



# MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## An Order of Service for Word and Worship

### CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2022 - 9:30 AM

#### Entrance

#### Prelude

Ben Edwards

**Welcome** Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation . . . a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

#### Greeting

L: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**P: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Let the seas roar and the mountains quake.**

L: Everything came into being through the Word. What came into being was life, and the life was the light for all people.

**P: Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.**

L: The Word became flesh and blood, and lived among us to bring all people to the light.

**P: Let heaven and earth break forth into joyous song, singing praises to our God.**

L: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

**P: Christ, our light, shines forth in glory. Christ, our life, brings grace and truth. Let us worship.**

**Alleluia!**

#### Call to Worship

Ben Edwards

#### † Opening Hymn

*“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”*

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#### † Opening Prayer

(Unison)

The celebration of Christmas has just begun. Even though many of us have gone through the gift giving and receiving, have feasted with family and friends, there is yet another gift which has been given. You, O Loving God, have wrapped the gift of your Son Jesus Christ around our lives. The light of Your love through him is shining brightly. It is not a harsh light, but a multitude of bright colors that remind us of the wondrous ways You love us. Open our hearts and spirits as we hear the words of Your holy scriptures, and the beautiful music. Bring us to You with such joy that it will seem as though our feet aren't even touching the ground. AMEN.

#### Old Testament Reading

**Psalm 98**

Minister

#### † Gloria Patri

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#### Children's Message

Minister

#### Receiving of Joys and Prayer Concerns

Minister

#### Musical Interlude

#### Pastoral Prayer and Silent Meditation

#### Special Music

Ben Edwards

#### Message

**John 1:1-14**

Minister

**Jesus Was in the Beginning with God**

#### † Sending Forth

*“Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come!”*

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#### † Postlude

† *Please stand as you are able*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES

Welcome to Morris Chapel United Methodist Church! We are excited that you joined us in Worship today via Facebook Live and in person. All are welcomed as we come together to praise God and make disciples for Jesus!

**2023 Worship Volunteers Schedule** is now posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board across from the restrooms. **EVERYONE** please look at the schedule and advise of any changes as soon as possible if the scheduled date for you might not work. Please contact Drew Burris (704) 467-0781 or Stacey Burris (919) 721-2236 for all changes. We pray that all will be able to assist in our Worship Services to the glory of God.

**Collect Your Christmas Cards TODAY** in the Fellowship Hall right after the service! They are sorted for you. NO Fellowship Time after Worship today, but a lot of nice cards waiting to be taken home! Thanks!

**Tithes and Offerings:** The church thanks you for your faithfulness in tithing and offering. Please continue to mail your gifts and tithes to the church or bring them when you attend. You may also follow the directions on the website at [www.morrischapelumc.org](http://www.morrischapelumc.org) for on-line giving through Vanco. Be in God's Grace, Peace and Love.

*Announcements may be given by noon on Wednesdays  
to Laurel Parker at [laurelparker@charter.net](mailto:laurelparker@charter.net) or (919) 271-0963 **AND**  
Mavis Harper at [mavisharper1944@gmail.com](mailto:mavisharper1944@gmail.com) or (919) 770-0489.*

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Family of Ben Albright**  
Richard & Pat Angel  
**Crystal Burichin**  
Alan Cox  
Jeanette Amos-Cox  
Melissa Edwards  
**Jerry Lynn Farmer**-travel  
Dennis Fore  
**Marshall Garcia**-travel  
Buddy Godwin  
**Bill Gross**

Kristen Halstead family  
Dennis & Lewis Hartman  
Mary Hudson  
Wayne Hudson  
Chad Huffman  
**Evan Johnson**  
Nancy Johnson  
Beverly Leslie  
**Jason Little**  
Jeff Ludewig  
Bette Lyons  
Shirley Maddox

Maude Maloney  
Melissa Martin  
Martha Meeks  
Military troops & families  
Linda McNeill  
Rhonda McNeill  
Tim & Donna McNeill  
Clay Moore  
**Leslie Orlovsky**  
Susie Pierce  
Phyllis Poe  
**Janie Ray**  
Jason Ray  
Johnny Ray  
Hank Richards

Dot Roberts  
Sandra Shope  
**Logan Shuey**  
**Fred Spivey**  
Joyce Key Thomas  
United Methodist Church  
United States of America  
Unspoken Prayers  
**Marine Paul Whelan**-  
prisoner  
Carol Wilcom  
Flossie Wilt  
**Lilla Williams**  
Bill Wilson  
Family of Sammy Womack

JAN	Acolytes	Children's	Ushers	Greeters	Communion	Servers	Fellowship
<b>2023</b>		<b>Message</b>					
<b>1</b>	Stacey Burris	Mike Edwards	Gary Rosser	Gary Maddox			
	Jase Burris		Danny Baker	Donna Maddox			
<b>8</b>	Ian Carter	Richard Angel	Jack Harper	Wayne Stack	Donna Carter	Gail Carucci	
	JC Ray		Donnie Carter	Linda Stack	Elaine Everts	Krystle Ray	
<b>15</b>	Bryson Baker	Krystle Ray	Drew Burris	Walt Hersman			
	Calleigh Baker		Daniel Baker	Inge Hersman			
<b>22</b>	Calleigh Baker	Mike Edwards	George Orlovsky	Steve Huepper			
	Rylee Ray		Ron Mercer	Marian Huepper			
<b>29</b>	Jason Little	Richard Angel	Wayne Stack	Ron Mercer			
	Ian Carter		Greg Vorholt	Gail Carucci			