

Congregational welcome

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God made be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Sharing our prayer concerns, Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

SENDING FORTH

† Hymn

"Standing on the Promises"

UMH No. 374

† Benediction

† Postlude

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

In heavenly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear;
And safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here.
The storm may roar without me, my heart may low be laid;
But is round about me, and can I be dismayed?

Wherever He may guide me, no want shall turn me back;
My Shepherd is beside me and nothing can I lack.
His wisdom ever waketh, His sight is never dim;
He knows the way He taketh, and I will walk with Him. – by Anna L. Waring



MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship Celebration 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time 10:30 AM | Sunday School 10:45 AM

The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton

Raleigh Area Bishop

The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour

Pastor

A Service of the Word

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2024 9:30 AM

This week, the scripture lessons have a theme of love. In the Old Testament reading, we learn of the never-ending quality of God's love and goodness. The psalmist echoes this message, as the song extols God's steadfastness in our times of need. The gospel writer shares stories of two miracles that reveal Jesus's love. Christ demonstrates his love as he raises from the dead the beloved daughter of a local official. His love is also on display in his response to a woman who touches him in order to be healed. In seeing this woman's faith, Jesus blesses her and sends her on her way in peace.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ring the Church bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"In Heavenly Love Abiding"* **Leslie Orlovsky**

Choral Praise *"Surely the Presence of the Lord"* **Choir**

† **Call to Worship**

Holy Father, your love lifts us up today.

Amen!

We bring you our troubles and we bring you our pain.

We trust in Blessed Jesus to give us our rest.

Glory be to God's own Spirit.

Holy, holy, holy is the blessed Trinity. Amen!

† **Prayer**

Merciful Healer, we come like Jairus, begging your help for one we love.

We come like the hemorrhaging woman, hoping just to touch your garment.

We come like mourners hovering over a twelve-year-old girl, unbelieving, yet still wishing death's defeat. Give us the faith of a desperate father.

Like a long-suffering woman, trusting in hope, let us reach out and know your power, today and forever. **Amen.**

† **Hymn** *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* **UMH No. 577**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson **Psalm 30** **Inge Hersman**

Anthem *"Jesus Built This Church on Love"* **Choir**

Children's Lesson **Kevin Seymour**

† **Gospel Lesson** **Mark 5:21-42**

Sermon *"From Belief to Trust"* **Kevin Seymour**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith *"The Apostles' Creed"* **UMH No. 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.**

† **Hymn of Response** *"Faith of Our Fathers"* **UMH No. 710**

Prayer of Thanksgiving, The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you! Glory to God, Amen.

Reception of New Members **Jason and Sarah Kilmer** **UMH No. 33**

Congregational commitment

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the
example of Christ. We will surround this family with a community of love
and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found
faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them that they may be
true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – September 8, 2024

WELCOME!

Welcome to Morris Chapel United Methodist Church! We are delighted that you have come to join us for this time of worship. Morris Chapel welcomes all who seek a church home, all who desire to connect with God and the people of God, and all who seek relief from life's burdens. We invite you to take notice of the opportunities to explore the faith, and to walk alongside others in living out the faith of Jesus Christ.

CALENDAR

Every Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service – in person and Livestream
Sunday	10:30 am	Fellowship Time
Sunday	10:45 am	Sunday Schools
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study “Faith Formation Class - Sunday’s Coming” Pastor Seymour
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

First Time Visitors! 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.

2024 Color Church Directories are Here! Immediately after the service TODAY, come to the Heritage Room to receive your copy of the new Directory. Folks will distribute them and your name will be checked off as having received a copy (one per household). Thanks to everyone who participated!

Safe Sanctuary Training TODAY after Worship. This is required every three years for those who participate in our children and adult ministry in any way. Training was held on February 26, 2023, and again on March 17, 2024. Those that did not attend one of those sessions are strongly encouraged to attend training on Sept 8th after the worship service. Our Safe Sanctuaries ministry is Morris Chapel’s best shot at keeping safe the children in ministry with us, and so PPRC is working hard to make sure everyone receives training. Please contact Pastor Kevin or Sandra Carter to sign up

Homecoming Sunday will be September 15. Our guest preacher is the Rev. Beth Hood, Assistant to the Bishop. Please see the below announcement for more details on providing food!

