

Sharing our prayer concerns
Musical interlude
Prayers for the Church and the world

SENDING FORTH

- † Hymn *“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”* UMH No. 540
- † Benediction
- † Postlude

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



Christ is made the sure Foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one,
Holy Sion’s help forever, and her confidence alone.
All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.
— *a Latin hymn from the 7th century*



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

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A Service of the Word

LAITY SUNDAY

October 11, 2026 9:30 AM

Laity Sunday calls the Church to celebrate the ministry of Christians of all ages in the home, workplace, congregation, community, and world.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ring the Church bell

Greeting

Prelude "The Church's One Foundation"

Choral Praise "Praise the Name of Jesus"

† Call to Worship Canticle of the Holy Trinity

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation.

**We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;
all creation worships you, Father everlasting.**

Sing praise to Jesus Christ, the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

**He overcame the sting of death, bought us with the price of his own blood,
opened the heavenly gates to all who believe in his name.
We praise his name forever.**

Sing praise to the Holy Spirit, our advocate and our guide.
**Holy, Holy, Holy, blessed be the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Alleluia and Amen!**

† Opening Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

† Hymn "We Gather Together" UMH No. 131

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson Psalm 80:7-15 Pew Bible p. 541 OT George Orlovsky

Anthem "Jesus Built This Church On Love"

Children's Lesson Calleigh Baker

New Testament Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:1-7; 12 Pew Bible p. 174 NT

Sermon Drew Burris

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Hymn "God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian" UMH No. 648

Litany of Thanksgiving for Lay Leaders

By the waters of baptism, all Christians are called to ministry to make the love of Christ visible in the world, to invite others to experience God's loving grace, and to offer whosoever shall come the warm welcome of kind Christian hospitality.

By the gifts of God's grace and the promise of usefulness, some are called to servant leadership in the heart of Christian ministry, the local church.

Servant leadership comes as both privilege and task. The ones who serve guide the church with special care and certainly with the acknowledgement of their responsibilities.

Therefore, we mark the ministry of the laity on this day with this prayer of thanksgiving for those who lead the church in God's good work here at Morris Chapel.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

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**



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

This week at Morris Chapel

Sunday --Worship Service @ 930 AM; Fellowship Time & Sunday School, 10:45;
Christmas Play Practice, 10:45.

Wednesday-- Choir Rehearsal, 630 PM.

Congregational Care

If you would like to take part in helping the ministry of Morris Chapel reflect the unconditional love of Jesus, please let Pastor Kevin know. A ministry team is building for the purpose of caring for each other in a time such as this.

Upcoming

The Fellowship Committee is preparing a Turkey Dinner with all the Fixings after the worship service on All Saints Day Sunday, November 1. Please plan to share this meal with your church family. Fill out the Sign-Up Sheet and place it in the offering plate.

October 25 – Guest preacher Karen Cruthfield, Pastor Kevin off.

November 1, All Saints Sunday. If you have loved ones you've lost since this time last year, please review the list on the bulletin board or see Karen Rosser.



**The United Methodist Church forms disciples
of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy
Spirit, **love boldly**, **serve joyfully**, and
lead courageously in local communities
and worldwide connections.**

“Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God.” – John Wesley

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Alexis Cline, River McPherson.
Family of Sandra Klumpp.

Ting Baucom Joe Cavaluzzi Peggy Daniels Wendy Diez	Warren Lewis Shirley Matthews Rhonda McNeill Susie Pierce	Melvin Rosser Phil Spivey Marilyn Stevens Denny Summer	Shelby Truelove Louise Walker Pam Vaughan Bob Woolston Sandy Woolston
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Attendance last Sunday: 56

Tithes & Offerings as of 10/4/2026	
Needed Each Week:	\$ 4,049.40
Received Last Week:	\$ 6,471.92

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.

"Having, first, gained all you can, and, secondly saved all you can, then give all you can."
– John Wesley

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

Serving in Worship

Serving Communion November 1 – Krystle Ray & Morgan Baker.

	Acolytes	Children's Lesson	Lectors	Liturgists	Ushers	Greeters
Oct. 11	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Calleigh Baker	George Orlovsky		Crystal Burichin Travis Thomas	Janice Holder
Oct. 18	Rylee Ray Callen Morris	Rylee Ray	Steve Huepper	Inge Hersman	Jake Wissinger Dan Wissinger	Linda Dilley
Oct. 25	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Stacey Burris	Leslie Orlovsky		Todd Pace Nash Pace	Carl Sykes
Nov. 1	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Blair Pace	Rylee Ray	George Orlovsky	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	George Orlovsky
Nov. 8	Callen Morris Jase Burris	Isabelle Sturgill	Nash Pace		Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Danny Baker

**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.