Harper	Kevin Seymour Manuela Seymour Jack Harper Laurel Parker
12	Bryson Baker JC Ray	Richard Angel	Tommy Vaughan	Drew Burris Gary Maddox	Carolyn Saucier Marian Huepper	
19	Ian Carter Calleigh Baker	Krystle Ray	Leslie Orlovsky	Gary Rosser Daniel Baker	Donnie Carter Sandra Carter	
26	Bryson Baker Jase Burris	Richard Angel	Peggy Baker	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY FOLKS!

Richard Angel
Calleigh Baker
Richard Campbell, Jr.
Cordie Dorman, III

Jack Harper
Barry Harrington
Clarence Hubbard
Leslie Johnson

Nancy Johnson
Gary Maddox
Ronald Scott
Brenda Trapani



*For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Naming the Honored Dead

God of the living and of the dead, we praise You for the saints who from their labors rest.

Ronald Grant Atchley
Irma Graham Autrey
Louise Sloan Buchanan
Susan Bercini Carter
Joseph Alfonso Carucci
Tiziana Castiglioni
Mildred Rosser Cotton
***Ronny Baxter Cox**
Shirley Maddox Crissman
Karen Wilson Cutler
Melissa Dawn Edwards
Patrick Daniel Garner
Carson Joseph Garner
Kaleb Alan Garner

James Robert Gillis
Richard Thomas Gillis
Donna Edith Hawbaker
***Beverly Mauldin Leslie**
Melissa McCormick Martin
Benjamin Rosser O'Geary
***Michael Edwin Parker**
Thelma Thomas Persing
Renee T. Rachko
John Shahdanian
Suzie Springer
Pauline Penny Tress
***Lilla Waddell Williams**
Samuel Carmen Zappala

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer. Let us be encouraged and strengthened by our forefathers and foremothers in the faith, and partakers with them in the inheritance of everlasting light. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

A Prayer for All the Saints

Everliving God,

This day revives in us memories of loved ones who are no longer with us.
What happiness we shared when they walked among us.
What joy, when loving and being loved, we lived our lives together.

Their memory is a blessing forever.

Months or years may have passed, and still we feel near to them.
Our hearts yearn for them.

Though the bitter grief has softened, a duller pain abides; for the place where once they stood is empty now.

The links of life are broken, but the links of love and longing cannot break.

Their souls are bound up in ours forever.

We see them now with the eye of memory,
their faults forgiven, their virtues grown larger.
So does goodness live, and weakness fade from sight.
We remember them with gratitude and bless their names.

Their memory is a blessing forever.

And we remember as well the members who but yesterday were a part of our congregation and community.

To all who cared for us and labored for all people, we pay tribute.

May we prove worthy of carrying on the tradition of our faith,
for now the task is ours.

Their souls are bound up in ours forever.

We give you thanks that they now live and reign with you.

As a great crowd of witnesses,
they surround us with their blessings,
and offer you hymns of praise and thanksgiving.

They are alive for ever more. Amen.

Ephesians 2:4-10

but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.