SENDING FORTH

Announcements

† Benediction

† Postlude

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

Here we gather to remember God who still remembers us,
gathers what the world has scattered, binds the broken back in place.
Let us each fulfill our calling and hear others calling too,
for the source of all things calls us: good and beautiful and true.

Here the preacher meets the people, here the artist trains her eye,
here the teacher and the student kneel in worship side by side.
Here we all break bread together, here we serve the last and least,
here the most unlikely wonder, at an unexpected feast.

What the world has long divided let us link and join anew -
erudition with religion, justice with compassion, too.
Let the scientist and singer both explore life's mystery
and both find, in awe and wonder traces of the Trinity.

God the Three in One we worship, three in one and one in us:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, weaving wonder, love, and grace.
We are caught up in that weaving, lifted, crossed, and inter crossed
in the Spirit, to the Father, through the sovereign love of Christ.

--by Malcolm Guite

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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Worship Service 9:30 AM
Fellowship Time and Sunday School, 10:45

The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton
Bishop, North Carolina Conference

The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour
Pastor

A Service of Word and Table

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
November 1, 2026

Today is All Saints' Sunday, when we give thanks for the worldwide communion of our brothers and sisters in Christ, in past, present, and future ages.

Gathering Music *"When We All Get to Heaven"* **Carl Sykes**

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church Bell

Greeting

Prelude *"Panis Angelicus"*

Choral Praise *"Will the Circle Be Unbroken"*

† Call to Worship **George Orlovsky**

Grace and peace in the name of the One who is, who was, and is to come.
Amen!
Let the faithful ones sing glory to God.
Praise the Lord!
Peace be unto you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
He is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, the ruler of all kings on earth!
In Christ we set our hope, for he is our salvation.
Sealed with the Holy Spirit, we live for the praise of his glory!

† Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, from age to age you have raised men and women to live and die in the faith. So many times, we forget the ones who have taught us the truth. Forgive our indifference to your will. Look away when we forget the great gift we've been given. You have called us to serve, but we want to be served. Forgive us of our pride, and drive us to our knees in humility before you. Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us. Amen.

† Hymn of Praise *"How Firm a Foundation"* **UMH No. 529**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

New Testament Lesson **Revelation 7:9-17** Pew Bible p. 249 NT **Inge Hersman**

Anthem *"We'll Understand It Better By and By"*

Children's Lesson **Blair Pace**

New Testament Lesson **1 John 3:1-3** Pew Bible p. 240 NT

Homily *"Let All Be Saints"* **Kevin Seymour**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Hymn of Praise *"For All the Saints"* (verses 1, 3, 6) **UMH No. 711**

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† Doxology **UMH No. 70** GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen, Amen.

Holy Communion **UMH No. 9**

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the bread and the cup

The altar is open for prayer

Naming the Honored Dead **Tommy Vaughan**

family members are invited to come forward and light a candle in remembrance

Prayer of Response *"A Prayer for All the Saints"*

Musical response **Bill Gross**

All Saints Day
A Service of Remembrance
November 1, 2026

Tommy Vaughan, Reader *Bill Gross, Ringer*

Prayer **Tommy Vaughan**

Reading of the Names of All the Saints **Tommy Vaughan**

Helen Hickman Allen
James Phillip Aware
James Edward Baker
Ryan Christopher Cameron
Grace Stewart Coleman
Robin Jeffrey Cummings
Brian Ashley Denkins
Margaret Martin Gantt
Linda Lee Gurley
Joe Dale Hawley
*Bryant Douglas Hickman
Edna Gray Hickman
Ruben James Hickman
*Nancy Carol Thomas Johnson
Dr. Steven Michael Jurisich
*Sandra Springsteen Klumpp
*Maude Harrington Maloney
Rev. Tracy Aubrey Maness
Daisy Wilson McLeod
*Linda Cameron McNeill

Charles Samuel Ralston
Rebecca Thomas Rosser
Burnette Jackson Sanders
*Ronald V. Scott
Raymond Allen Seymour, Jr.
Rena Elizabeth Shry
Lisa King Skinner
Donna Leigh Skoien
Donna Stone Sloan
Patsy Haithcock Sloan
Rama Perdue Smith
*Ruford Frederick Spivey
David Lee Stout
Carolyn Parker Sykes
L. C. Sykes
Mary Charlene Synder
Rubin Billy Wilson
James Max Wood
Jerry Wayne Yarborough

** Morris Chapel UMC Church Member*

Responsive Reading *"A Prayer for All the Saints"* **Tommy Vaughan**

A Prayer for All the Saints

Ever-living God,
  this day revives in us memories of loved ones who are no more.
What happiness we shared when they walked among us.
What joy, when, loving and being loved, we lived our lives together.
Their memory is a blessing for ever.

