

Reception of New Members and Holy Baptism
Carl and Loyda Sykes

UMH No. 33

Congregational commitment

With God’s help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this family with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Congregational welcome

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God made be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

SENDING FORTH

† Hymn

“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”
(verses 1-4)

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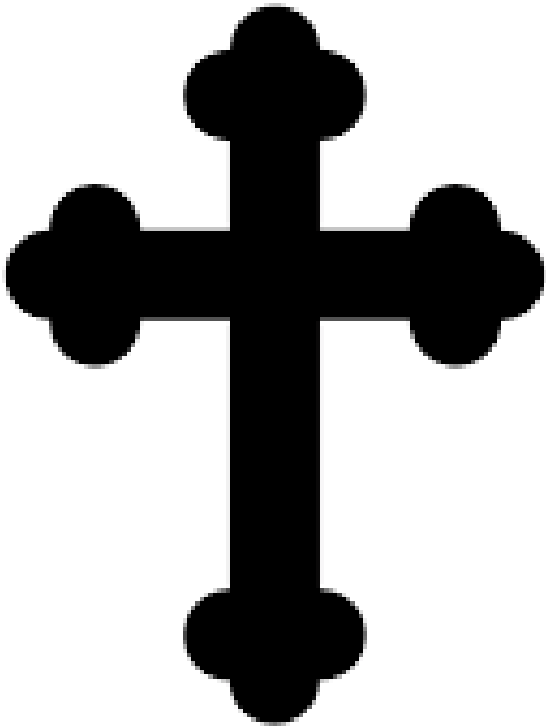
† Benediction

† Postlude

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

Faithful Cross! Above all other, one and only noble tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be;
Sweetest wood and sweetest iron! Sweetest weight in hung on thee.

Bend, O lofty tree thy branches, thy too rigid sinews bend;
And awhile the stubborn hardness, which thy birth bestowed suspend;
And the limbs of heaven’s high monarch, gently on thine arms extend!
– by Venatius Fortunatus, 6th century



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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 the Word

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 19, 2025

The Apostle Paul writes to the Christians in the city of Corinth to tell them that wisdom, power, and connection come not by the means they’ve been accustomed to. Paul is unashamed in telling them that Christ our God died on that emblem of suffering and shame, the cross. In the cross is found wisdom, mercy, and saving grace. The cross is God’s way to us. The one upon the cross wins victory over evil for all time.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ring the Church bell

Greeting

Prelude “It Is Well With My Soul” Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise “Family of God” Choir

† Call to Worship
adapted from Charles Wesley’s “And Can It Be that I Should Gain” (1759) UMH #363

He left the Father’s throne above, and emptied himself of all but love.
Amazing love, how can it be, that thou, my God should die for me?

Our chains fell off, and now we’re free.
‘Tis mercy all, immense and free.

No condemnation now, shall we ever dread; Clothed in righteousness is Christ,
our head.
Approaching the throne, we’ll claim the crown through Christ our own.
Amen.

† Prayer by Hildegard, 12th century
Holy Spirit, comforting fire, life of all creation, anointing the sick, cleansing body and soul, fill this body! Holy Spirit, sacred breath, fire of love, sweetest taste, beautiful aroma, fill this heart! Holy Spirit, filling the world, from the heights to the deep, raining from clouds, filling rivers and sea, fill this mind! Holy Spirit, giving and forgiving, uniting strangers, reconciling enemies, seeking the lost, and enfolding us together fill these gathered here. Holy Spirit, breathing light into dark places, igniting praise, greatest gift, our hope and encourager, Holy Spirit of Christ, we praise you! Amen.

† Hymn “This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now” UMH No. 608

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson	Psalms 42:1-7	Manuela Seymour
Anthem	“Come, Be Baptized”	Choir
Children’s Lesson		Krystle Ray
New Testament Lesson	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	
Sermon	“Faith and Hope Born Anew”	Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Affirmation of Faith	“The Apostles’ Creed”	UHM No. 881
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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.

† The Lord’s Prayer		
† Hymn	“Baptized in Water”	TFWS No. 2248

Presentation of God’s tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† Doxology	LASST UNS ERFREUEN
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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

WELCOME TO MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

~ This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! ~

This week at Morris Chapel

Sunday – Worship service @ 930 AM; Fellowship @ 10:30; Sunday School at 11.

Monday – PPRC @ 6PM; Church Council @ 7PM.

Tuesday – Pastor's Bible Study. 10 AM.

Wednesday – Choir Rehearsal, 630 PM.

Upcoming

Pastor-Parish Relations Committee – October 20 @ 6 PM. PPRC holds our Pastor accountable.

Church Council -- October 20 @ 7 PM. Council plans and carries out the ministries of the church.

All Saints Sunday will be observed on November 2. A list of those who have passed on since last year is posted in the Fellowship Hall. Please take a look and see if you need to add a loved one's name to be read at our upcoming service. See Karen Rosser.

Methodist Men – Nov. 3 @630 PM.

The Fellowship Committee invites you to join us for a Thanksgiving Dinner Saturday, November 8, 2025, from 4:30PM - 6:00PM. We are asking you to bring an unwrapped toy to help the children from El Refugio have a Merry Christmas. Please fill out the flyer with your name and the number attending and place it in the offertory plate.

Coat Drive upcoming in November for children at local elementary schools.

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

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

Morris Chapel supplies cranberry sauce and gravy.

Acolyte Spotlight

Rylee Ray

Our Acolyte Spotlight this week is on Rylee Ray, the lovely daughter of Justin and Krystle Ray and "sweet" sister to JC. She's 11 years old; favorite sport, cheerleading; best hobby, spending money; subject in school ELA; teacher, Mrs. Crews and coach Mrs. Web. At dinner time she likes verde chicken the best with chocolate chip cookies for dessert. Rylee's best game is Uno, favorite color is pink and her best friend in the whole wide world is Calleigh Grace Baker. Say hello to Rylee and give her a word of thanks for making worship so special here at Morris Chapel.

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Katie Garcia Hinson, Martha Meeks
Family of Bobby Holder.

Opal Campbell Jeff Cummings Mandy Dalrymple Peggy Danielsens Elva Hall	Bryant Hickman Dennis Hartman Lewis Hartman Laura Holder Nancy Johnson Jared Lett	Charles Maddox Nancy McDuffie Rhonda McNeill Robert Mudd Laurel Parker	Kathy Pembroke Susie Pierce Ron & Peggy Scott Donna Sloan Shelby Truelove
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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: 71

Tithes & Offerings as of: 10/12/2025	
2025 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 160,132.53
2025 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 167,791.70
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 7,659.17

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Thank you for every gift you make.

Serving in Worship

	Acolytes	Children's Lesson	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
Oct. 19	Calleigh Baker Lincoln Brewer	Krystle Ray	Manuela Seymour	Jason Kilmer Dan Wissinger	Danny Baker	
Oct. 26	Cole Burris Jase Burris	Stacey Burris	Jason Kilmer	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	George Orlovsky	
Nov. 2	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Krystle Ray	Drew Burris	Justin Ray JC Ray	Danny Baker	Gary & Karen Rosser
Nov. 9	Ian Carter Jase Burris	Stacey Burris	Inge Hersman	Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Donnie Carter	

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.