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An Order of Service for Word and Worship

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE NEW YEAR

January 1, 2023 - 9:30 AM

Entrance

Prelude

“The First Noel/There’s a Song in the Air”
Arranged by Tim Doran

Musician

Welcome Arise; shine, for your light has come.

Call to Worship

“Love Came Down at Christmas”

Choir

Greeting

L: Shout to the Lord your praises!

P: Sing to the Lord the joy of this day!

L: For God’s might and power are established in the universe!

P: God’s transforming love beckons us.

L: Come, let us worship God whose Light bursts forth into our darkness!

P: Let us praise the God of salvation who brings us home. AMEN.

† Opening Hymn

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

#238

† Opening Prayer

(Unison)

God of promise and light, open our eyes this morning, that we may see Your light in the darkness. Open our hearts, that we may perceive Your promises of justice and righteousness— promises fulfilled in the babe of Bethlehem. May we, like the magi, have a star to guide us on our journey to find the One who will truly set us free. May this time of worship bring us closer to You, that the good news of the birth of light and love may transform our lives. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Minister

† Gloria Patri

#70

Children’s Message

Minister

Receiving of Joys and Prayer Concerns

Minister

Musical Interlude

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Meditation

Special Music

“Holy Child Medley”

Choir

Offering

† Doxology

#95

† Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Offering

Minister

Message

Matthew 2:1-12

Minister

Will You Follow the Light of Jesus?

† Sending Forth

“We Three Kings”

#254

† 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.

NOTE Change in Communion Sunday. It will be the 15th as Pastor will be away on the 8th. If you are unable to serve, please immediately contact Stacey Burris (919) 721-2236 or Drew Burris (704) 467-0781.

Christmas Cards are still awaiting pick up in the Fellowship Hall! Please stop by and check for cards in your name! Thank you!

Our Guest Pastor on January 8th will be Jody McNeill, whom many of you know. He is an elder of the Edgewood Presbyterian Church and is a lay pastor, speaking at many churches. He is excited to bring God’s word to us next week!

Preparing for a New Year 2023! Excitement is coming! The first **Children & Youth** gathering will again experience the teaching of God's TRUTH through His Holy Word. Come and join us for an awesome time together, as we share in Bible lessons, ice breakers, music, a meal and a special time of prayer. DATE: January 28, 2023 4:00 - 6:00. See you then!

A New Bible Study will be starting in the first quarter of 2023! A seven-week study (one hour a week), it is topically based, using OT and NT scripture. The topic: Who Is God? Weekly readings include (among others) The Blood, The Kingdom of God, and Jesus Christ – His Return. Start date is Thursday Jan. 26 – time to be determined based on responses of interested persons. Call facilitator Laurel Parker (919) 271-0963 with your interest and preferred time of class. Thank you!

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 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 or (919) 271-0963 **AND**
Mavis Harper at mavisharper1944@gmail.com or (919) 770-0489.*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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| Family of Ben Albright
Richard & Pat Angel
Family of Chris Beach
Crystal Burichin
Donna Callodonato
Alan Cox
Jeanette Amos-Cox
Melissa Edwards
Dennis Fore
Buddy Godwin
Bill Gross
Kristen Halstead family
Dennis & Lewis Hartman | Mary Hudson
Wayne Hudson
Chad Huffman
Evan Johnson
Nancy Johnson
Family of Phil Kelly
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
Carolyn Saucier
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 |
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WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

January 2023	Acolytes	Children’s Message	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers	Fellowship
8	Ian Carter JC Ray	Richard Angel	Jack Harper Donnie Carter	Wayne Stack Linda Stack		
15	Bryson Baker Calleigh Baker	Krystle Ray	Drew Burris Daniel Baker	Walt Hersman Inge Hersman	Donna Carter Elane Everts Gail Carucci Krystal Ray	
22	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Mike Edwards	George Orlovsky Ron Mercer	Steve Huepper Marian Huepper		
29	Jason Little Ian Carter	Richard Angel	Wayne Stack Greg Vorholt	Ron Mercer Gail Carucci		
February 5	Bryson Baker JC Ray	Krystle Ray	Gary Maddox Hank Richards	Richard Angel Pat Angel		