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.

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

SENDING FORTH

† **Hymn** *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"* **UMH No. 133**

† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

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

Even before we call on your name to ask you, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify you, you hear our prayer;
Unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in you;
Endless your grace, O endless your grace, beyond all mortal dream.
Both now and for ever, and unto ages and ages, amen.
—*Michael Dennis Browne*

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A Service of the Word

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 2026

Karen Crutchfield is a retired ordained Elder in the NC United Methodist Conference. After living in Snow Hill, NC for 38 years, she and her husband Bob moved to Chatham County to be closer to daughter Rachel. She and Bob also have a son, Andrew, who lives in Virginia. In retirement, she is a spiritual director, likes to read and garden, and especially loves spending time with her three grandchildren!

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Greeting

Prelude *"Meditation"*

Choral Praise *"He Has Made Me Glad"*

† **Call to Worship** (*from Psalm 29)* **Drew Burris**

O give to the Lord, you sons of God, give to the Lord glory and power;
give to the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court.

The voice of the Lord echoes over the waters.

The Lord will give strength to his people, the Lord will bless his people with peace.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen!

† **Opening Prayer**

Merciful God, we confess that we find it difficult to trust in your promise. We don't like the idea of not knowing what success will look like, or what your blessing for us will ultimately bring. Forgive us, we pray, and free us from doubts and fears. We confess that we too often want sure things in life from you, forgetting that life with you is more than we could ever earn or expect. For your kingdom on earth, we pray, that we may see it with your eyes, and work for the glory of your name until the day of your coming. **Amen**.

† **Hymn** *"Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"* **UMH No. 66**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson **Psalm 1** Pew Bible p. 489 OT **Leslie Orlovsky**

Anthem *"Do Lord"*

Children's Lesson **Stacey Burris**

† **Gospel Lesson** **Matthew 22:34-46** Pew Bible p. 25 NT

Sermon **Karen Cruthchfield**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† **Hymn** *"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"* **UMH No. 110**

Today's Hymn of Response is sung in remembrance of Martin Luther, who posted his 95 Theses on the church-house door in Wittenberg on All Hallow's Eve (Oct. 31) in 1517. Luther's courageous act began the Protestant Reformation.

† **Affirmation of Faith** *"The Nicene Creed"* **UMH No. 880**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and `unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.
Tuesday – Pastor's Bible Study, 10 AM.
Wednesday-- Choir Rehearsal, 630 PM.

INVITE someone to church! This is the time of year when lots of folks will attend church who may not otherwise do so. Therefore, it's a good time to INVITE someone to Morris Chapel. So that you may have something specific to invite some one to, our calendar of events and Sunday bulletins are found online at www. morrischapel.org with all the information about our life together.

Toys for Tots

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**.

Upcoming

Food Pantry – Bring non-perishable food items and seasons next week for donation to the food pantry at Love Grove AME Zion Church.

Turkey Dinner next Sunday. The Fellowship Committee is preparing a Turkey Dinner with all the Fixings after the worship service on 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.

United Methodist Men will meet on Monday, November 2nd at 630 PM. See Drew Burris.

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

New this week: Sammy Stone**.**
Families of Kevin & Casey Paulin, Paul Rollinson, Wendell Childers.

Ting Baucom Alexis Cline Peggy Danielsen Pat Frank	Shirley Matthews Rhonda McNeill River McPherson Susie Pierce Melvin Rosser	Iqbal Sheikh Phil Spivey Marilyn Stevens Denny Summers Craig Tripp	Shelby Truelove Louise Walker Pam Vaughan Bob Woolston Sandy Woolston

Attendance last Sunday: 65

Tithes & Offerings as of 10/18/2026	
Needed Each Week:	**$ 4,049.40**
Received Last Week:	**$ 2,456.92**

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: Inge Hersman and George Orlovsky.

	Acolytes	Children's Lesson	Lectors	Liturgists	Ushers	Greeters
Oct. 25	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Stacey Burris	Leslie Orlovsky		Todd Pace Nash Pace	Carl Sykes
Nov. 1		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.