Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† Doxology

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving Sharing the Bread and the Cup

UMH No. 9

SENDING FORTH

† **Hymn** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

UMH No. 133

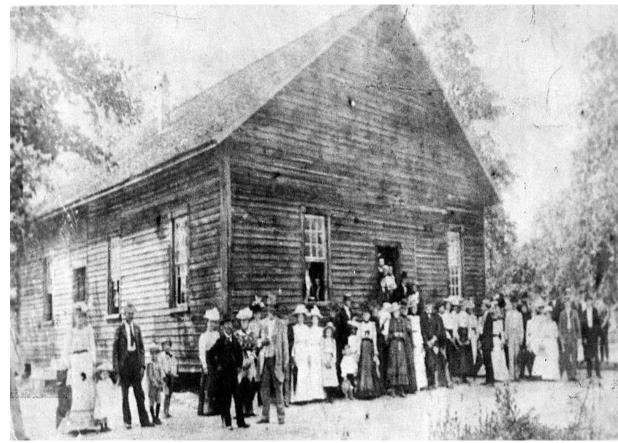
- † Benediction
- † Postlude

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



John A. and Candice Morris, donors of the land in 1860 helped, along with Rev. Peter Doub, to erect the first church building which served the congregation until the present structure was built in 1904. Cornerstone laying rites were held on September 15, 1904, with John Marvin Groce, grandson of John and Candice, at age 12, placing the stone. The present church building has seen many improvements since 1904. For the history lovers, artifacts can be found in our Heritage Room and in our history book, *A Charge to Keep*.

Our guest preacher today is the Reverend Beth Hood. Beth currently serves as Assistant to the Bishop in the Office of Clergy Life. She has served many different churches in the North Carolina Conference.



MORRIS CHAPEL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH. 1860'S.

MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8533 Cox Mill Road, Sanford, North Carolina 27332

HOMECOMING SUNDAY

Worship Celebration 9:30 AM, Fellowship Meal 11:00 AM.

The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton

The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour

Raleigh Area Bishop

Pastor

A Service of Word and Table

September 15, 2024 9:30 AM

A heart-felt welcome is offered to all who join together to celebrate the presence of God and the work of God's people in this place since 1860. We remember today the cornerstone of this building in which we gather was laid in 1904, while we praise the cornerstone of our salvation, our blessed Lord Jesus Christ.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "The Canon in D Major" Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise "Surely the Presence of the Lord" Choir

† Call to Worship

God Father, praise and glory your children come to sing.

Good will and peace to mankind, the gifts your kingdom brings.

And you, Lord Coeternal, the Father's only begotten Son. **O Jesus, King anointed, you have redemption won.**

O Holy Ghost, Creator, the gift of God most high. Life, love and holy wisdom, our weakness now supply.

† Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the brightness of the Father's glory. We give thanks today for the faith built upon your foundation. We remember those who came before us, our foremothers and forefathers in the faith. Thank you. O Lord, you are the chief cornerstone, the pattern by which we so order our lives. Knit us together with the mortar of your Spirit that we may be living stones – bearing witness to your goodness for the coming generation to learn your ways. **Amen.**

† **Hymn** "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

UMH No. 152

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson Psalm 78:1-4 Tommy Vaughan
Anthem Bill Gross
Children's Lesson Krystle Ray
New Testament Lesson Philippians 3:4-14
Sermon "Pressing On" Beth Hood

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer of Response

Gracious God, every new season of ministry in your care is a reminder that your goodness moves from generation to generation. Keep breathing your Spirit of hope and promise upon us, we pray. Keep our feet on the solid rock of your foundation. Give us eyes to see opportunity in this season, and the courage to walk into your preferred future. Amen.

† **Hymn** "How Firm a Foundation" **UMH No. 529**

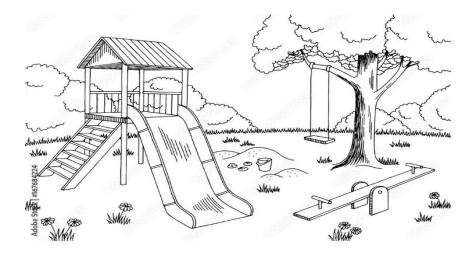
† Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

† Words of Assurance and Pardon

† The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you! And also with you! Glory to God, Amen.



Morris Chapel United Methodist Church Playground Dedication

September 15, 2024 10:45 AM

Jesus Loves the Little Children, all the children of the world; Red and yellow, black and white they are precious in his sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.



Matthew 18:1-6

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

Proverbs 8:30-31 Jason Morton

I, Wisdom, was with him in composing all things. And I was delighted, throughout every day, by playing in his sight at all times, playing in all the earth.

Ecclesiastes 3:4 Calleigh Baker

There is a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance!

A Dedication Dance

Krystle Ray



Prayer

Our Father in heaven, bless this present generation with joy and peace at this playground, and keep your Spirit alive in this place for children yet unborn. Bless our eyes to see new friends made and new games played on this sacred ground. Fill all who enter with the fruit of your Spirit so that fun and fellowship will rule the day. We ask your blessing upon this place in the name of the one who is peace and joy and truth, our blessed Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



The children of Morris Chapel are thankful for every person who made this dream of a new playground come true.

 $For \ today, \ tomorrow, \ and \ for evermore \ -- Jesus \ loves \ the \ little \ children.$

MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – September 15, 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
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Sunday 10:30 am Fellowship Time Sunday 10:45 am Sunday Schools

Tuesday 10:00 am Bible Study "Faith Formation Class" Pastor Seymour (**NO class on 9/17**)

Wednesday **6:30 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.

Morris Chapel Church Council Meeting is scheduled for this 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.

<u>Christmas Cantata</u>- Anyone who would like to join the choir in singing the annual Christmas cantata, let Jerry Keith know.

New Choir Practice Time! Choir practice will be 6:30 pm on Wednesday, rather than 7:00 pm.

<u>IMPORTANT - Requesting Announcements:</u> Please continue sending <u>ALL</u> 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

<u>Laity Courses Being Offered</u> 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 <u>cle@nccumc.org</u> 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 <u>mavisharper1944@gmail.com</u> or (919) 770-0489. **PLEASE word your announcement as you wish to see it printed.. Thank you**

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Richard Angel	Jeff Harrington	Maude Maloney	Ron & Peggy Scott
Richard Barnhart	Jeff Hartman	Ann McLeod	Donna Sloan
Debbie Bryan	Family of Brian Henning	Rhonda McNeill	Jackson Snipes
Donna Callodonato	Amanda Johnson	Ken Moss	Joyce Key Thomas
Richard Campbell	Ron LaJeuncsse	Denise Nevins	Pam Vaughan
Peggy Danielsen	Mark Lovick	Susie Pierce	Ronnie Wilson
Greg & Marcia Garcia		Valerie Robertino	

Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings

Attendance 9/8/24 **78**

Tithes & Offerings as of: 09/08/2024					
2024 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 133,129.59				
2024 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 160,533.59				
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 27,404.00				

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Worship Volunteers-- <u>you are respectfully asked to arrange for a substitute</u> 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
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 Daniel Baker	Travis Thomas	Kevin Seymour Manuela Seymour Carol Martell Calleigh Baker
13	Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Krystle Ray	Steve Huepper	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Carolyn Saucier	