

September 6, 2026

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:00 FAMILY HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE

COMBINED SERVICE

FEATURING THE JOYFUL NOISE BAND

Procession In, standing

The Right Hand of God

Songbook #47

The Opening Sentences

Book of Common Prayer 355

Song of Praise

Shout to the Lord

Songbook #57

The Collect

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-11

Note: This portion of the book of this prophet, who prophesied to the people of Israel when they were in exile in Babylon, is the mandate of God to speak directly to the people about falling away from the faith of their ancestors.

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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Psalm 119:33-40 Legem pone

Note: This psalm, the longest in the psalter, is a stream of couplets which has a single theme with innumerable variations. Each couplet urges the following of the law (Torah) as the way of life. We follow God in all the varieties that life offers us.

- 33

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35

Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

- 36

Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
- 37

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
- 38

Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39

Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- 40

Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

The Epistle: Romans 13:8-14

Note: This portion of Paul's letter tracks Jesus' teaching closely and especially as it follows the tradition of Moses in Leviticus 19 cited below, and ultimately the Summary of the Law.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Sequence Hymn, standing

Love Round

Sing-A-Long

The Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Note: The teaching by Jesus follows the ancient teaching of Moses as described particularly in chapter 19 of Leviticus, part of what has been called the "Holiness Code". God declares himself holy and therefore declares that his people should be holy. Chapter 19 directly emphasizes the teaching of listening to one another but also, to love your neighbor as oneself, the second part of Jesus' teaching of the summary of the law.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Homily

The Rev. James B. Stutler, D. Min

Followed by silence for reflection.

The Nicene Creed, standing

The Prayers of the People, kneeling or standing

Greetings and Announcements

The Confession of Sin

BCP 358

BCP 359

The Peace, standing

THE HOLY COMMUNION

RITE II, PRAYER B

BCP 360

The Offertory

The Summons

Songbook #61

The Doxology, standing

Hymnal 380, v3

The Great Thanksgiving

The Sursum Corda

The Sanctus

The Canon, kneeling or standing.

BCP 367

Hymnal S114

THE GREAT AMEN

BCP 368

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Communion Sing-A Long

Take Our Bread

Sing Hallelujah to the Lord

Abba, Father

Lamb of God

BCP 364

Hymnal S169

Songbook #58

Songbook #44

Songbook #4

Songbook #31

Post Communion Prayer, kneeling or standing

BCP 365

Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors

Priest: On behalf of this congregation, I give you these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: We send you forth with the body and blood of Christ.

Recessional Hymn:

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Songbook #31

The Blessing

The Dismissal Response

Thanks be to God.

BCP 366



WE PRAY FOR:

Our Parish Family, especially

- ✚ CLAIRE, MARGE, FRAN, LINDA, DAVID, MARK, MISSY, LESLIE, BILL, AMANDA, CAROLE, JUDITH, ANN, AL, HUBIE, ROBIN, TED, DAKOTA, CARL, JEAN, MARY, WAYNE, MIKE, ELIZABETH, KAREN, and DEACON JUDITH.
- ✚ FR . JAMIE.
- ✚ THE MINISTRIES OF ST. CLEMENT'S.
- ✚ HEIDI AND RUSS, missionaries to Chile and for the variety of ministries & lives they impact.

Those in the Armed Forces, especially

- ✚ TY. NICK, BRANDON, MAGGIE, STEPHEN, ELIJAH, BRIAN, ALEXANDRA, DAVID, & LAUREN.

Others needing Intercessory Prayer:

- ✚ JEFF, PATTI, BOB, CHRIS, MICHAEL, KIRSI, SANDRA, DIANE, ROB, LUPINA, JOY, ARLO, MARY-JO, JANICE, BRUCE, CHRISTOPHER, MEG , CHUCK, REID, ELLARIE, MICHELLE, AUSTIN, KAI AH, MAKEIGHLA, DOMINIC BOB, & RACHEL.

- ✚ COMFORT: THE BARRE FAMILY
- ✚ ARBOR: THE CONGREGANTS AT THE ARBOR

WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL OUR BLESSINGS.

Please take the bulletin home and pray for these concerns during the week. Parish family & intercessory prayer requests stay on the list for two months unless extended, updated, or deleted sooner. Armed forces requests stay for one year. Notify the church office at 770-345-6722 or Trish Cole at 770-377-4348 to update requests. Prayer request cards are in church pews or call the church

Conflict 101

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

So ends this Sunday's gospel reading from Matthew. We have usually thought about it in a strictly liturgical sense, to indicate the presence of Jesus when we are gathered in prayer no matter how large or small the gathering. However, that is not the context in which Jesus speaks.

He is speaking about conflict and about how we should go about dealing with it. That, undoubtedly, is the first point, that is, that we *actually* deal with it. If Jesus shows us anything, he shows us that he is not conflict avoidant. He faces the conflict squarely.

But there is also the danger and the temptation. That is, to go into our conflict with guns blazing or, on the other end of the spectrum, with passive aggression, the snide remark or the strategically damaging inuendo is neither constructive nor faithful. As if to help us to take a more constructive approach, Jesus invites us to imagine he is in the room.

