

Offertory

a child and youth member shall bring forth the offering

**Jesus loves me he will stay close beside me all the way;
If I love him when I die, he will take me home on high.
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

Musical interlude

SENDING FORTH

“Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love”

UMH No. 422

† Benediction

† Postlude

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

Faithful Cross! Above all other,
One and only noble Tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thy peer may be;
Sweetest wood and sweetest iron!
Sweetest weight it hung on thee.

---*Venantius Fortunatus*, 6th century

A new season of ministry has begun and so it's time to for new opportunities to grow in our faith in God and revive our desire to serve others.

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners - of whom I am the worst.

1 Timothy 1:15

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Worship Service 9:30 AM

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

The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton

Raleigh Area Bishop

The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour

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A Service of the Word

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 21, 2025 9:30 AM

In his letter to young Timothy, the Apostle Paul marvels at God’s overflowing grace that redeemed him – he who was once a blasphemer and violent persecutor of God’s people. And yet, Paul gives thanks to God who has “called me to this ministry.”

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Prelude *"name"* Carl Sykes

Choral Praise *“O How He Loves Me”* Choir

† Call to Worship *adapted from Charles Wesley’s “And Can it Be that I Should Gain”*

He left the Father’s throne above, and emptied himself of all but love.
Amazing love, how can it be, that thou, my God should die for me?

Our chains fell off, and now we’re free.
‘Tis mercy all, immense and free.

No condemnation shall we dread; Clothed in righteousness is Christ, our head.
Approaching the throne, we claim the crown through Christ, our own.
Amen.

† Prayer

We are gathered here in your church, Lord Jesus, because you were relentless in your determination to come to each one of us and invite us to join in your work and your way. We give you thanks that you love us enough to overcome our defenses and resistance to come meet us where we are. You have revealed yourself to us so that knowing your will we may follow you. **Amen.**

† Hymn *“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”* UMH No. 66

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson	Psalms 14	Steve Huepper
Anthem	<i>“Where Could I Go?”</i>	Choir
Children’s Lesson		Krystle Ray
New Testament Lesson	1 Timothy 1:12-17	
Sermon		Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Prayer of Response

Most Holy God, we don’t always know why you picked us and not someone else to be your representatives. We know our limitations and our weaknesses, and yet you still call us to your good purposes. Grant to us today a fresh understanding of our responsibility to boldly tell the truth you want us to tell in this, your world. Amen.

† Hymn *“Amazing Grace”* UMH No. 378

† Affirmation of Faith *“The Apostles’ Creed”* UMH 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.

Announcements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

WELCOME TO MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

~ This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! ~

This week at Morris Chapel

Sunday – Worship service @ 930 AM.

Pastor's Bible Study – Tuesday at 10 AM.

Choir rehearsal – Wednesday night at 6:30 PM.

On the Horizon

September 28 -- snack time after worship will be hosted by the Fellowship Committee. See **Carol Martell**.

Children & Youth, Oct. 1. Young disciples of all ages will meet on Wednesday night (10/1) from 6 – 7 PM.

Giving Thanks

THANK YOU, to all who came and participated in the Homecoming celebration this year with “John Wesley.” In a time when we honor the heritage of this flock, we also honored our Methodist heritage as BJ Johnston portrayed John Wesley’s ministry. Thanks also to the many hands who made it happen. Indeed, Morris Chapel shows up for each other and works well together. Always grateful, *Pastor Kevin*.

Acolyte Spotlight



Jase Burris

Our Acolyte Spotlight this week is on Jase Burris, the son of Drew & Stacey Burris and older brother to Cole. Jase will turn 7 in October. Here's some of Jase's favorites: sport, basketball; hobbies, driving the lawn mower & riding his bike & swinging high on his playground. His favorite subject at school is “playground” 😊. The teacher Jase so loves the best at school is Ms. Norman. At the table he prefers cheese dip + ACP and chocolate cupcakes afterward. Best game: bowling on the wii. The Burris family's new favorite on TV is Duck Dynasty. Jase also loves to listen to “his” music when he's playing outside, swinging, or riding in the car. He loves to help do pretty much anything: cook, mow grass, tinker with lawn mowers and wood-working in Grand-pa's shop. Say hello to Jase and let him know how delighted you are that he makes worship so special with his participation.

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Fred Spivey.
Family of Mary Ann Faebel.

Peggy Baker Jeff Cummings Peggy Danielsen Mike Garcia Elva Hall	Dennis Hartman Lewis Hartman Bobby Holder Laura Holder Gillain Hubley	Nancy Johnson Charles Maddox Nancy McDuffie Rhonda McNeill Laurel Parker	Susie Pierce Danielle Rachko Ron & Peggy Scott Shelby Truelove Louise Walker
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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.

Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings

Attendance last Sunday: 89

Tithes & Offerings as of: 09/07/2025	
2025 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 140,604.18
2025 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 150,488.39
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 9,884.21

Let none appear before the Lord empty-handed; all shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you. – Deuteronomy 16:17.

Earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can. – *John Wesley.*

Serving in Worship

	Acolytes	Children's Lesson	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
Sept. 21	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Krystle Ray	Steve Huepper	Justin Ray JC Ray	Gail Thomas	
Sept. 28	Ian Carter Isabelle Sturgill	Stacey Burris	Leslie Orlovsky	Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Janice Holder	
Oct. 5	Callen Morris Jase Burris	Kevin Seymour	Rylee Ray	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Linda Dilley	Paisley Kilmer Carol Martell
Oct. 12	Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Krystle Ray	Jason Kilmer	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	George Orlovsky	
Oct. 19	JC Ray Bryson Baker	Stacey Burris	Calleigh Baker	Jason Kilmer Dan Wissinger	Danny Baker	
Oct. 26	Calleigh Baker Lincoln Brewer	Kevin Seymour	Isabelle Sturgill	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Marian Huepper	

Notice to all who are scheduled to serve -- 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.