



# MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## An Order of Service for Worship and Word of God

**THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT**

December 13, 2020 9:30 AM

**Entrance**

**Prelude**

**The Lighting of the Altar Candles**

**Call to Worship**

L: Love has come down to us this Advent Season.

**P: Divine love which heals and transforms our lives.**

L: With great joy, we receive that love and share it with others.

**P: We open our hearts to all God's children, the last, the least, and the lost, as well as those who feel privileged.**

L: The Lord has done and continues to do great things for us.

**P: Praise be to God who loves us so much and who challenges us to be people of joy in this darkened world. AMEN!**

**Opening Hymn**

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

#240

**Opening Prayer**

All

**Lord of Love and Light, shine through our darkness, bringing us hope. Open our hearts for the journey, our eyes for the light, our spirits for the peace which you bring. Fill our mouths with laughter and speech with shouts of joy that we shall reveal the love with which you surround us. We offer this prayer in the name of the One who is coming into the world bringing your hope, love, peace, and joy, Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

**Gloria Patri**

#70

**Scripture Reading and Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**John 1:6-8, 19-28**

**Receiving of Joys and Prayer Concerns**

Pastor

The Lord be with you.

**And also, with you.**

Let us pray.

**Silent Meditation and Musical Interlude**

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor

**Special Music**

**What Child is This**

Douglas Currin

**Scripture Reading**

**Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

Pastor

**Sermon**

**The Lord GOD will cause Righteousness and Praise**

**Apostle's Creed**

**Hymnal #881**

**Sending Forth**

**Joy to the World**

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**Benediction**

Pastor

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES

Welcome to Morris Chapel United Methodist Church! We are excited that you joined us in Worship today via FaceBook Live. Morris Chapel United Methodist Church welcomes all as we come together to Worship. Let us join in praising God, making Disciples for Jesus and helping transform the world!

**Christmas "Eve" Service - Livestream:** will be held on **Wednesday, December 23 at 6:00 pm**. You may pick up a candle at the church prior to the 23rd. Exact information will come in following announcements. Also, we want to fill the sanctuary with our church family's pictures (from Christmas's past if you have them). You can scan and email or drop them off at the church. Please mark your calendars for the 23rd at 6:00 pm the day of the service.

**Thursday Bible Studies: (Livestream) at 11:00.** This Bible study on the book of Romans is ongoing now. It is never too late to tune in! Please mark your calendars to attend via Livestream as this is a pivotal New Testament book chock full of wisdom and should not be missed!

**Tithes and Offerings:** The church thanks you for your faithfulness in tithing and offering. Please continue to mail your gifts and tithes to the church or follow the directions on the website at [www.morrischapelumc.org](http://www.morrischapelumc.org) for on-line giving through Vanco, as many of the expenses of the church still continue. Be in God's Grace, Peace and Love

*Announcements may be given by noon on Wednesdays  
to Laurel Parker at [laurelparker@charter.net](mailto:laurelparker@charter.net) or (919) 271-0963.*

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### **Cindy Alexander**

Mike Applegate

David Argy

Sheila Armstrong

Emily Bass

Sherry Baucom

**Gage Berryman**

Joshua Black

Polly Bouldin

Crystal Burichin

**Dot Cameron Family**

Lauren Cameron

Opal Campbell

Rick Campbell

**Barbara Cashion**

Dennis Cleveland

Noah Davis Clifton

Shirley Coleman

**Jerald Cooper**

**COVID-19 victims**

Greg Cox

Jay Cox

Jeanette Amos-Cox

Ronny Cox

Josh Currin

Peggy Daniels

Carole Davis

Madison Doty

Hunter Doyle

Vicki Ebisch

Melissa Edwards

**Sylvia Edwards**

**Emergency responders**

Wayne Everts

**Family of Lynn Freeman**

Buddy Godwin

Bob Granger

Stephanie Green

Cindy Griffin

Elva Hall

Kelly "Gene" Hall

Weston Hamil

Linda Hardt & family

Louis Hartman

Kelly Hatcher

**Healthcare workers**

Laura Holder

Peggy Holder

Chad Huffman

Janet Hughes

Kathy Hyde

Justin, Leslie, Evan & Liam Johnson

Bobby Jones

Crystal Jordan

Sandi Kankelfritz

June Kelly

Branson Long

May Luth

Sam MacDonald

Maude Maloney

Melissa Martin

Connie Mashburn

Beth McNeill

Donna McNeill

Grace McNeill

Linda McNeill

**Rhonda McNeill**

Tim McNeill

Glynes Meeks

Martha Meeks

Military troops & families

**Darrell Morton**

**Rev. David Newton**

Ricky Norris

Cecile Parker

Betty Patterson

Gwen Patterson

Johnny Patterson

David & Melba Pearson

**Garrett Phillips**

Greg Pierce

Susie Pierce

Brenda Popke

Sheila Pressler

**Janie Ray**

Dot Roberts

Jessica Roberto

Ricky Shearer

Sandra Shope

Catherine Simms

Alexis Smith

Richard Smith

**Ashbee Standridge**

Valerie Stanley

Carrie Stephenson

**Jedediah Sweeney**

Amy Thomas

Buck Thomas

Cleta Thomas

Esteen Thomas

Joyce Thomas

Larry Thomas

Mary Thomas

Matthew Thomas

United Methodist Churches

**United States of America**

Colleen Weber

Betty Whitehurst

**Tim Wholey**

Jackie Wilson

**Family of Ruben Wilson**

**Reopening for Worship**

Jimmy & Eunice Womack

Sammy Womack

**People of Yemen**