

Affirmation of Faith

“The Apostles’ Creed”

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**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

SENDING FORTH

† **Hymn**

“How Firm a Foundation”

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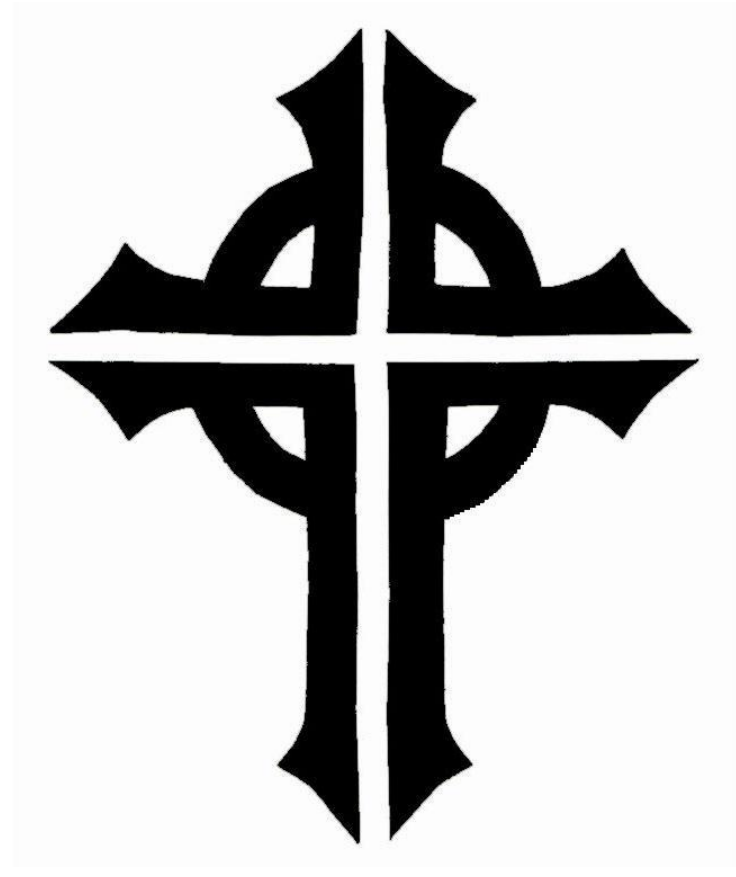
† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

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



I will sing of God’s mercy, every day, every hour, he gives me power. I will sing and give thanks to thee for all the dangers, toils and snares that he has brought me out. He is my God and I’ll serve him, no matter what the test. Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, he never failed me yet. ---*Robert Ray (b. 1946)*



**MORRIS CHAPEL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Worship Celebration 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time 10:30 AM | Sunday School 10:45 AM

The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton

Raleigh Area Bishop

The Rev. Sunny B. Limm

Fairway District Superintendent

The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour

Pastor

Nancy Martinez

Assistant to the District Superintendent

A Service of the Word
Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 14, 2024 9:30 AM

In John's Gospel, Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael to be his disciples. Nathanael initially doubts Philip's testimony about Jesus, but is astonished when Jesus reveals his divine knowledge of Nathanael's character and life. In response, Nathanael exclaims "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise

"The Summons"

Choir

† **Call to Worship**

from Isaiah 12

Surely God is my salvation, I will trust, and will not be afraid.

For the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
And you will say on that day:

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; Proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
Let this be known in all the earth.

† **Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, your son, our Savior Jesus Christ, is the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth, now and forever. **Amen.**

† **Hymn**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson

1 Samuel 3:10-20

Gary Maddox

Anthem

"Chosen"

Choir

Children's Lesson

Gillian Hubley

† **Gospel Lesson**

John 1:43-51

Sermon

"Incorporation"

Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer of response

† **Hymn**

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

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Prayer of Thanksgiving, The Lord's Prayer

The Peace May the Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Glory to God, Amen!

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† **Doxology**

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MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – January 14, 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:

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!

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. Try it – you will be glad you did....

Mission Coat Drive for Broadway Elementary School! Must be NEW coats in sizes small or XL sizes (6-14)! They will be collected during January for February delivery. Please bring them to the Fellowship Hall! Thank you for your consideration of those less fortunate!

Thank You to all who brought canned goods for the food drive. Just mark your calendar for every first Sunday of the month for this most helpful and needed donation. May you be blessed for your heartfelt response.

Church Council Meeting Monday, 15 Jan 7PM in the Fellowship Hall. This is an open meeting.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER - JANUARY 17, 2024 - The first Wednesday Night Dinner of 2024 will be this Wednesday from 5:00-6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the insert in the bulletin!

The 2024 Flower Calendar is posted in the Fellowship Hall on the left bulletin board just as you enter. Please sign in for the Sunday you have chosen and notify the bulletin preparers of the wording for the announcement. Thank you!

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>

PARISH NOTICES

Please check out nccumc.org/events for more information on the following offerings in January!

Jan 17: Local Church Treasurer Training, NC Conference Building, Garner, NC

Jan 20: Life Together in the United Methodist Connection (Polity) (Online)

Jan. 20: Chainsaw Safety, MERCI, Goldsboro, NC

Jan 30: The Good News of Shipwreck: What Does Church Look Like Now? Hayes Barton UMC, Raleigh, NC

**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.**

PLEASE word your announcement exactly as you wish to see it printed.. Thank you

After Worship treats are provided by Dan and Melanie Wissinger. Thank you!!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Adams Family baby Family of Robin Anderson Sherry Baucom Maryann Bell Family of Bobby Branch, Sr. Brethen Family Joey Campbell Kristie Casterlin Congregational Unity Deborah McNeill Cox Mary Ann Feavel Family of Dustin Grooms Family of Barryman Hall Henry Hall	Ron Hartman Ron Height Connie Hickman Mark Hickman Jimmie Holt Teresa Ingram Ann Jackson Evan & Leslie Johnson Nancy Johnson Family of Sandi Kankelfritz Jeff Ludewig Charles Maddox Maude Maloney Ashley McBurnett	Ann McLeod Maxine McLeod Family of Donna McNeill Foster McNeill Rhonda McNeill Leslie & George Orlovsky Peace on Earth Susie Pierce Crosby Price Danielle Rahko Helen Rogers Melvin & Angelene Rosser Anna Sanfilippo Ron & Peggy Scott	Becky Seymour Kyle Smith Nathaniel Smith Cynthia Spivey Kenneth Spivey Joey Stewart Joyce Key Thomas Debra Underwood United States of America Pam Vaughan David Wagner Family of David Way Family of Lance Weekly Bob & Sandy Woolston
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Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings

Attendance 1/7/24 82

Tithes & Offerings as of: 01/07/2024	
2024 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 3,696.63
2024 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 13,708.27
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 10,011.65

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.

Jan.	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
14	JC Ray Bryson Baker	Gillian Hubley	Gary Maddox	Janice Holder Jack Harper	Dan Wissinger Melanie Wissinger	
21	Jason Morton Calleigh Baker	Richard Angel	Drew Burris	Greg Vorholt Gary Maddox	Janice Holder Jack Harper	
28	Rylee Ray Bryson Baker	Krystle Ray	Inge Hersman	Carolyn Saucier Danny Baker	Hank Richards Margaret Spivey	
Feb 4	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Stacey Burris	George Orlovsky	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Cindy Vorholt Greg Vorholt	Kevin Seymour Manuela Seymour Laurel Parker Jack Harper
Feb 11	Ian Carter Isabelle Sturgill	Gillian Hubley	Manuela Seymour	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Linda Dillely Pam Summers	