Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† Doxology #95
Holy Communion #9

Prayer following Communion

SENDING FORTH

† **Hymn** "Forward Through the Ages" # 555

- † Benediction
- † Postlude

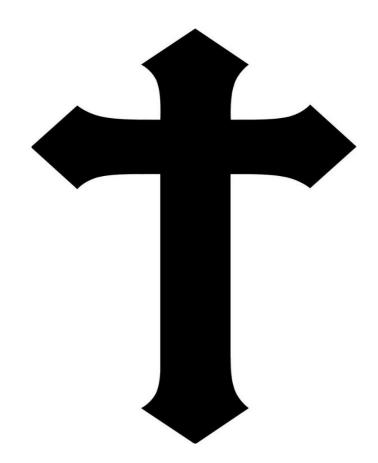
†The congregation is invited to stand, as you are able.



By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered, and confidently waiting, come what may, we know that God is with us night and morning and never fails to greet us each new day.

Yet is this heart by its old foe tormented, still evil days bring burdens hard to bear; O give our frightened souls the sure salvation for which, you, Lord, taught us to prepare.

--by Dietrich Bonhoffer (1944)



MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8533 Cox Mill Road, Sanford, North Carolina 27332 Office – (919) 499-4949

Pastor cell (919) 802-8286 | kseymour@nccumc.org

Worship Celebration 9:30 AM
Fellowship Time 10:30 AM | Sunday School 11:00 AM

The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton

The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour

Raleigh Area Bishop

Pastor

The Rev. Sunny B. Limm

Fairway District Superintendent

Assistant to the District Superintendent

Nancy Martinez

A Service of Word and Table

after the Epiphany February 4, 2024 9:30 AM

The prophet Isaiah implores, "Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth." He offers words of comfort and hope to a people who are weary in exile, offering the promise that those "who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." In Mark's gospel, Jesus also represents hope and the chance for healing for all whose lives were twisted by illness, grief, and encounters with evil.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Panis Angelicus" by Cesar Franck Leslie Orlovsky

arranged by Martha Powell Setchel

Choral Praise "Praise You" Choir

† Call to Worship

by John Rothensteinter

God Father, praise and glory, your children come to sing. Goodwill and peace to mankind. The gifts your kingdom brings.

Holy God, Mighty God. God Immortal, be adored.

And you, Lord Coeternal, God's sole begotten Son; O Jesus. King anointed. You have redemption won.

Holy God, Mighty God. God Immortal, be adored.

O Holy Ghost, Creator -- The Gift of God most high; Life, love and holy wisdom, our weakness now supply.

O most Holy Trinity. Undivided Unity; Holy God, Mighty God. God Immortal, be adored.

† Opening Prayer

Jesus of Nazareth, Holy One of God, astound us again with your teaching. Cast your authority over our spirits, make us clean, pure and pleasing to our holy God. Amen.

† **Hymn of Praise** "God of Grace and God of Glory" # 577

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 40:21 - 31 George Orlovsky

Anthem "Let the River Flow" Choir

Children's Lesson Stacey Burris

† Gospel Lesson Mark 1: 29 - 39

Sermon "Our Mission" Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer of Confession

Dear Jesus, I want to be like you;

But courage fails me when you call me to join in your good work.

Often times the tempter sets a trap for me.

Temptations come my way, Lord, and I confess that I turn away from you.

I don't always want to forgive others.

Let me come first to you, Lord Jesus, begging forgiveness.

Crush the sins of my vine. Pour my iniquities into the cup of your salvation.

Jesus, equip me with your truth. Overcome my selfish efforts to move past my comfort zone.

Have mercy on your church, Lord, and forgive us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and Peace

The saying is sure, and worthy of full acceptance, Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you. Glory to God. Amen.

† **Hymn of Response** "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

277

MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – February 4, 2024

WELCOME!

Welcome to Morris Chapel United Methodist Church! We are delighted that you joined us in Christian Education and Worship today. Morris Chapel United Methodist Church welcomes visitors who are seeking a church home, those who join us for special occasions, and those who seek relief from life's burdens. Join us in praising God, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, and giving thanks to a loving God for the blessings of the day!

CALENDAR

Every Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service – in person and Livestream
Sunday	10:30 am	Fellowship Time
Sunday	10:45 am	Sunday Schools
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study "Sunday's Coming" Pastor Seymour
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice – all are welcome

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>First Time Visitors!</u> We are so glad you joined us, and we hope you return! Please pick up a coffee mug with goodies and info at the front door area as you exit. It is a token of our gratitude and love for visiting our Worship Service. Be blessed!

<u>Scholarship Committee Meeting</u> will be held TOMORROW evening at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see all members then!

Easter Cantata practice is ready to begin! See Jerry Keith for music if you would like to take part. All are welcome.