HOMECOMING IS NEXT WEEK! We’re certain to have a large attendance to celebrate in worship and in fellowship with a fine meal. Your help is needed to “feed the 5,000” so plan to bring a meat (could be casserole) and 2 vegetables (could be salad or any side dish) plus dessert. Please consider that you’re sharing with everyone, and so if you’ll bring enough to feed your family then we’re sure to have plenty all around. Thank you!

School Supply Drive for Johnsonville & Greenwood:

PENCILS: #2, colored pencils, markers, crayons **GLUE:** Elmer’s liquid glue, glue sticks **ERASERS:** eraser caps, eraser blocks. **PAPER:** one subject notebooks, *wide rule only*, composition notebooks (NO spiral)
WISH LIST: hand sanitizer, zip lock bags (gallon & sandwich), sticky note pads, expo dry erasers, copy paper, Kleenex, paper towels, baby wipes, individually wrapped candy, bleach wipes
(SEE the display table & collection in the Fellowship Hall.) Thanks to all who contribute!

Morris Chapel Church Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday Sept. 16th at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall. This is an open meeting and all members are welcome to come and observe the Council at work. They do a wonderful amount of work for Morris Chapel. A time will be reserved at the end of the meeting for questions and comments.

IMPORTANT - Requesting Announcements: Please continue sending ALL announcements to Laurel & Mavis **AND** now to **our newest team member, Cindy Vorholt**. We are blessed by her joining us! Note her info below. Thanks.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Laity Courses Being Offered during the fall quarter consist of Ministry of the Forgotten, Public Prayer, Discover Your Spiritual Gifts, Dancing with Words, and For the Common Good: Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gifts. Please go to cle@nccumc.org for dates, locations and times of these courses.

Announcements: by noon on Wednesdays to Laurel Parker at laurelparker@charter.net or (919) 271-0963

*****NOTE: Additional New name for Announcements:*****

Cindy Vorholt at cindy37040@yahoo.com or (586) 601-5164

And Mavis Harper at mavisharper1944@gmail.com or (919) 770-0489.

PLEASE word your announcement as you wish to see it printed.. Thank you

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Richard Angel Richard Barnhart Debbie Bryan Richard Campbell Peggy Daniels Greg & Marcia Garcia	Jeff Harrington Jeff Hartman Brian Henning Amanda Johnson Ron LaJeuncsse Mark Lovick Maude Maloney	Ann McLeod Rhonda McNeill Ken Moss George Orlovsky Susie Pierce Valerie Robertino	Ron & Peggy Scott Donna Sloan Jackson Snipes Jerry Tanner Joyce Key Thomas Pam Vaughan
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Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings

Attendance 9/1/24 **53**

Tithes & Offerings as of: 09/01/2024	
2024 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 129,431.55
2024 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 157,031.21
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 27,599.66

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Worship Volunteers-- you are respectfully asked to arrange for a substitute
in the event that you cannot fill your assigned slot.

Call Worship Chair Peggy Baker (919-935-1600) to report changes or for any questions. Thank you.

Sept	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeter	Communion Servers
8	Ian Carter Isabelle Sturgill	Kevin Seymour	Inge Hersman	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Crystal Burichin	
15	Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Krystle Ray	George Orlovsky	Bryson Baker Calleigh Baker	Gary Rosser	
22	JC Ray Rylee Ray	Stacey Burris	Steve Huepper	Gary Maddox Wayne Stack	Gail Thomas	
29	Jason Morton Callen Morris	Gillian Hubley	Inge Hersman	Jason Morton Drew Burris	Janice Holder	
Oct. 6	Bryson Baker Calleigh Baker	Richard Angel	Manuela Seymour	Carolyn Saucier Danny Baker	Travis Thomas	Kevin Seymour Manuela Seymour Carol Martell Calleigh Baker

After Worship Birthday Treats are being provided by Jeanette Cox! Thank you!