

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† **Doxology**

**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!**

SENDING FORTH

Musical Selection

"Let the Grave Be Opened"

Bill Gross

† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

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

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness, the passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.
--by St. John of Damascus (ca. 750)



**MORRIS CHAPEL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Worship Celebration 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

Pastor

The Resurrection of our Lord

Easter Sunday
April 25, 2025 9:30 AM

Today is Easter Sunday, the Day of Resurrection. Through Christ's life, death, and resurrection, life-giving waters, like the four rivers that flowed from Paradise, flow toward us all. When Jesus overcame the sting of death, all the faithful ones forevermore were given hope of eternal life.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ring the Church bell

Prelude *"Christ is Risen, Alleluia!"*

† Hymn of Praise *"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"* UMH No. 302
(verses 1 - 4)

† Opening Sentences

Jesus our Lord has risen from pain and death and torture, we know now that whatever may befall us, Christ our Lord will console us! Alleluia!

Christ is our Passover.
He passed over from death to life.

Christ the Lord is risen today!
He is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

† Opening Prayer

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

† 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.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Lesson **Richard Angel**

† Gospel Lesson **John 20:11-18**

Homily **Kevin Seymour**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Easter Cantata *"He Lives"* **Morris Chapel Choir**

† The Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!
Glory to God, Amen!

All are invited to greet those beside you with signs of peace.

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

Tuesday – Memorial Service for Rita Schroeder, 11 AM.

Wednesday – Choir practice, 630 PM.

Sunday – Worship service @ 930 AM, fellowship time, and then Sunday School.

For the good of the Church

Collection for Haven House. Ongoing through Easter Sunday. We will receive personal care items for our neighbors who have had to leave abusive home situations. The residents need cleaning supplies, towels & wash cloths, and personal care / bath items for ladies. Collection will be in the Fellowship Hall. **See Crystal Burichin.**

Easter Candy Sale –The Media Sunday School Class is selling home-made treats on the front lawn and in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service today through Easter Sunday. **\$5.00 a bag.** Your generous support will help the Methodist Home for Children care for orphans and foster kids in our area. Your generosity is appreciated.

Farewell to Margaret & Fred. A dinner to honor the witness and service of Margaret & Fred Spivey will be held on Saturday, April 26 @ 4 PM. The Spivey's are relocating and the church will bid them farewell.

Chat with Pastor Kevin -- Sunday at 10:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Is there something you'd like to know more about in our ministry together?

Would you like to know your Pastor a little better?

Perhaps you'd like to arrange for a time to discuss a matter of pastoral care.

All are welcome to come and chat with the Pastor today at 10:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

Missions and Outreach

Blankets for neglected and abused children. It will soon be time for us to tie some more blankets for the Child Advocacy Center in Harnett County. This will be a continuing effort to meet the nurtured needs of God's children who have come into harm's way. If you wish to offer financial support, make your check to Morris Chapel and indicate "blankets" on the memo line. See **Karen Rosser** if you'd like to tie some blankets.

Local charities--Morris Chapel provides annual financial support to the following: The Breadbasket, Christians United Outreach Center, El Refugio, Family Promise of Lee Co., Haven House, and the Helping Hand Clinic.

Family Promise Fundraiser. May 20 at the Elks Lodge in Sanford, 5:30-7:30 PM.

Tickets are \$25 each -- food tasting, raffle, and silent auction. Call 919-718-1540.

Keep these in your prayers

Peggy Baker Christina Black Noah Clifton Mike Cortez Peggy Danielsen Greg Davison Michaela Flynn	Pam Gillis Elva Hall Warren Lewis Maude Maloney Evan Johnson Nancy Johnson Nancy McDuffie	Rhonda McNeill Laurel Parker Susie Pierce Valerie Robertino Danielle, Bill, and Nora Jean Rachko Johnny Ray Margaret & Fred Spivey	Ron & Peggy Scott Paul Sodergren Marilyn Stevens Pat Stone Pam Vaughan Western NC Bob Woolston
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Prayer requests may be sent to Pastor Kevin at kseymour@nccumc.org, or just call / text 919-802-8286. If any matter is close to your heart, it is never too big or small for the God we love and adore.

Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings

Attendance 4/13/25 **83**

Tithes & Offerings as of: 04/13/2025	
2025 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 58,585.07
2025 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 80,985.27
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 22,400.20

Our budget is raised to meet the operational needs of the church and it provides for missional giving.
See Finance Chair Stacey Burris if you have questions about church finances.

Serving in Worship

	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
April 20	Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Richard Angel		Danny Baker Donnie Carter	Pat Angel	
April 27	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Stacey Burris	Manuela Seymour	Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Janice Holder	
May 4	Callen Morris Jase Burris	Gillian Hubley	Calleigh Baker	Richard Angel Wayne Stack	Linda Dilley	Paisely Kilmer George Orlovsky
May 11	Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Manuela Seymour	Isabelle Sturgill	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	George Orlovsky	

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.