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!

Announcements

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

SENDING FORTH

† Hymn "America" UMH No. 697

† Benediction

† Postlude

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



Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.

Weigh my heart, summon me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me. I give no offense with my mouth as others do; I have heeded the words of your lips.

--Psalm 17



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The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour

Raleigh Area Bishop Pastor

A Service of the Word

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost November 9, 2025

The scripture lessons for today look to the future and the redemption the living God provides. In the Second Letter to the Thessalonians, the church receives encouragement in waiting on the coming Day of the Lord. Luke's gospel carries with it a word of critique, as the Sadducees query about the resurrection. Jesus's response to their questioning demonstrates the ways the resurrection disrupts commonly held beliefs, desires, and ways of imagining the future

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Greeting

Prelude "Holy Art Thou"

Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise "Make Us One"

Choir

† Call to Worship

Sing praises to the Lord; Shout aloud and sing for joy!

Great things he has done; let his name be known in all the earth!

Arise, shine out, your light has come.

The light is Jesus Christ; God the Father's one and only son.

Surely God is our salvation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen!

† Prayer

God of everlasting glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of hell and death. Fill your church this day with hope. Keep before the new day that has dawned by your life-giving Spirit. Open for us all over again the way to life in our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

† Hymn

"Come, Ye Thankful People Come"

UMH No. 694

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

New Testament Lesson 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5 Inge Hersman

Anthem "Sinner Saved by Grace"

Children's Lesson Stacey Burris

† Gospel Lesson Luke 20:27-38

Sermon "Children of the Resurrection" Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" UMH No. 529

† Affirmation of Faith UMH No. 888

Leader:

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

People:

Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit.

Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

LCOME 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 @ 10:30; Sunday School at 11. Monday – Scholarship Committee will meet at 6 30 PM. Wednesday – Choir Rehearsal, 630 PM.

For the good of the church

Missions Committee Meeting November 13 at 630 PM.

Church Council Meeting – November 24 @ 7PM. The Church Council is the leadership team responsible for planning out our church ministries. All are invited to speak to Council Chair Danny Baker or Lay Leader Karen Rosser if you have questions about Morris Chapel.

Giving Thanks – I give thanks to God for the spirits and hearts of Morris Chapel. By the grace of our loving God the talents and desires of every heart come together week by week in a beautiful and faithful response to the One who has called us out of the darkness and into his marvelous light. For your patience and forbearance with me in times when my faults come to light, and for your loving kindness toward one another in the great cause of advancing the Kingdom of God, Thanks be to God. Pastor Kevin.

Decorations for Advent / Christmas. The first Sunday of Advent will be November 30, so preparations for Advent / Christmas will be made after the worship service on Nov. 23. See Peggy Baker (sanctuary) or Marcia Garcia (fellowship hall) if you're planning to help.

Missions

The Angel Tree is now in the Fellowship Hall. Please help a needy child's Christmas wish come true by removing one or more gift tags and purchasing the gifts listed. All gifts need to be wrapped and returned to the Angel Tree by December 7. Directions are on the tags. Questions? Please contact Karen Rosser (910-705-2766) or Linda Stack (724-831-8740).

Coat Drive --for children at local elementary schools. New coats only -- sizes small (6) to XL (16) boys and girls. See Karen Rosser.

Toys for Tots. Collection boxes are in the Fellowship Hall until December 14.

Thanksgiving dinner is provided to local families by Love Grove AME Zion Church.

Morris Chapel supplies cranberry sauce and gravy for 180 boxed dinners to feed needy neighbors.

Hurricane Helene / **UMCOR.** A little over a year ago, communities across the southeast U.S. were left devastated by Hurricane Helene. At least 250 lives were lost, countless homes were destroyed, and entire towns were swept away. When the waters receded and the winds calmed, United Methodists were there, providing immediate relief to those impacted through the coordination of UMCOR-trained Early Response Teams (ERTs), the distribution of UMCOR relief supplies, and nearly \$400k in UMCOR relief grants. Morris Chapel sent nearly \$12,000 and 2 truckloads of supplies.

For the next three years, recovery grants will strengthen United Methodist response coordination and provide long-term help to those who need it most. Anticipated impact over the next three years: \$2.4 million in recovery grants; 1,265 households supported; 6,760 volunteers; 385 homes rebuilt.

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Morgan Baker.

Jeff Cummings	Dennis Hartman	Nancy McDuffie	Shelby Truelove	
Mandy Dalrymple	Lewis Hartman	Rhonda McNeill	Louise Walker	
Peggy Danielsen	Edith Howard	Robert Mudd	Dave Whitney	
Bill Farwick	Nancy Johnson	Kathy Pembroke	Bob Woolston	
Elva Hall	Jared Lett	Susie Pierce	Sandy Woolston	
Bryant Hickman	Dano Linehan	Ron & Peggy Scott	Betty Zann	
_	Charles Maddox	Donna Sloan		

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: 101

2025 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 171,849.55
2025 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 179,156.17
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 7,306.62

Given to each of us is the opportunity to fully participate in God's good work by supporting the ministries of Morris Chapel in the most generous manner that you can.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 107:1. Do good, be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share. 1 Timothy 6:18

Serving in Worship

	Acolytes	Children's Lesson	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
Nov. 9	Jase Burris Callen Morris	Stacey Burris	Inge Hersman	Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Donnie Carter	
Nov. 16	Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Krystle Ray	Bryson Baker	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Crystal Burichin	
Nov. 23	Rylee Ray Callen Morris	Stacey Burris	George Orlovksy	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Gail Thomas	
Nov. 30	Calleigh Baker Lincoln Brewer	Krystle Ray	Manuela Seymour	Jason Kilmer Dan Wissinger	Janice Holder	
Dec. 7	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Stacey Burris	Steve Huepper	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Linda Dilley	Rylee Ray Calleigh Baker
Dec. 14	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Krystle Ray	Leslie Orlovsky	Justin Ray JC Ray	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.