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.

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

SENDING FORTH

† **Hymn** "Victory in Jesus" # 370

- † Benediction
- † Postlude

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



God, good beyond all that is good, fair beyond all that is fair, in you is calmness, peace, and concord. Heal the dissensions that divide us from one another and bring us back to a unity of love bearing some likeness to your divine nature. Through the embrace of love and the bonds of godly affection, make us one in the Spirit by your peace which makes all things peaceful. We ask this through the grace, mercy, and tenderness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

— Dionysius of Alexandria, 3rd century



MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship Celebration 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time 10:30 AM | Sunday School 11:00 AM

The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton

The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour

Raleigh Area Bishop

Pastor

Nancy Martinez

The Rev. Sunny B. Limm

Fairway District Superintendent

Assistant to the District Superintendent

A Service of the Word

NINETEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST October 8, 2023 9:30 AM

In today's lesson from Philippians, Paul likens the journey of faith to a race, encouraging the Christians in Philippi to strain forward and press on to the heavenly goal of Christ. All other earthly desires and dreams fall away and are transformed when we reorient our perspective around God's perspective.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "The Solid Rock" Leslie Orlovsky

arranged by Tim Doran

Choral Praise "Praise the Name of Jesus" Choir

† Call to Worship

We praise you Father God.

Let all creation worship our Holy Father.

We sing to God's own Son, the author of our salvation.

The Holy Lord Jesus gives us good work to do.

Blessed be God's Holy Spirit.

Holy, Holy, blessed be the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Alleluia and Amen!

† Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, we give you thanks for caring enough about us to find a way to show up to us even when we so often failed to show up for you. You push through any of our defenses and find a way to call each of us by name. Keep working with us, pulling us, and pushing us toward relationship with you. Stick with us Lord Jesus, so that we will faithfully stick with you. **Amen.**

† **Hymn** "How Great Thou Art" #77

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 5:1-7 Steve Huepper
Anthem "The Rock Medley" Choir
Children's Lesson Krystle Ray
New Testament Lesson Philippians 3:4b-14

Sermon "Press On" Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer of Response

† Hymn "Jesus Calls Us" # 398

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

The Peace May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Glory to God, Amen!

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† Doxology # 95

MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – October 8, 2023

WELCOME!

Welcome to Morris Chapel United Methodist Church! We are delighted that you joined us in Christian Education and Worship today. Morris Chapel United Methodist Church welcomes visitors who are seeking a church home, those who join us for special occasions, and those who seek relief from life's burdens. Join us in praising God, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, and giving thanks to a loving God for the blessings of the day!

CALENDAR

Every Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service – in person and Livestream
Sunday	10:30 am	Fellowship Time

Sunday 10:30 am Fellowship Time Sunday 11:00 am Sunday Schools

Tuesday 10:00 am Bible Study "Sunday's Coming" Pastor Seymour

Wednesday 7:00 pm Choir Practice – all are welcome

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>Today's Altar Flowers</u> are provided by Jack and Mavis Harper in memory of Mavis's parents - Francis and Sara Jo Harris and Jack's parents - Jack and Sallie Harper.

<u>First Time Visitors!</u> We are so glad you joined us, and we hope you return! Please pick up a coffee mug with goodies and info at the front door area as you exit. It is a token of our gratitude and love for visiting our Worship Service. Be blessed!

<u>Christmas Cantata Practice</u> Please consider joining the choir for the Christmas Cantata. Practice has started on Wednesdays from 7-7:35. It is *not too late* to join in! Come, raise your voice in praise of our Holy God!

<u>Fellowship Time After Church</u> Please prayerfully consider signing up to provide refreshments after Church on Sunday mornings. The Fellowship Committee provides refreshments one Sunday per month. The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall, right wall next to the counter. There's a white binder on the kitchen counter with ideas and what to do so let's keep this time of fellowship going!

<u>Youth and Childrens Halloween Party</u> heads-up! Mark your calendars for October 29 – 3-5:00 for a get together! More info to follow soon.....

<u>Do You Love Children</u>? Then perhaps you will assist with the Children's Messages?! We need 2-4 interested and caring volunteers to round out the monthly schedule. That would mean one message per month per volunteer. Please pray about this – then contact either Mavis Harper, Laurel Parker, or Pastor Kevin regarding your decision to assist. Thank you!

<u>SPAGHETTI SUPPER</u> – The Methodist Men are back in action and will host a dinner on Friday, October 20 from 6 - 8 PM. Tickets will be available. \$8.00 for adults, 12 & under \$5.00.

PARISH NOTICES

<u>Laity Courses offered in Chapel Hill!</u> The Fairway District is offering 3 separate laity courses on Oct. 21 from 8-4:30 in Chapel Hill. The cost is \$25.00 and you may choose from these topics: Soul Reset, For the Common Good, or Justice in Everyday Life. Please go to nccumc.org/laity/events/ to register and read more about these courses. You will be blessed by attending these insightful offerings.

<u>Coffee and Soft Drinks</u> are being provided today in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sherry Baucom	Richard Gillis	Maude Maloney	Jack Sharpe
Maryann Bell	Ron Hartman	Ann McLeod	Nathaniel Smith
Rick Billings	Ron Height	Maxine McLeod	Cynthia Spivey
William Black	Connie Hickman	Rhonda McNeill	Joyce Key Thomas
Richard & Amanda Campbell	Bob & Laura Holder	Sandra Norris	Wilma Truelove
Kristie Casterlin	Mary Hudson	Susie Pierce	United Methodist Church
Bee Chapman	Teresa Ingram	Danielle Rahko	United States of America
Congregational Unity	Evan Johnson	Ray Family	Pam Vaughan
Jeanette Cox	Nancy Johnson	Angelene Rosser	Flossie Wilt
Shelton Crutchfield	Tom Kirby	Milton & Betty Rosser	Sandy Woolston
Greg Garcia	Diane Ludwig	Ron & Peggy Scott	Debra Underwood

LAST SUNDAY – World Communion Sunday

Attendance 68 A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes
Tithes & Offerings \$6,096.40 others will himself be refreshed. (Proverbs 11:25)
Weekly Goal \$3,696.63

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Oct.	Acolytes	Children's	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion
		Message				Servers
8	Paisley Kilmer	Krystle Ray	Steve Huepper	Danny Baker	Donna Maddox	
	Teagan Kilmer			Bryson Baker	Krystle Ray	
15	JC Ray	Richard Angel	Inge Hersman	Ron Mercer	Danny Baker	
	Bryson Baker			George Orlovsky	Peggy Baker	
22	Calleigh Baker	Krystle Ray	Drew Burris	Justin Ray	Marian Huepper	
	Jase Burris			JC Ray	Laurel Parker	
29	JC Ray	Richard Angel	George Orlovsky	Donnie Carter	Scott Anderson	
	Rylee Ray			lan Carter	Emma Anderson	
Nov	Bryson Baker	Krystle Ray	Manuela Seymour	Jack Harper	Jack Harper	Kevin Seymour
5	lan Carter			Danny Baker	Mavis Harper	Manuela Seymour
						Jack Harper
						Laurel Parker