

**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**

**SENDING FORTH**

**Announcements**

† **Hymn**                      *"This is the Spirit's Entry Now"*

**UMH No. 608**

† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

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

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He's got the whole world in his hands,  
He's got the woods and the waters in his hands,  
He's got the sun and the moon right in his hands,  
He's got the whole world in his hands.  
He's got the birds and the bees right in his hands,  
He's got the beasts of the field right in his hands,  
He's got the whole world in his hands,  
He's got you and me right in his hands,  
He's got everybody in his hands,  
He's got the whole world in his hands.  
*~ a traditional spiritual~*



**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

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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 24, 2026  
Pentecost Sunday

Fifty days after Easter, the Church celebrates the festival of Pentecost. Echoing the ancient Jewish festival of Shavuot, which remembers God's giving of the law on Mount Sinai, Pentecost celebrates God's giving of the Holy Spirit, itself a fulfillment of ancient prophecy. The disciples are gathered in Jerusalem when the Holy Spirit descends upon them in tongues of flame. The disciples are given miraculous ability to speak in many languages, and boldly proclaim to the people that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord Jesus shall be saved.

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Greeting

Prelude

*"Holy Spirit"*

Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise

*"Glorify The Name"*

Choir

† Call to Worship

Praise now the Father, maker of all that is seen and unseen.

**By his grace we are claimed. By his power we do his will.**

Praise now the merciful Son.

**Begotten of the Father, he paid the ransom to set us free.**

Praise now the Holy Spirit, who does our hearts inspire.

**His flames ignite within us the holy burning fire. Amen!**

† Prayer

*by Charles Wesley*

Come Holy Ghost, for moved by thee the prophets wrote and spoke. Unlock the truth, thyself the key, unseal the sacred book. **Amen.**

† Hymn

*"God of the Ages"*

UMH No. 698

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson

Numbers 11:24-30 Pew Bible p. 129, OT

Bryson Baker

Anthem

*"Let Freedom Sing"*

Choir

Children's Lesson

Krystle Ray

New Testament Lesson

Acts 2:14-21 Pew Bible p. 119, NT

Sermon

Kevin Seymour

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Prayer of Confession

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your lovingkindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. By your fire divine burn us clean of our iniquities in thought, word, and deed. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.**

† Words of Assurance and Pardon

May God almighty grant us all remission of our sins, true repentance, and amendment of life. By the consolation of the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, let it be so. **Amen.**

† Hymn

*"As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"*

TFWS No. 2237

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

*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.

Wednesday –Choir rehearsal, 630 PM.

**Upcoming**

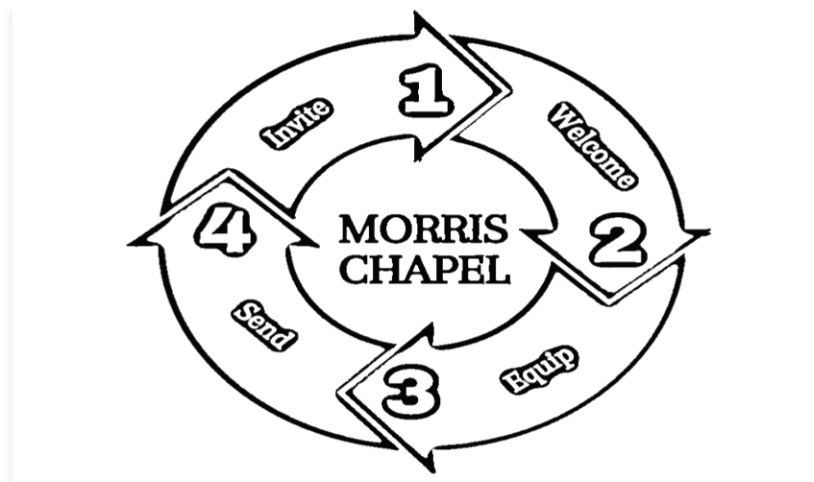
**Vacation Bible School June 8-11 from 6 – 8 PM** –We’ll explore Ireland’s lush landscapes as our kids learn how to cross from anxiety to peace, from fear to faith, and from uncertainty to a firm foundation in God’s Word through a relationship with the Good Shepherd. Mark your calendar and get ready for an Irish adventure through Psalm 23! Parents, please check in with Krystle Ray.

**For the good of the church**

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

**“Discipleship Matters” Sermon Series.** Going back to the days of Jesus, there have been those who answered his invitation to “follow me” with lukewarm interest – the ones who heard his message but then just moved on with life as usual. It’s also true that others have taken the message of Jesus to heart. These are *authentic disciples* – the ones who devote their lives to the ways of the Master. This sermon series by Pastor Kevin will begin on June 7.

**The Disciple Path of Morris Chapel: INVITE – WELCOME – EQUIP – SEND**



If you’d like to know more about this, please ask Pastor Kevin.

## Keep these in your prayers

**New this week:** Linda Greer, Joseph Kilcullen

Perry Campbell Peggy Danielsen Amber Ellis Samson Hinson Julie Johnson	Nancy Johnson Charles Maddox Warren Lewis Rhonda McNeill	Ron & Peggy Scott Susie Pierce Larry Sharpe 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 – 79**

<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings: 05/17/2026</b>	
<b>Needed Each Week:</b>	<b>\$ 4,049.40</b>
<b>Received Last Week:</b>	<b>\$ 3,717.92</b>

*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.

	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Children's Lesson</b>	<b>Lay Readers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Communion Servers</b>
<b>May 24</b>	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Krystle Ray	Bryson Baker	Drew Burris Garry Rosser	Janice Holder	
<b>May 31</b>	Ian Carter Callen Morris	Stacey Burris	George Orlovsky	Dan Wissinger Jake Wissinger	Gail Thomas	
<b>June 7</b>	Ellie Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Kevin Seymour	Manuela Seymour	Todd Pace Nash Pace	Linda Dilley	Steve Huepper Marian Huepper
<b>June 14</b>	Rylee Ray Callen Morris	Krystle Ray	Steve Huepper	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	George Orlovsky	

**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.