Pastor's Tuesday Bible Study is an extension of the Sunday Sermon! Come at 10:00 to learn more. Come when you can! Every week is a different topic so you are never "behind" in this study. Come & see....

<u>February Men's Meeting</u> will be on Thursday 2/8/24 at 7PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will plan for sandwiches for Souper Bowl Sunday 2/11/24, and {Fat Tuesday} Pancake Dinner 2/13/24. Greg Vorholt 586-201-0687 <u>gregvorholt@yahoo.com</u>

<u>"SOUPERBOWL SUNDAY"</u> - The Fellowship Committee will be serving a variety of homemade soups and the Men's Group will be making sandwiches on Sunday, February 11 immediately after the church service. We look forward to seeing you there.

<u>Ash Wednesday Worship</u> – Join us for a brief service of prayer, reflection, and the Imposition of Ashes on <u>February 14</u> at 5 PM. This service begins the 40-day journey to Holy Week and Easter. All are welcome.

<u>The 2024 Fellowship Hall Calendar</u> is posted in the Fellowship Hall on the left bulletin board just as you enter. Committee Chairs, please <u>enter all meetings scheduled</u> for the FH on this calendar. If an Announcement is needed for the church, email the bulletin preparers what you wish to have listed by Wednesday morning. Thanks!

<u>New Site: Accessing Sunday Sermons</u> is as easy as going on Facebook. Refresh your memory, rethink the messages, be enriched again. May God bless your interest and devotion! Here is the link: https://www.facebook.com/MorrisChapelUnitedMethodistChurch

PARISH NOTICES

10 Resolutions That Will Strengthen Your Faith! Go to www.umc.org and search for this article! Excellent suggestions if you need help in getting closer to God!

Announcements: by noon on Wednesdays to Laurel Parker at laurelparker@charter.net or (919) 271-0963

AND Mavis Harper at <a href="mailto:m

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

	I		
Zane Almany	Connie Hickman	Ann McLeod	Ron & Peggy Scott
Sherry Baucom	Mark Hickman	Maxine McLeod	Becky Seymour
Maryann Bell	Jimmie Holt	Rhonda McNeill	Kyle Smith
Brethen Family	Teresa Ingram	Leslie & George Orlovsky	Nathaniel Smith
Crystal Burichin	Ann Jackson	Family of Bob Pavone	Kenneth Spivey
Joey Campbell	Evan & Leslie Johnson	Mike Phillips	Lisa Stafford
Kristie Casterlin	Nancy Johnson	Susie Pierce	Joey Stewart
Congregational Unity	Margaret Kilcullen	Crosby Price	Joyce Key Thomas
Jimmy Clifton	Tom Kirby	Danielle Rahko	Debra Underwood
Diane Conti	Jeff Ludewig	Helen Rogers	United States of America
Deborah McNeill Cox	Wanda MacPherson	Melvin Rosser	Pam Vaughan
Ron Hartman	Charles Maddox	Anna Sanfilippo	Shelby Weekly
Ron Height	Maude Maloney	Shirley Salmon	Jimmy Womack
	Ashley McBurnett	-	Bob & Sandy Woolston

Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings

Attendance 1/28/24 79

Tithes & Offerings as of: 01/28/2024				
2024 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$	14,792.18		
2024 Budget - Received to Date:	\$	36,047.74		
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$	21,255.56		

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Worship Volunteers-- you are respectfully asked to arrange for a substitute in the event that you cannot fill your assigned slot. Thank you.

Feb	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
4	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Stacey Burris	George Orlovsky	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Greg Vorholt Cindy Vorholt	Kevin Seymour Manuela Seymour Laurel Parker Jack Harper
11	Ian Carter Isabelle Sturgill	Gillian Hubley	Manuela Seymour	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Linda Dilley Pam Summers	
18	Paisley Kilmer Teagen Kilmer	Richard Angel	Steve Huepper	Jack Harper George Orlovsky	Gary Maddox Goerge Orlovsky	
25	JC Ray Bryson Baker	Krystle Ray	Leslie Orlovsky	Justin Ray JC Ray	Terenna Shelton Danny Baker	
Mar 3	Jason Morton Calleigh Baker	Stacey Burris	Peggy Baker	Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Richard Angel Pat Angel	Kevin Seymour Manuela Seymour Steve Huepper Marian Huepper

After Worship treats are cordially provided by Steve and Marian Huepper. Thank you!!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!

Mary Alice Hudson	George Orlovsky	Daniel C. Baker	Ryan Strickland
Laurel Parker	Penny Novak	Georgia Thomas	Michelle Parker
Gail Thomas	Carol Martell	Ian Carter	Gail Carucci
Tina Gross			