

Sharing prayer concerns

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the bread and the cup

Prayer following Communion

UMH No. 9

SENDING FORTH

† **Hymn**

“Standing on the Promises”

UMH No. 374

† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

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

Help us, help us, O Lord.
For with thee is fount of life.
In thy light shall we see light.
Let us march and try our ways.
Turn to God.

It is good that man should wait.
It is good that man should hope,
hope for the salvation of the Lord.



JESUS WITH MARY AND MARTHA

**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

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025 9:30 AM

On this Fifth 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. John reminds us that the path from the old to the new involves Jesus's death. John tells the story of Mary pouring costly perfume on Jesus's feet, a sign of his preparation for death that makes a way for new life for all.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Agnus Dei" Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise "Jesus Draw Me Close"

† Call to Worship

The Lord makes a way through the rough waters of life.
God gives us new starts, and new paths to take together.

Behold! God is doing a new thing!
We celebrate God's new creations in our midst!

† Opening Prayer

God of grace, we confess that we are guilty of assuming that we know better than anyone else. Forgive us for looking down on the choices that others make. Forgive our selfish ways and cleanse our impure motives. Help us to focus on you, O Lord, and press on to the high calling of making you the Lord of our lives.
Amen.

† Hymn "Oh, How I Love Jesus" UMH No. 170

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 43:16-21 Steve Huepper

Anthem "Broken and Spilled Out"

Children's Lesson Manuela Seymour

† Gospel Lesson John 12:1-8

Sermon "Extravagant Response" Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

† The Peace May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Glory to God, Amen!

† Hymn of Response "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH No. 577

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† Doxology OLD HUNDRETH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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

Wednesday – Choir practice, 6:30 PM.

Sunday – Worship Service at 9:30 AM, Fellowship with birthday cake at 10:30, Sunday School at 11.

For the good of the Church

Scholarship applications must be received by Sunday April 20 (Easter). See Danny Baker.

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.

Holy Week Services: Palm / Passion Sunday 4/13, featuring a Palm procession by the Morris Chapel children; Maundy Thursday 4/17, 7 PM @ Broadway UMC; Good Friday, 7 PM @ Morris Chapel; Easter Sunrise 730 AM on the front lawn; Breakfast @ 8 AM; Easter Sunday worship @ 930 AM featuring Choir Cantata “*He Lives.*”

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.

Faith Formation

Pastor Kevin’s Tuesday morning class will not be meeting for a while. We’re taking a break so all can get healthy again, and to determine if there’s interest in future classes. Please let Pastor know your thoughts. Thank you.

Fellowship

April Birthdays – Donna Maddox, Donna Carter, Rylee Ray, Walt Hersman, Gillian Hubley, Ron Mercer. Birthday cake will be shared today following the worship service.

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Peggy Baker, Marshall Garcia, Pam Gillis, Warren Lewis, Danielle, Bill, and Nora Jean Rachko, Paul Sodergren, Pat Stone.

Condolences: Families of Mark Cole, Nellie Gillis, Viola Hart.

Ongoing Concerns:

Christina Black Noah Clifton Mike Cortez Peggy Danielsen Greg Davison Michaela Flynn	Elva Hall Maude Maloney Barry Mann Nancy Johnson Rhonda McNeill Laurel Parker	Susie Pierce Janie Ray Johnny Ray Valerie Robertino Ron & Peggy Scott Margaret & Fred Spivey	Marilyn Stevens Pam Summers 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 3/30/25 **73**

Tithes & Offerings as of: 03/30/2025	
2025 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 50,773.73
2025 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 74,669.43
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 23,895.70

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 6	Calleigh Baker Lincoln Brewer	Manuela Seymour	Steve Huepper	Jason Kilmer Dan Wissinger	Richard Angel	Isabelle Sturgill George Orlovsky
April 13	Bryson Baker JC Ray	Richard Angel	Leslie Orlovsky	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Crystal Burichin	
April 20	Rylee Ray Bryson Baker	Krystle Ray	Jason Kilmer	Justin Ray JC Ray		
April 27	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Stacey Burris	Ian Carter	Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Janice Holder	

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.