And, in fact, he *is* in the room, he *is* present. To a believer Jesus is not simply a slogan or cliché we wave around at our convenience only to disappear when he is not convenient and we need to get "realistic". To a believer Jesus is part of one's identity which one carries around wherever they go. To a believer Jesus is as much a part of the dark side of our lives as the lighter bits.

In fact, it is precisely in those hard parts, in the place of conflict both within us and around us, that Jesus is most important because it is in those places that we really begin to believe, we really begin to see the challenge and the power of love. It is in those places that we can really begin to live a liberated life.

So the next time we get that burning sensation as we sense the oncoming conflict, it might be good to breathe, take stock, and pray and so discover that we are in his presence and he is in the midst of us to lead us through.

Jamie ✚

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us immediately after the services for A **POTLUCK MEAL** across the parking lot in Davis Hall!

10/3 Blessing of the Animals
10:00am Bring your pets to the Davis Hall Patio to celebrate Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of the event!

10/3 Jo Ann Barre Funeral Service
3:00pm The family has requested that no one wear black; Jo Ann would want festive colors. Reception to follow at The Barn at New Ground, 4563 Hickory Flat Hwy.

10/20 Senior Seminars begin!
10:00am This first meeting will cover Fire & Emergency Services during this Fire Prevention Month. The meeting is the beginning of a series of seminars dealing with issues common to our seniors and others. Men's Group members don't worry! You'll have plenty of time to attend and then drive to IHOP for your luncheon.

Tuesday
Women's Group/Inbetweeners
9/8 11:00a.m. J. Christopher's, 1437 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is leading contact: hickoryfarms@comcast.net

The Men's Group 11:30am at IHOP, 3010 Northside Parkway, Canton
Contact: stclementsmensgroup@gmail.com

Bible Study: The Way 1:00-3:00pm in The Vestry Room The group studies the previous Sunday's Readings found in your bulletins. For information contact Anna Marie Smith at 717-713-5819

Wednesday
Rector's Bible Study 12:00 noon via Zoom
We are studying the Book of Acts. Contact the office for the link.

Holy Eucharist 6:15pm each week
—On the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, it is followed by

- 6:45 meal
- 7:00 EYC
- 7:00 Bible Study— The Gifts of Imperfection

Thursday
Grief Support Group
10:30 am Davis Hall

Path to Shine
2:00-5:00pm This mentoring program for underserved children and youth resumes in Davis Hall on September 10th.

Friday
Centering Prayer 12:30 pm in Ministry Center. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. If interest-

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Sunday Adult Forum will continue in mid-September..

St. Clement's Chimes
St. Clement's Chimes is looking for new members! Could it be you? Membership is for ages 13+. Practice is on Thursday evenings at 7pm. Contact Judy Reardon at judy.reardon@icloud.com if you are interested!

Liberty Elementary School has an ongoing need for peanut-free snacks for its underprivileged children, nearly 25% of its Student Body. There is a box in the Narthex for collecting your donations.

The Diocese of Atlanta ECW is collecting new or slightly used purses filled with trial sized personal hygiene products to My Sister's House. There is a box in the Narthex for collecting your donations. This collection goes through 2026.

Online Giving available through our website www.stclementscanton.org by the Vanco app, or you can give online on the Realm app.

Want to Get Involved?
But not sure where to start? Contact Brad Vaughan— he'll help you find your fit! 931-265-6087 or bradford.vaughan25@gmail.com.

Office Hours
Tuesday and Thursday: 9am—2:00pm
Please call before coming by to make sure someone is in the office.

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Serving Today:
VPOD: Brad Vaughan
Crucifer: Tim Hodgins
Gospel Torch: Brad Vaughan
Epistle Torch: Tori Vaughan
LEM: Diane Hodgins
Reader: Gloria Blackburn
Teller: Bill McArthur



Birthdays this week:
Moetki Sharp 9/8
Missy Spence 9/11



Anniversaries this week:
No known anniversaries this week.

TREASURER'S SUMMARY
as of July 2026

Pledges YTD	\$ 154,609
Total Income	\$ 215,715
Total Expenses	\$ 218,931



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Welcome Visitors!

If you are visiting for the first time, let us know you are here by filling out a visitor's card and ask an usher about a gift we have for you in the narthex (foyer).

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

Regular Sunday Services //9am Contemporary //11am Traditional
First Sunday of each month// 10am Combined Service

MONDAY
Al-Anon//12:00pm

TUESDAY
Men's Group, IHOP//11:30am
Bible Study: The Way//1:00—3:00pm
Alcoholics Anonymous//8:00pm

THURSDAY
Grief Support//10:30am
Path-to-Shine//2:00—5:00pm
Canton Al-Anon & Alateen//7:00pm

FRIDAY
Morning Prayer (online)//9:00am
Service @ the Arbor//10:30am
Women's AA//12:00noon
Centering Prayer//12:30pm

WEDNESDAY
Morning Prayer (online)//9:00am
Rector's Zoom Bible Study//12:00pm
Women's AA//12:00pm
Holy Eucharist//6:15am
Adult Bible Study & EYC//7:00pm
1st and 3rd weeks

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God
by the Altar Guild.

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