

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† **Doxology**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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, The Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

Announcements

† **Hymn**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

UMH No. 384

† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

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

O Mother's love, sweet mother's love, the gift divine from heaven above!
It lifts our thoughts to realms above, and bids us see the good and right.
God knows the seed of human kind, the depth of sin our souls may find,
And so, to keep us pure and far, we have a mother's love and prayer.

O Mother's love, the sweetest known, the richest earthly gift we own!
Our grateful thanks shall clearly ring to reach the throne of God our King.
Our praise shall seek the Lord of power, for blessings known this festal hours,
for far above all gifts divine the love of mothers brightly shine.

O Mother's love, so blest and true that guides and keeps our lifetime through,
Through sacrifice and service dear, its depths of sweetness shine more clear.
It is to us a precious gifts that lives to bless and bends to give:
With lifted hearts we send above our gratitude for mother's love.
~ by E.M. Gordon ~



MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY

**MORRIS CHAPEL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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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

May 10, 2026
Mother's Day Sunday

In May 1908, Anna Jarvis organized the first official Mother's Day celebration at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia. There is now an International Mother's Day Shrine in Grafton at the site of Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church. The building is among the heritage landmarks of The United Methodist Church. Listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places since 1970, and a National Historical Landmark since 1992, the shrine seeks to "preserve, promote and develop through education, the Spirit of Motherhood, as exemplified by the lives of Ann Maria Reeves Jarvis and Anna Jarvis, and the institution of Mother's Day that they established."

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Greeting

Prelude

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise

"Love At Home"

Men's Ensemble

† Call to Worship

Gather in O faithful ones, young and old, and rich or poor.
Let all sing praise, for God is great and God is good.

Sing praise to the one and only Son.
We have not seen him, but we love him.

Call out to the Holy Spirit.
Abide with us now O Spirit of Truth, and lead us on to life in you.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia and Amen!

† Prayer

by Charles Wesley

Come, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to whom we for our children cry;
The good desired and wanted most, out of your richest grace supply;
The sacred discipline be given, to train and bring them up for heaven.
Unite the pair so long disjoined, knowledge and vital piety:
Learning and holiness combined, and truth and love, let all men see.
In those whom up to thee we give, thine, wholly thine, to die and live. **Amen.**

† Hymn

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

UMH No. 712

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson

Psalms 2:7-11 Pew Bible p. 489, OT

Inge Hersman

Anthem

"My Mama's Prayer"

Men's Ensemble

Children's Lesson

Krystle Ray

† Gospel Lesson

Luke 1:46-55 Pew Bible p. 57, NT

Sermon

"Lessons from Mother Mary"

Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Prayer

Pastor: Lord, we thank you for the gift of motherhood. We thank you for the many examples of faithful mothers in the Holy Scriptures: Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Lois. We are mindful this day of all these women, and especially Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, who had the courage in faith to say "yes" to your calling. May these women gathered here today emulate these examples of faith. And may they model for all the rest of us what it means to be your disciple. Bless them on this special day; in the name of Jesus Christ.

Congregation: For our mothers, who have given us life and love, may we show them reverence and love.

Pastor: For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and may their family and friends give support and consolation: We pray to the Lord.

Congregation: For women who, though without children of their own, like mothers have nurtured and cared for us. For mothers who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families, we pray to the Lord.

Pastor: Loving God, like a mother who tends and spares us, a mother who gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless every Christian mother. Let the example of their faith and love shine bright like the summer sun. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of reverence and respect. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

† Hymn

"Happy the Home When God is There"

UMH No. 445

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; Fellowship Time & Sunday School,10:45.

Monday –Trustees Meeting, 6 PM.

Wednesday –Choir rehearsal, 630 PM.

Saturday – Fellowship Committee meeting, 10 AM.

Next Sunday 5/17 –Scholarship Award presentations during our worship service;
Safe Sanctuaries Training, 11 AM

For the good of the church

Safe Sanctuaries Training. May 17 @ 11 AM. It's time for another round of Safe Sanctuaries Training. This is for all who need to renew and for all who need to be trained for the first time. Please find the roster of trainees on the bulletin board and indicate 'yes' or 'no' by your name in regard to your attendance. If your name is not found, then please add it to the list.

Our Safe Sanctuaries policy and procedures ensure that the children & youth among us are kept as safe as possible. Many of us are in close personal contact with the young disciples among us. It is therefore imperative that everyone undergo this training and the required background check.

Morris Chapel t-shirts are available! See Stacey Burris to make your order.

The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee (PPRC) works to support our Pastor in his work here and also hold him responsible to expectations. If you feel that you need to share some feedback regarding our Pastor (positive or negative), please see PPRC Chair Sandra Carter.

The Trustees of Morris Chapel have the responsibility to care for the property here, the buildings and the grounds, the equipment, and how the property and building space is used. When upkeep or repairs are needed, the expertise and the planning of our Trustees are put into action. This is so because of long-time experience at this church, and also because these things are the responsibility of the Trustees according to the United Methodist plan of local church organization. Your Trustees chair is Gary Rosser, so when you have matters of concern, please speak to Gary.

Upcoming

May 11 – Trustees Meeting, 6 PM.

May 16 – Fellowship Committee meeting. Fellowship Hall @ 10 AM.

May 17 – Safe Sanctuaries Training. Fellowship Hall @ 11 AM.

May 18 – Church Council, 7 PM.

May 31 – June 6 Family Promise Partner Week. If you'd like to help, speak to Karen Rosser.

June 8-11 – Vacation Bible School. Parents, please check in with Krystle Ray.

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Julie Johnson; family of Linda Gurley

Mickey Bronner Lauren Cameron Perry Campbell Peggy Danielsen Amanda Gregory	Samson Hinson Ann Holt Camden Husky Nancy Johnson Charles Maddox Janelle Lawrence	Warren Lewis Rhonda McNeill Martha Meeks H.T. Pace Ron & Peggy Scott Susie Pierce	Marilyn Stevens Phil Spivey Shelby Truelove Pam Vaughan 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 – 64

Tithes & Offerings: 05/03/2026	
Needed Each Week:	\$ 4,049.40
Received Last Week:	\$ 4,081.63

A reminder from the Pastor – All who have made the commitment to become a member of Morris Chapel have taken a sacred vow before God and the people of God to uphold the church with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

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

Serving in Worship

To all who serve in worship: For the good of our worship life together, please arrange for a substitute to take your place when you're unable to fill your assigned slot.

Once you've found a substitute, then let Pastor Kevin or Peggy Baker know.

	Acolytes	Children's Lesson	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
May 10	Rylee Ray Callen Morris	Krystle Ray	Inge Hersman	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Danny Baker	
May 17	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Kevin Seymour	Blair Pace	Justin Ray JC Ray	Crystal Burichin	
May 24	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Krystle Ray	Bryson Baker	Drew Burris Garry Rosser	Gail Thomas	
May 31	Ian Carter Callen Morris	Stacey Burris	George Orlovsky	Dan Wissinger Jake Wissinger	Janice Holder	

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.