

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!**

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH No. 9

Sharing the bread and the cup

Prayer following Communion

SENDING FORTH

† **Hymn**

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord ”

UMH No. 540

† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

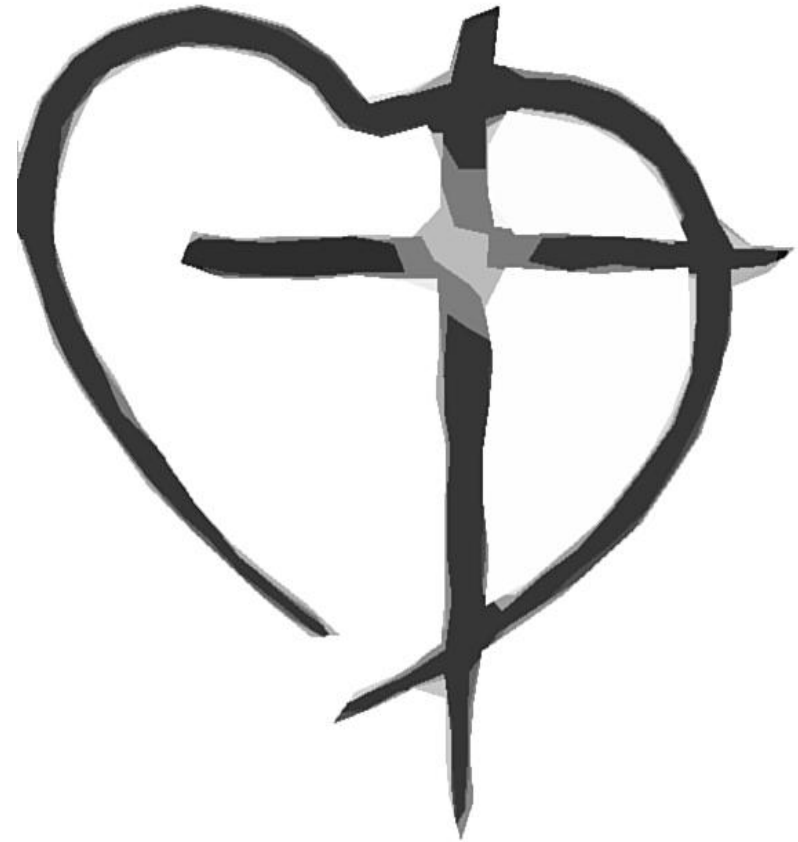
†The congregation is invited to stand, as you are able.



Blest are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs,
Their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul,
He doth himself impart;
And for his cradle and his throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.

-- by Walford Davies (1864-1941)



**MORRIS CHAPEL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Service of Worship 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time 10:30 AM | Sunday School 11:00 AM

The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton
Raleigh Area Bishop

The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour
Pastor

A Service of Word and Table

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 2025 9:30 AM

In this morning's Old Testament lesson, God calls Jeremiah and commissions him as a prophet to the nations. The Lord promises to be with Jeremiah whatever comes his way as the proclaimer of God's word. In Luke, Jesus tells the crowd, "no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town," and the congregation is then "filled with rage" at his sermon.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"Meditation on 'Toplady'"* **Leslie Orlovsky**

Choral Praise *"Praise the Name of Jesus"*

† Call to Worship

Holy Father, we call out to you now.

We are your children, send your blessing upon us.

Holy Son, your word is truth.

Lord Jesus, we need your mercy. Show us compassion and patience.

Holy Spirit, give us strength to honor you.

To you, Holy Trinity, is all blessing, honor, and praise!

† Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, you stood before the congregation in Nazareth and spoke words the people did not want to hear. Give to us the spirit of courage so we may speak truth, even when truth is not welcomed. Let us have the courage of your convictions, Lord Jesus, so that all who are deaf may have ears to hear the good news. **Amen.**

† **Hymn** *"O How I Love Jesus"* **UMH No. 170**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson **Jeremiah 4:1-10** **Manuela Seymour**

Anthem *"Holy"*

Children's Lesson **Richard Angel**

† **Gospel Lesson** **Luke 4:20-30**

Sermon *"When the Trouble Starts"* **Kevin Seymour**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

† Words of Assurance

† **Pardon** In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
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† **The Peace** May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Glory to God, Amen!