Months or years may have passed, and still we feel near to them.
Our hearts yearn for them.
Though the bitter grief has softened, a duller pain abides;
  for the place where once they stood is empty now.
The links of life are broken, but the links of love and longing cannot break.
Their souls are bound up in ours for ever.

We see them now with the eye of memory,
  their faults forgiven, their virtues grown larger.
So does goodness live, and weakness fade from sight.
We remember them with gratitude and bless their names.
Their memory is a blessing for ever.

And we remember as well as the members
  who but yesterday were part of our congregation and community.
To all who cared for us and labored for all people, we pay tribute.
May we prove worthy of carrying on the tradition of our faith,
  for now the task is ours.
Their souls are bound up in ours for ever.

We give you thanks that they now live and reign with you.
As a great crowd of witnesses,
  they surround us with their blessings,
  and offer you hymns of praise and thanksgiving.
They are alive for ever more.

Amen.

All are invited to take with you today your candle and
a rose from the altar to hold your loved one in remembrance.

MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LOVE GOD, FOLLOW JESUS, & SERVE OTHERS

This week at Morris Chapel

Sunday --Worship Service @ 930 AM; Christmas Play Practice, 10:45. Turkey Dinner after worship.
Monday – United Methodist Men, 630 PM.
Tuesday – Pastor's Bible Study, 10 AM.
Wednesday—Children & Youth night, 6 PM; Choir Rehearsal, 630 PM.

November Birthdays: Richard Campbell 11/6, Calleigh Baker 11/13, Janice Holder 11/15, Clarence Hubbard 11/16, Jarrell Meeks 11/16, Richard Blosser 11/19, Gary Maddox 11/19, Leslie Johnson 11/22, Louise Walker 11/22, Barry Harrington 11/29.

Local Missions

Thanksgiving Dinner boxes. Morris Chapel will provide cranberry sauce and sweet potatoes for 150 dinner boxes so that needy neighbors will have their Thanksgiving feast. Love Grove AME Zion Church leads this work of mercy, and they will provide the other dinner items and get the dinners into the hands of our neighbors.

El Refugio builds bridges between transitioning immigrants and established residents in the Sanford community. Programs offered are free language classes (English and Spanish), citizenship preparedness classes, and financial literacy. Morris Chapel provides annual financial support.

Marine Corps Toys for Tots Collection Toys for Tots donation boxes have been placed in the Fellowship Hall. If you'd like to participate, please bring new, unwrapped toys to help brighten Christmas for children in need. If you have any questions, please speak with **Greg Vorholt**.

Morris Chapel UMC is connected to the ministries and the people of the United Methodist Church by way of covenant relationship in pursuit of a shared mission. Our congregation has a consistent history of paying our Apportionments, by which we do our part to support the work of evangelism and human flourishing around the world. Our generosity here supports God's good work to build new churches, send forth missionaries, and meet basic human needs in places far away from here. And so it is, Morris Chapel, by way of your connected relationship with the United Methodist Church, you are sending mission to places you will never go, saving souls you will never meet, and educating young children you will never get to hug. This is the joy of connection.

Keep these in your prayers

Peggy Danielsen Pat Frank Rhonda McNeill Susie Pierce	Melvin Rosser Iqbal Sheikh Phil Spivey Marilyn Stevens	Sammy Stone Denny Summers Craig Tripp Shelby Truelove	Louise Walker Pam Vaughan Bob Woolston Sandy Woolston

Attendance last Sunday: 55

Tithes & Offerings as of 10/25/2026	
Needed Each Week:	**$ 4,049.40**
Received Last Week:	**$ 4,109.92**

The funds needed each week are raised to meet the church budget. Your generous support enables the support of worship, music, and the pursuit God's mission locally and around the world.

"Stewardship is faithfully tending what we have received from God for participation in God's purposes, knowing that it did not begin with us, does not belong to us and cannot end with us."
– Rev. Chris McAlilly

You may support the ministries of Morris Chapel by giving online at
www.morrischapelumc.org/giveplus

Serving in Worship

Serving Communion today: Inge Hersman and George Orlovsky.

	Acolytes	Children's Lesson	Lectors	Liturgists	Ushers	Greeters
Nov. 1	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Blair Pace	Inge Hersman	George Orlovsky	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	George Orlovsky
Nov. 8	Callen Morris Jase Burris	Isabelle Sturgill	Nash Pace		Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Danny Baker
Nov. 15	Rylee Ray Callen Morris		Calleigh Baker	Drew Burris	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Marian Huepper
Nov. 22	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Evan Deminski	Evan Deminski		Todd Pace Nash Pace	Donnie Carter

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.