

A Service of the Word

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2023 9:30 AM

Psalms 15 reminds us that to worship God with integrity is to first be obedient to God. In the New Testament, James gives lavish praise to God as the giver of every perfect gift. God is the Father of lights. God's character will never change.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ring the Church bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Judy Spivey

Choral Praise

"I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me"

Choir

† Call to Worship

Sing unto the Lord with gladness. Surely his presence is in this place.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Know ye that the Lord is God.

He made us. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Give thanks and bless his holy name.

His mercy is everlasting. His truth endures to all generations.

† Opening Prayer

Augustine, 4th century

O Love of God, descend into my heart;

Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling,

And scatter there Your cheerful beams.

Dwell in the soul that longs to be Your temple;

Water that barren soil overrun with weeds and briars

And lost for lack of cultivating. Make it fruitful with Your dew.

Come, dear Refreshment of those who languish;

Come, Star and Guide of those who sail amidst tempests.

You are the Haven of the tossed and shipwrecked.

Come now, Glory and Crown of the living,

As well as the Safeguard of the dying.

Come, Sacred Spirit; Come, and fit me to receive You. **Amen.**

† Hymn

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 15

Tommy Vaughan

Anthem

"God and God Alone"

Choir

Children's Lesson

Richard Angel

New Testament Lesson

James 1:17-18

Sermon

"Gifts from Above"

Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith

"The Nicene Creed"

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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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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]. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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.

† Hymn

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – November 12, 2023

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:

First Time Visitors! 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!

Thank You Fellowship Committee for the wonderful Thanksgiving dinner last Wednesday night! We were doubly blessed with a wonderful turnout and outstandingly good food! May God bless the hands of those who devoted many hours in preparing the sumptuous meal! To God be the glory!

NEW BIBLE STUDY: A short study (4-5 weeks) of the book of Philippians will start **TODAY** in classroom #3 (Searching Scripture for Christian Living.) at 10:50. Bring a Bible and be ready to read, listen and discuss the letter written by Paul to the church in Philippi. All scripture is God breathed.... So come and let the Word speak to you today!

New Site: Accessing Sunday Sermons 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>

Toys for Tots! Please bring your new, unwrapped toys to church and deposit them in the big boxes in the Narthex or in the Fellowship Hall. The LAST DAY for bringing toys is **Sunday, Dec. 3rd**! Thank you for helping those less fortunate.

Toys for Tots Breakfast will be hosted on **Sunday Dec. 3rd** at 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars! Menu to be announced later – but anticipate it will be delicious!

The Morris Chapel Christmas Post Office will be in operation this Christmas season! It “opens” on the first Sunday in December which is the 3rd! As a reminder, bring your cards for the congregation members to the Post Office location in the Fellowship Hall. The Media Class will sort them, and distribute all at Christmas time. Donations are accepted, of course, and will be used for charitable purposes. See Margaret Spivey for any questions... Thank you!

Fellowship Time After Church Please prayerfully consider signing up to provide refreshments after Church on Sunday mornings. The Fellowship Committee provides refreshments one Sunday per month only. All other Sundays are for general congregation sign-up. The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall, right wall next to the counter. See the white binder on the kitchen counter with ideas and what to do. Keep it simple and easy and let's keep this time of fellowship going!

PARISH NOTICES

Laity Courses offered by UMC: Check out these courses (and others) offered to all UM laity. Learn about our church, how your gifts may be used to further the kingdom. GO TO <https://nccumc.org/laity/#training> for more information! (see course listings on next page)

Life Together in the United Methodist Connection (UM Polity) Facilitated by Taylor Mills

January 20, 8:30am-5pm Zoom Meeting

Basic Course in Lay Servant Ministries Facilitated by James Bernstein

Laity Courses continued.....

February 10, 8:30am-5pm in-person (Raleigh-area, location TBD)

Living Our United Methodist Beliefs (UM History) Facilitated by Tom Santa

February 17, 8am – 5pm Zoom Meeting

OTHER COURSES ARE ALSO LISTED AT THE WEBSITE

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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Anna’s surgery & Gino’s death – Manuela’s friends Angelo - leukemia Sherry Baucom Maryann Bell Rick Billings Family of Mike Byrd Richard & Amanda Campbell Kristie Casterlin Congregational Unity Deborah McNeill Cox Shelton Crutchfield Connie & Doug Currin	Greg Garcia Ron Hartman Ron Height Connie Hickman Family of Michael Hicks Mary Hudson Teresa Ingram Ann Jackson Evan Johnson Nancy Johnson Jeff Ludewig Charles Maddox	People of Maine Maude Maloney Ann McLeod Maxine McLeod Rhonda McNeill Middle East atrocities Sandra Norris Leslie & George Orlovsky Peace on earth Susie Pierce Danielle Rahko Ron & Peggy Scott	Nathaniel Smith Cynthia Spivey Kenneth Spivey Family of Susie Springer Joyce Key Thomas Kelly Thomas Maggie Ann Tora United Methodist Church United States of America Pam Vaughan Sandy Woolston Debra Underwood
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LAST SUNDAY – Nov. 5 All Saints’ Day

Attendance 93
Tithes & Offerings \$5,776.00
Weekly Goal \$3,696.63

Lord, who may dwell in Your sanctuary? Who may live
on Your holy hill?
(Psalm 15:1)

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Nov	Acolytes	Children’s Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
12	Bryson Baker JC Ray	Richard Angel	Tommy Vaughan	Drew Burris Gary Maddox	Carolyn Saucier Marian Huepper	
19	Ian Carter Calleigh Baker	Krystle Ray	Leslie Orlovsky	Gary Rosser Daniel Baker	Donnie Carter Sandra Carter	
26	Bryson Baker Jase Burris	Richard Angel	Peggy Baker	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Crystal Burichin Gail/Travis Thomas	
Dec. 3	Rylee Ray Jase Burris	Krystle Ray	Steve Huepper	Jack Harper Greg Vorholt	Hank Richards Drew Burris	Kevin Seymour Manuela Seymour Steve Huepper Marian Huepper
10	Bryson Baker Calleigh Baker	Richard Angel	Drew Burris	Daniel Baker Drew Burris	Margaret Spivey Janice Holder	

Thank you to the Fellowship Committee for providing snacks and goodies after today’s service!