† **Hymn of Response** *"Lead On, O King Eternal"* **UMH No. 580**

Consecration of the blankets

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

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

Tuesday – “Sunday’s Coming” Faith Formation class with Pastor Kevin. 10 AM.

Wednesday – Choir practice, 6:30 PM.

Thursday – Methodist Men.

Saturday – Valentine’s Dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday – Worship Service at 9:30 AM, Fellowship with snacks and coffee at 10:30, Sunday School at 11.

For the good of the Church

Valentine’s Dinner, February 8. See Crystal Burichin for tickets.

The Methodist Men will meet on February 6. Greg Vorholt 586-201-0687.

Morris Chapel’s Trustees attend to the building & grounds, and see to the proper use of church property. See Gary Rosser if you have questions or concerns.

Missions and Outreach

T-shirts and blankets will be donated to the South Mountain Children & Family Advocacy Center in Harnett County to meet the immediate nurtured needs of neglected and abused children. To make a donation to offset the costs, please note “blankets” on your check to Morris Chapel. See Karen Rosser or Sarah Kilmer.

Family Promise – Meals are provided to families whose housing situation is in transition. Morris Chapel’s turn is coming up in March. See Karen Rosser.

Disaster Response, ERT Training – Training will be offered at various locations to equip volunteers to join Early Response Teams. ERTs assist survivors without causing further harm or being a burden to the affected community. See Bill Gross or take a look at: <https://nccumc.org/disaster/training/>

Faith formation

Sunday School classes are now ready for children. Teachers are in place waiting for your precious children, so be sure to bring them by for lessons. Growing up in God’s word is a blessing. Two adult classes are offered every Sunday also.

Pastor Kevin’s class “Sunday’s Coming” meets every Tuesday at 10 AM. All are welcome.

Fellowship

January birthdays: 1/2 Phyllis Poe, Shirley Spivey; 1/3 Margaret Spivey; 1/8 Melanie Wissinger; 1/11 Drew Burris, Sandra Klump; 1/12 Phil Spivey; 1/13 Deb Callodonato; 1/28 Greg Vorholt; 1/31 Bryson Baker.

February birthdays: 2/2 Gail Carucci; 2/9 Mary Alice Hudson, Laurel Parker; 2/11 Gail Thomas; 2/15 George Orlovsky; 2/18 Penny Novak; 2/19 Carol Martell; 2/21 Daniel Baker; 2/22 Georgia Thomas; 2/23 Ian Carter.

Birthday Cake will be served in the Fellowship Hall today following our worship service.

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Jeff Cummings, Shannon Hudson, Jackson Snipes, Joanna Vassilion.

Condolences: Families of Wesley Angel, Rich Sauppe.

Ongoing Concerns:

Peggy Danielsen Deb Callodonato Donna Callodonato Richard Campbell	Edwin Foushee Henry Hall Shannon Hudson Maude Maloney	Carol Martell Rhonda McNeill Susie Pierce LeVonda Richardson	Valerie Robertino Ron & Peggy Scott Erica Taylor Pam Vaughan
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Prayer requests may be sent to Pastor Kevin at kseymour@nccumc.org, or just call / text 919-802-8286 any time at all. If any matter is close to your heart, it is never too big or small for the God we love and adore. Let me hear from you.

Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings

Attendance 01/26/25 **91**

Tithes & Offerings as of: 01/26/2025	
2025 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 15,622.69
2025 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 28,696.52
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 13,073.83

The church budget is raised to meet our basic operating expenses.
See Finance Chair Stacey Burris if you have questions.

Serving in Worship

	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
Feb. 2	Callen Morris Jase Burris	Richard Angel	Manuela Seymour	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Gail Thomas	Krystle Ray Rylee Ray
Feb. 9	Paisley & Teagan Kilmer	Krystle Ray	Ian Carter	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Janice Holder	
Feb. 16	JC Ray Bryson Baker	Stacey Burris	Calleigh Baker	Jason Kilmer Dan Wissinger	Margaret Spivey	
Feb. 23	Calleigh Baker Lincoln Brewer	Gillian Hubley	Isabelle Sturgill	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Linda Dilley	
March 2	Rylee Ray Bryson Baker	Manuela Seymour	Doug Currin	Justin Ray JC Ray	George Orlovsky	Donnie Carter Sandra Carter

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.