

**Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings**

**Offertory**

† **Doxology**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. (Repeat)  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong!" Let the poor say, "I am rich  
because of what the Lord has done for us!" (Repeat)  
Give thanks. Give thanks.

**Sharing our prayer concerns**

**Musical interlude**

**Prayers for the Church and the world**

**SENDING FORTH**

† **Hymn**

*"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

**# 400**

† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

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

Do all the good you can,  
by all the means you have,  
in all the ways you can,  
in all the places you can,  
at all times you can,  
to all the people you can,  
for so long as you ever can.  
-- John Wesley



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Worship Celebration 9:30 AM

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

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**The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour**

Pastor

**Nancy Martinez**

Assistant to the District Superintendent

# A Service of the Word

First Sunday in Lent  
February 18, 2024 9:30 AM

On this First Sunday in Lent, the scripture lessons remind us that God is in the business of doing new things. The prophet Isaiah proclaims God's plan to do new things by bringing life to places that are destitute and dry. God promises to provide waters of life so all creation would give God praise. In the Book of Acts, the Holy Spirit does a new thing as Lydia and her entire household were baptized by the Apostle Paul.

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

### Ringing the Church bell

### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude**                      *"God So Loved the World"*                      **Leslie Orlovsky**  
by John Stainer, arranged by Albin C. Whitworth.

**Choral Praise**                      *"Baptized in Water"*                      **Choir**

### † Call to Worship

Come let us sing unto the Lord!  
**We bow down and worship the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

Send up a shout of great joy to the Rock who saves us.  
**Precious is the name of the Lord Jesus!**

Let the Holy Spirit come upon us today!  
**We'll sing it until our final rest: Father, Son, and Spirit be blessed.**

### † Opening Prayer

Loving Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we know ourselves to be your beloved children as we hear your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

† **Hymn**                      *"This is the Spirit's Entry Now"*                      **# 608**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

<b>Old Testament Lesson</b>	<b>Isaiah 43:14-21</b>	<b>Steve Huepper</b>
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>"Come Be Baptized"</i>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Children's Lesson</b>		<b>Stacey Burris</b>
<b>New Testament Lesson</b>	<b>Acts 16:11-16</b>	
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>"We Do Our Best and God Does the Rest"</i>	<b>Kevin Seymour</b>

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† **Hymn**                      *"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"*                      **#605**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving, The Lord's Prayer

### The Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Glory to God! Amen!**

**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**                      **#33**

**Jason Morton**

### Congregational Commitment

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround him with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his trust of God, and be found faithful in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

### Congregational Welcome

**Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.**

**MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – February 18, 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!

**Easter Cantata** practice is underway. If you still wish to join in see Jerry Keith for music. All are welcome.

**The FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE** is preparing a traditional St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Wednesday, March 13 at 5:00PM. Please sign up early as we'll need at least a week's notice! Thank you

**Pastor's Tuesday Bible Study** is an extension of the Sunday Sermon! Come at 10:00 to learn more. Come when you can! Every week is a different topic so you are never “behind” in this study. Come & see....

**Pastor Kevin will be speaking** at St. Luke UMC's Community Lenten Series on Wednesday March 6 at noon. All are invited for worship and for lunch. Please call St. Luke at 919-776-2012 if you plan to attend so that the hosts will know how many to expect. 2916 Wicker St., Sanford.

**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 what you wish to have listed by Wednesday morning. Thanks!

**New Site: Accessing Sunday Sermons** is as easy as going on Facebook. Refresh your memory, rethink the messages, be enriched again. May God bless your interest and devotion! Here is the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/MorrisChapelUnitedMethodistChurch>

**PARISH NOTICES**

**February is Black History Month** Go to [nccumc.org/media-center/](http://nccumc.org/media-center/) for books, DVDs, online video series, etc. that relate Black history in the UMC and in our larger culture. Many other educational and informational topics are available thru the Media Center so avail yourself of these free resources!

**Consider UMC Laity Courses** offered either through Zoom meetings or in person. Courses assist interested Christians in becoming Certified Lay Servants, Lay Speakers, or Lay Ministers. Visit [nccumc.org/laity/](http://nccumc.org/laity/) for explanations and available classes and locations in the upcoming months.

***Announcements: by noon on Wednesdays to Laurel Parker at [laurelparker@charter.net](mailto:laurelparker@charter.net) or (919) 271-0963***

***AND Mavis Harper at [mavisharper1944@gmail.com](mailto:mavisharper1944@gmail.com) or (919) 770-0489.***

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

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sherry Baucom <b>Vickie Buchanan</b> Crystal Burichin Joey Campbell Kristie Casterlin Congregational Unity Jimmy Clifton <b>Family of Linda Cox</b> <b>Donna Fancher</b> <b>Jackie Fitch</b> <b>Jeff Hartman</b> Ron Hartman <b>Beth Hedging</b>	Mark Hickman Jimmie Holt Teresa Ingram Ann Jackson <b>Family of Chris Johnson</b> Evan & Leslie Johnson Nancy Johnson <b>Family of Jimmy Jones</b> Margaret Kilcullen Jeff Ludewig Charles Maddox Maude Maloney	<b>Five Marines killed</b> Ashley McBurnett Ann McLeod Maxine McLeod Rhonda McNeill <b>George Orlovsky</b> Mike Phillips Susie Pierce Helen Rogers <b>Family of Milton Rosser</b> Anna Sanfilippo Shirley Salmon	<b>Ron &amp; Peggy Scott</b> Becky Seymour Kyle Smith Kenneth Spivey Lisa Stafford Joyce Key Thomas United States of America <b>Harry Vasselion</b> Pam Vaughan Jimmy Womack Bob & Sandy Woolston
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### Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings

Attendance 2/11/24 83

Tithes & Offerings as of: 02/11/2024	
2024 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 22,188.27
2024 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 44,692.01
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 22,503.74

## 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.

Feb	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
<b>18</b>	Paisley Kilmer Teagen Kilmer	Stacey Burris	Steve Huepper	Jack Harper George Orlovsky	Gary Maddox Goerge Orlovsky	
<b>25</b>	JC Ray Bryson Baker	Krystle Ray	Leslie Orlovsky	Justin Ray JC Ray	Terrena Shelton Danny Baker	
<b>Mar 3</b>	Jason Morton Calleigh Baker	Stacey Burris	Peggy Baker	Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Richard Angel Pat Angel	Kevin Seymour Manuela Seymour Steve Huepper Marian Huepper
<b>10</b>	Rylee Ray Bryson Baker	Gillian Hubley	Isabelle Sturgill	Richard Angel Wayne Stack	Carolyn Saucier Janice Holder	
<b>17</b>	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Richard Angel	Douglas Currin	Jason Morton Danny Baker	Drew Burris Laurel Parker	

**After Service treats in the Fellowship Hall are being provided by Gail and Travis Thomas and Crystal Burichin. Thank you!**