



MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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An Order of Service for Worship and Word

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER the EPIPHANY

January 29, 2023 - 9:30 AM

Entrance

Prelude

“O Rest in the Lord”

Musician

(Felix Mendelssohn arr. Martha Powell Setchell)

Welcome What blessings do you need this morning? Where in life are you struggling? God will be there and give you what you need.

Call to Worship

“He Has Made Me Glad”

Choir

Greeting

L: Loving God, we come this morning,

P: seeking to abide in Your presence.

L: Open our minds to Your spirit of wisdom,

P: that we may know how to live as Your people.

L: Open our hearts to Your spirit of truth,

P: that we may love all Your people with a love that speaks of justice, kindness, and radical grace.

L: May this time of worship,

P: Be authentic and pleasing to You. Amen.

† Opening Hymn

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

#402

† Opening Prayer

(Unison)

God of compassion, we are overwhelmed by the struggles of life. We hunger and thirst for righteousness, but find ourselves feeling empty. We grieve in seasons of loss, feeling hopeless and lost. We want to show mercy, but we hold on to old resentments. We want to make peace, but we don't even know where to begin. Come with Your wisdom and guide us in Your ways. Renew us and inspire us to live faithfully, as You walk beside us. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 15, Micah 6:8

Minister

† Gloria Patri

#70

Children's Message

Richard Angel

Receiving of Joys and Prayer Concerns

Minister

Musical Interlude

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Meditation

Special Music

“Born of Grace”

Choir

Offering

† Doxology

#95

† Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Offering

Minister

Message

Matthew 5:1-12
Blessed are God's People

Minister

† Apostle's Creed

#881

† Sending Forth

“Trust and Obey”

#467

† 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 Please contact Drew Burris (704) 467-0781 or Stacey Burris (919) 721-2236 for any changes. We pray that everyone might be able to participate in our Worship Services to the glory of God!

Easter Cantata Choir Practice commences this coming Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to join in for the practices. Easter is April 9th. We hope to see a full choir singing praises and giving glory to God!

It's Scholarship Time! It now is time to apply for scholarships! Please see Donna Maddox or Danny Baker for applications. The scholarships will be awarded on Mothers' Day, May 14th. Thank you!

MARK THIS DATE! February 26: Safe Sanctuaries Training will occur on this date, likely after the Worship Service. More details to follow but please note this Sunday on your calendars

The New Bible Study **STARTS TODAY: TIME** 10:45 to 11:45 in Sunday school room #3 at the end of the hall, on the right. This first seven-week study (one hour a week) is topically based, using OT and NT scripture. The Study: **Who Is God?** Call Laurel Parker (919) 271-0963 if interested or just show up! Bring your Bible, too!! Class is almost full!!

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: 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

Richard & Pat Angel
Billie Arnett
Betty & Don Beach
Deborah Beaudin
Crystal Burichin
Donna Callodonato
Family of Susie Carter
Sharon Cameron
Alan Cox
Jeanette Amos-Cox
Family of Tom Davis
Melissa Edwards
Dennis Fore
Greg Garcia
Bob Gillis
Buddy Godwin
Kristen Halstead family

Tommy Harrington
Dennis & Lewis Hartman
Mary Hudson
Wayne Hudson
Chad Huffman
Evan Johnson
Nancy Johnson
Bob Kennedy
Beverly Leslie
Beckley Lister
Jason Little
Jeff Ludewig
Diane Ludewig
Bette Lyons
Shirley Maddox
Maude Maloney
Melissa Martin

Martha Meeks
Military troops & families
Dick McDonnie
Linda McNeill
Rhonda McNeill
Tim & Donna McNeill
Clay Moore
Nepal plane crash victims
Susie Pierce
Phyllis Poe
Janie Ray
Jason Ray
Johnny Ray
Diane Richards
Hank Richards
Dot Roberts
Polly Scalise

Carolyn Saucier
Sandra Shope
Logan Shuey
Fred Spivey
Joyce Key Thomas
United Methodist Church
United States of America
Unspoken Prayers
Tommy & Pam Vaughan
Marine Paul Whelan-prisoner
Carol Wilcom
Family of Nellie Wilson
Flossie Wilt
Lilla Williams
Bill Wilson
Family of Laurie Yarbrough

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

January 2023	Acolytes	Children's Message	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers	Fellowship
29	Jason Little Ian Carter	Richard Angel	Wayne Stack Gary Maddox	Ron Mercer Gail Carucci		Linda Dilley
February 5	Bryson Baker JC Ray	Krystal Ray	Greg Vorholt Hank Richards	Richard Angel Pat Angel		Dan & Melanie Wissinger
12	Caleigh Baker Jase Burris	Gillian Hubley	Drew Burris Bryson Baker	Morgan Baker Stacey Burris	Daniel Baker Morgan Baker Drew Burris Stacey Burris	Lou Millar Gillian Hubley
19	Jason Little Ian Carter	Mike Edwards	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Peggy Scott Laurel Parker		
26	Caleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Richard Angel	Richard Angel Danny Baker	Linda Dilley Jeanette Cox		