

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world, the Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

† Hymn

"O How I Love Jesus"

UMH No. 170

† Benediction

† Postlude

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

Are you hurting and broken within?
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling.

Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling.

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling.

Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling.



JESUS CALLS THE FIRST DISCIPLES

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Service of Worship | 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

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2025

The scripture lessons for today focus on the call of God. The passage from Isaiah 6 is one of the great call stories of scripture. It outlines Isaiah's vision of a kingdom that never ends and his willingness to be the bearer of God's message, even if that message is difficult to bring. The lesson from Luke describes Jesus's call to Simon and the sons of Zebedee. They're business is catching fish, but Jesus called them to catch people.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* **Leslie Orlovsky**

Choral Praise *"Fishers of Men"*

† **Call to Worship**

Holy, Holy, Holy God, the nations are full of your glory.
You are the God the Father of power and might.

Sweet Jesus, you are the beloved Son who will comfort all who mourn.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Abide with us, Holy Spirit.
And give us the courage to answer when you call.

† **Opening Prayer**

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you, set us free. Loosen the bonds of sin and give us the liberty of abundant life that you have made known in the life and ministry of your one and only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

† **Hymn of Praise** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"* **UMH No. 64**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson **Isaiah 6:1-8** **Ian Carter**

Anthem *"Two Fishermen"*

Children's Lesson **Krystle Ray**

† **Gospel Lesson** **Luke 5:1-11**

Sermon *"Net Works"* **Kevin Seymour**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† **Hymn of Response** *"The Summons"* **TFWS No. 2130**

† **Affirmation of Faith** *"The Apostles' Creed"* **# 881**

**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.**

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† **Doxology** **LASST UNS ERFREUEN**

**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

Monday – Trustees meeting, 6:30 PM.

Tuesday – “Sunday’s Coming” Faith Formation class with Pastor Kevin. 10 AM.

Wednesday – Choir practice, 6:30 PM.

Sunday – Worship Service at 9:30 AM, Fellowship with snacks and coffee at 10:30, Sunday School at 11.

For the good of the Church

Trustees Meeting. Tomorrow night (Monday) at 6:30 PM. The Trustees make sure that our buildings and grounds are properly cared for. This year’s Trustees are Gary Rosser, Drew Burris, Justin Ray, Jason Ray, Tommy Vaughan, Danny Baker, Margaret Spivey, and Richard Angel.

The choir will begin practice on the Easter cantata this week. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome. Rehearsals are on Wednesday’s at 6:30 PM. See Jerry Keith.

Chat with Pastor Kevin -- Sunday at 10:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Is there something you’d like to know more about in our ministry together?

Would you like to know your Pastor a little better?

Perhaps you’d like to arrange for a time to discuss a matter of pastoral care.

All are welcome to come and chat with the Pastor today at 10:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper – March 4 at 5 PM. All ages are invited to come and enjoy pancakes, bacon, and lots of syrup. This is a celebration just before we begin the season of Lent – a time of penitence and sacrifice.

Ash Wednesday Worship – Join us for a brief service of prayer, reflection, and the Imposition of Ashes on March 5 at 5 PM. This service begins the 40-day journey to Holy Week and Easter. All are welcome.

Missions and Outreach

Family Promise – Week of March 10. Meals are provided to families whose housing situation is in transition. See Karen Rosser if you’re interested in providing a meal for a family.

Disaster Response, ERT Training – Training will be offered at various locations to equip volunteers to join Early Response Teams. ERTs assist survivors without causing further harm or being a burden to the affected community. See Bill Gross or take a look at: <https://nccumc.org/disaster/training/>

Faith formation

Sunday School classes are now ready for children. Teachers are in place waiting for your precious children, so be sure to bring them by for lessons. Growing up in God’s word is a blessing. Two adult classes are offered every Sunday also.

Fellowship

Refreshments after worship -- Our time together after worship is a precious moment of the week. Please consider volunteering to provide light refreshments on a Sunday morning. The sign-up poster is on the wall next to the kitchen counter.

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Crystal Burichin, Donna Fancher, Pam Summers.

Ongoing Concerns:

Peggy Danielsen Deb Callodonato Donna Callodonato Richard Campbell Jeff Cummings	Edwin Foushee Henry Hall Shannon Hudson Maude Maloney Carol Martell	Rhonda McNeill Susie Pierce LeVonda Richardson Valerie Robertino Ron & Peggy Scott	Jackson Snipes Erica Taylor Joanna Vassilion Pam Vaughan
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Prayer requests may be sent to Pastor Kevin at kseymour@nccumc.org, or just call / text 919-802-8286 any time at all. If any matter is close to your heart, it is never too big or small for the God we love and adore. Let me hear from you.

Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings

Attendance 2/2/25 **78**

Tithes & Offerings as of: 02/02/2025	
2025 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 19,528.36
2025 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 42,780.15
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 23,251.79

Serving in Worship

	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
Feb. 9	Paisley & Teagan Kilmer	Krystle Ray	Ian Carter	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Janice Holder	
Feb. 16	JC Ray Bryson Baker	Stacey Burris	Calleigh Baker	Jason Kilmer Dan Wissinger	Margaret Spivey	
Feb. 23	Calleigh Baker Lincoln Brewer	Gillian Hubley	Isabelle Sturgill	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Linda Dilley	
March 2	Rylee Ray Bryson Baker	Manuela Seymour	Doug Currin	Justin Ray JC Ray	George Orlovsky	Donnie Carter Sandra Carter
March 9	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Richard Angel	Drew Burris	Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Danny Baker	

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.