

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world, the Lord's Prayer

**SENDING FORTH**

† Hymn "Victory in Jesus" UMH No. 370

† Benediction

† Postlude

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

Listen sweet dove unto my song,  
and spread thy golden wings in me;  
hatching my tender heart so long,  
till it get wing and flie away with thee.

Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow  
the earth did like a heav'n appeare,  
the starres were coming down to know  
if they might mend their wages and serve here.  
The sunne which once did shine alone,  
hung down his head and wisht for night,  
when he beheld twelve sunnes for one  
going about the world and giving light.

Lord though we change thou art the same,  
the same sweet God of love and light:  
restore this day for thy great name,  
unto his ancient and miraculous right.  
-- by *George Herbert (1593 - 1633)*



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Service of Worship | 9:30 AM

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

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Raleigh Area Bishop

**The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour**

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# A Service of the Word

The Third Sunday in Lent  
March 23, 2025

Today's Scripture readings tell us of our need to repent. Isaiah calls us to abandon the scarcity of sin, and turn to the abundance of the Lord's righteousness. In 1 Corinthians, Paul teaches the Corinthian church and us to learn from Israel's history and trust in God's faithfulness. We are invited to be released from all that binds us by asking for God's forgiveness.

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude                      *"When I Survey"*                      Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise                      *"Jesus Draw Me Close"*

† Call to Worship

How shall they hear the Father?  
**By us the truth is told!**

In whose name shall we rejoice?  
**We speak of Christ with life and voice!**

Holy Spirit, Holy Father, Holy Son:  
**We praise you Holy Three-in-One!**

† Opening Prayer

Most Holy God, we have come poor and needy. We are weak and we are wounded. We are sick and we are sore. Our faith in Jesus brings us once again to pray that he stands for us, full of pity for us, with the power of saving love.  
**Amen.**

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

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

New Testament Lesson                      **1 Corinthians 10:1-13**                      **George Orlovksy**

Anthem                      *"Be Thou My Vision"*

Children's Lesson                      **Stacey Burris**

Old Testament Lesson                      **Isaiah 55:1-9**

Sermon                      **Kevin Seymour**

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Prayer of Confession

**God of unbound mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride. We see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen**

† Words of Assurance and Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

† Hymn of Response                      *"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*                      **UMH No. 381**

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**

Tuesday – “Sunday’s Coming” study and discussion class with Pastor Kevin, 10 AM.

Wednesday – Choir practice, 6:30 PM.

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**

**The Media Sunday School Class will meet today.** Class members are encouraged to be mindful of the importance to gather together. Today in the classroom after the worship.

From Hebrews Chapter 10: *“Let us not neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some.”*

See Pat Angel if you have any questions.

**Collection for Haven House.** Beginning next Sunday 3/30, 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 – April 6 & 13.** The Media Sunday School Class will be selling home-made treats on the front lawn and in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service. **\$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.

**Apportionments** – Every year approximately 10 percent of our church budget goes to the NC Conference of the UMC. By forwarding these funds, we are doing our part to support the work of evangelism and human flourishing around the world. New churches are built, missionaries are sent forth, and basic humanitarian needs are met in places far away from here. In combination with the work we do here in our local community, Morris Chapel is always at work in mission down the street and around the globe.

**Missions and Outreach**

Please remember to bring groceries for the **Food Pantry at Love Grove AME Zion Church.** We deliver to Love Grove on the first Sunday of every month.

**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.

**Disaster Ministries Training Academy. April 12 and May 3 at MERCI in Goldsboro.** Learn how to manage a site and/or deployment of volunteers, make initial assessments for early response needs, different response needs and activities related to wildfires, and more!

<https://nccumc.org/disaster/2025/03/disaster-ministries-training-academy/>

**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.

**Fellowship**

**Methodist Men will meet Tuesday, April 1 at 7 PM.** All men attending Morris Chapel are invited.

## Keep these in your prayers

**New this week:** Noah Clifton, Elva Hall, Marilyn Stevens.

**Condolences:** Family of Nancy McCurry.

**Ongoing Concerns:**

Christina Black Mike Cortez Peggy Danielsen Wren Craig Michaela Flynn	Maude Maloney Barry Mann Nancy Johnson Rhonda McNeill Laurel Parker Susie Pierce	Valerie Robertino Ron & Peggy Scott Fred Spivey Linda Stack Pam Summers	Joyce Key Thomas Wayne Thomas Pam Vaughan Western NC Bob Woolston
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**Prayer requests** may be sent to Pastor Kevin at [kseymour@nccumc.org](mailto: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 3/16/25 **61**

Tithes & Offerings as of: 03/16/2025	
2025 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 42,962.39
2025 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 69,896.88
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 26,934.49

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
<b>March 23</b>	Callen Morris Jase Burris	Stacey Burris	George Orlovsky	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	George Orlovsky	
<b>March 30</b>	Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Kevin Seymour	Manuela Seymour	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Donnie Carter	
<b>April 6</b>	Calleigh Baker Lincoln Riley	Manuela Seymour	Steve Huepper	Jason Kilmer Dan Wissinger	Richard Angel	Isabelle Sturgill George Orlovsky
<b>April 13</b>	Bryson Baker JC Ray	Richard Angel	Leslie Orlovsky	Ron Mercer 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.