

Prayer

from the Book of Common Prayer

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Musical offering

Bill Gross

† Benediction

† Postlude

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

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there no torment shall touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: but they are in peace.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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Worship Service 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

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 2, 2025 9:30 AM

Today is All Saints Sunday, when we give thanks for the worldwide communion of our brothers and sisters in Christ, in past, present, and future ages. In Revelation we are given astonishing insight into the joy of Jesus’s final Kingdom, where death, mourning, crying, and pain will be no more. Jesus is revealed to be the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and end of all creation. He invites us to join him in the heavenly banquet with the family of God by placing our faith in him.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ring the Church Bell

Greeting

Prelude “Panis Angelicus” Leslie Orlovsky

† Call to Worship
Grace and peace in the name of the One who is, who was, and is to come.
Amen!

Let the faithful ones sing glory to God.
Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song.
Let praises ring in the assembly of the faithful.

Peace be unto you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
He is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, the ruler of all kings on earth!

In Christ we set our hope, for he is our salvation.
Sealed with the Holy Spirit, we live for the praise of his glory.

† Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, from age to age you have raised men and women to live and die in the faith. So many times, we forget the ones who have taught us the truth. Forgive our indifference to your will. Look away when we forget the great gift we’ve been given. You have called us to serve, but we want to be served. Forgive us of our pride, and drive us to our knees in humility before you. Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and Peace

† Hymn of Praise “For All the Saints” (verses 1, 4, and 6) UMH No. 711

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson Psalm 44:1-3 Drew Burris

† Hymn “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God” UMH No. 712

Children’s Lesson Krystle Ray

New Testament Lesson Ephesians 4:7-16

Homily Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Presentation of God’s tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† Doxology GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning is now, and every shall be;
World without end, Amen. Amen.

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving UMH No. 9
Sharing the bread and the cup

Naming the Honored Dead Tommy Vaughan
family members and loved ones are invited to come forward and light a candle

All Saints Day
A Service of Remembrance
November 2, 2025

Tommy Vaughan, Reader

Bill Gross, Ringer

Prayer
Reading of the Names of All the Saints

Tommy Vaughan
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Norman Wesley Angel
Lorraine Hickman Armstrong
John Oliver Benson
Roy Eugene Blosser
Donna Marie Callodonato
Paul Hartness Carter
Elisha Amanda Cline
Michael James Davison
Henry “Hank” Descent
Albert Dubbeld
Edwin Lewis Foushee, Jr.
*Gregory Norton Garcia
Robertta Burgess Garcia
Nellie Jackson Gillis
*George Henry Hall
Bobby Daniel Holder
Laura Mayne Holder
Ann Allgood Jackson

Larry Gene Johnson
Michael Kondratovich
John E. Kreitler
Callie Morgan Lewis
Paul Andrew Lyon
*Doris Lane Maddox
Winston Keith Martin
Connie Kay Thomas McNeill
*Laurel Jean Parker
Margarette Maddox Parrish
Earnest Ray Pearce
Bonnie Holder Quesenberry
Rita Lockard Schroeder
Rodney Allen Sell
Joseph Brent Smith
Mary Cleaves Daniels Smith
*Cynthia Janulewicz Strickland

** Morris Chapel UMC Church Member*
Responsive Reading *“A Prayer for All the Saints”*

Tommy Vaughan

A Prayer for All the Saints

Ever-living God,
this day revives in us memories of loved ones who are no more.
What happiness we shared when they walked among us.
What joy, when, loving and being loved, we lived our lives together.
Their memory is a blessing for ever.

Months or years may have passed, and still we feel near to them.
Our hearts yearn for them.
Though the bitter grief has softened, a duller pain abides;
for the place where once they stood is empty now.
The links of life are broken, but the links of love and longing cannot break.
Their souls are bound up in ours for ever.

We see them now with the eye of memory,
their faults forgiven, their virtues grown larger.
So does goodness live, and weakness fade from sight.
We remember them with gratitude and bless their names.
Their memory is a blessing for ever.

And we remember as well as the members
who but yesterday were part of our congregation and community.
To all who cared for us and labored for all people, we pay tribute.
May we prove worthy of carrying on the tradition of our faith,
for now the task is ours.
Their souls are bound up in ours for ever.

We give you thanks that they now live and reign with you.
As a great crowd of witnesses,
they surround us with their blessings,
and offer you hymns of praise and thanksgiving.
They are alive for ever more.

Amen.

*All are invited to take with you today your candle and
a rose from the altar to hold your loved one in remembrance.*

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.

Monday – Methodist Men @630 PM. Meet at Elizabeth's Pizza.

Tuesday – Pastor's Bible Study. 10 AM.

Wednesday – Children & Youth, 6 PM; Choir Rehearsal, 630 PM.

Friday through Sunday – Youth Group at Pilgrimage November 7 – 9.

For the good of the church

From Ms. Laurel's sister: A Celebration of Life will be on Sunday the 16th at the Eureka Church. From 1-2 will be visitation and from 2-2:30 a short service with reception to follow. Please give the church our thanks for the multitude of prayers they sent up!

Sends cards / condolences to her family at: 711 Michigan St., Omro, WI 54963

Fellowship Time After Church-- Please prayerfully consider signing up to provide refreshments after Church on Sunday mornings. The coffee is usually already made and simple refreshments (donuts, grapes, store bought pastries) is all that's necessary. The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall on the wall next to the counter, and there's a white binder on the kitchen counter with ideas and what to do. Let's keep this time of fellowship going each Sunday.

The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee works to hold our Pastor accountable to expectations and also supports our Pastor and his family. Any feedback that you have regarding our Pastor, whether positive or negative, should be shared with PPRC Chair Sandra Carter.

Upcoming

Methodist Men – Meet at Elizabeth's Pizza on Nov. 3 @630 PM.

Children & Youth, Nov. 5 Young disciples will meet on Wednesday night (11/5) from 6 – 7 PM.

Pilgrimage 2025 – Nov 7–9

Our middle and high school youth will experience a life-changing weekend of Worship & Service in Rocky Mount, guided by chaperones Drew Burris, Morgan Baker, and Krystle Ray. From Friday night to Sunday morning, the youth will attend action-packed general sessions with music, messages, gifts of talent and more. In addition, attendees will participate in a meaningful service project by packing hygiene kits to support Disaster Ministries of the NC Conference. All are asked to be in prayer for God's blessings upon the youth and the parents. The Morris Chapel Youth Ministry is led by **Krystle Ray**.

Missions

Coat Drive begins today for children at local elementary schools.

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

Angel Tree for El Refugio families and for Greenwood and Johnsonville Elementary Schools. Begins soon.

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

Morris Chapel supplies cranberry sauce and gravy.

Local charities—By means of the church budget, 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.

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Edith Howard, Dano Linehan, Bob Woolston, Sandy Woolston, Youth Group at Pilgrimage.
Family of Leon Godfrey.

Jeff Cummings Mandy Dalrymple Peggy Daniels Bill Farwick Elva Hall Bryant Hickman	Dennis Hartman Lewis Hartman Nancy Johnson Jared Lett Charles Maddox	Nancy McDuffie Rhonda McNeill Robert Mudd Kathy Pembroke Susie Pierce	Ron & Peggy Scott Donna Sloan Shelby Truelove Louise Walker Dave Whitney Betty Zann
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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: 56

Tithes & Offerings as of: 10/26/2025	
2025 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 167,943.88
2025 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 174,117.54
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 6,173.66

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. 2	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Krystle Ray	Drew Burris	Justin Ray JC Ray	Danny Baker	Gary & Karen Rosser
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	

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.