

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, Alleluia!

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

SENDING FORTH

† Hymn *“I Am Thine, O Lord”* UMH No. 419

† Benediction

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

If you want to get to heaven
... Over on, the other shore
Stay out of the way of the blood-stained bandit —
Oh good shepherd,
Feed my sheep.
One for Paul, one for Silas ...
One for to make, my heart rejoice.
Can't you hear, my lambs a callin'?
Oh good shepherd,
Feed my sheep.
--a traditional folk song



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A Service of the Word

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 2025 9:30 AM

This morning’s Scripture readings speak of the great mercy God extends to us when we wander far away. In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus answers those who question the company he keeps by teaching two parables about seeking what is lost. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who is willing to go in search of the one lost sheep. The apostle Paul acknowledges his grave sin before God, rejoicing in the mercy shown to him in Christ. We too are lost until we find faith in Jesus, and we are invited to receive his love and mercy today.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ring the Church bell

Prelude	<i>"Thanks Be to Thee"</i>	Leslie Orlovsky
Choral Praise	<i>"Make Us One"</i>	Choir

† Call to Worship

Great is the Lord our God!
God is our help from ages past and our hope for the years to come.
Praise be to Jesus the Christ, the Son of the Living God.
He is the shield of salvation, he gave us freedom for our steps.
The Spirit of God hovered over the dark void of chaos.
God’s Word shattered the darkness with the dawning of first light.
The grass withers, the flower fades.
But the Word of the Lord endures forever!
Patient and merciful is the Lord our God.
Let us give thanks and praise! For God’s great love is without end.

† Prayer

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

† Hymn	<i>"God of Grace and God of Glory"</i>	UMH No. 577
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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

New Testament Lesson	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Bryson Baker
Anthem	<i>"Jesus Paid the Highest Price"</i>	
Children’s Lesson		Krystle Ray
† Gospel Lesson	Luke 15:1-10	
Sermon	<i>"Lost"</i>	Doug Currin

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Hymn	<i>"Here I Am, Lord"</i>	UMH No. 593
† Affirmation of Faith	<i>"The Nicene Creed"</i>	UMH No. 880

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and `unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Announcements

Prayer of Thanksgiving, The Lord’s Prayer

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

Sunday – Worship service @ 930 AM; Fellowship @ 10:30; Sunday School at 11.

Tuesday—Pastor's Bible study, 10 AM.

Wednesday –Choir Rehearsal, 630 PM.

For the good of the church

Christmas Party for all the church. December 7 in the afternoon. Details coming soon. See Karen Rosser.

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.

Youth Group at Pilgrimage – Morris Chapel's Youth and Chaperones returned safely from their trip to Pilgrimage last weekend. It was a time of worshipping and fellowshiping with the other Youth Groups in the NC Conference of the UMC. They danced and sang and worked on a project to pack Merci kits, but above all they faithfully engaged with the theme "What's Next?" Many thanks to the chaperones who went along too.

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.

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

Acolyte Spotlight -- Ian Carter

The son of Donna Carter, Ian is a ninth-grader at Central Carolina Academy. He's 14 years old and loves baseball and indeed his favorite subject in school is P.E. 😊 The best food in Ian's world is Grammy's chocolate pie. Best game to play – Forza Horizon Racing. Ian enjoys spending time with his friends at church and spending time with his grand-parents. Be sure to say Hello to Ian and let him know how much his faithful service to the church is appreciated.

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: B. Chapman, Casey Goldberg, Linda McNeill, Morris Chapel Youth, Anthony & Crystal Hall.

Morgan Baker	Dennis Hartman	Nancy McDuffie	Shelby Truelove
Jeff Cummings	Lewis Hartman	Rhonda McNeill	Louise Walker
Mandy Dalrymple	Edith Howard	Robert Mudd	Dave Whitney
Peggy Danielsen	Nancy Johnson	Kathy Pembroke	Bob Woolston
Bill Farwick	Jared Lett	Susie Pierce	Sandy Woolston
Elva Hall	Dano Linehan	Ron & Peggy Scott	Betty Zann
Bryant Hickman	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: 50

Tithes & Offerings as of: 11/09/2025	
2025 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 175,755.22
2025 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 181,997.09
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 6,241.87

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. 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.