

January 11, 2026

The Second Sunday After Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:00AM FAMILY HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE		
<div><div>Processional Song</div><div>Opening Sentences, Book of Common Prayer 355</div><div>The Liturgy of the Word</div><div>The Collect of the Day</div><div>A Reading / Psalm</div><div>Song</div><div>The Gospel</div><div>Sharing the Good News</div><div>The Creed</div><div>The Prayers</div><div>The Confession & Absolution</div><div>The PeaceBCP 360</div></div>		
<div><div>Welcome & Announcements</div><div>The Holy Communion</div><div>Offertory</div><div>The Great Thanksgiving:</div><div>The Lord’s PrayerBCP 364</div><div>The Breaking of the Bread</div><div>The Administration</div><div>Communion Song</div><div>Post Communion PrayerBCP 365</div><div>The Blessing</div><div>Song for the Procession Out</div><div>The DismissalBCP 366</div></div>		

11:00AM CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE		
Procession In, standing	As With Gladness	Hymnal 119
The Opening Sentences	The Book of Common Prayer 299	
Song of Praise	The Gloria	Hymnal 278 BCP 356
The Collect		
Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.		

The First Lesson: Isaiah 42: 1-9

Note: This is one of four parts of this prophet’s book which are collectively known as “The Servant Songs”. They describe a person, anointing by God, who will bring justice, freedom, and a new life to his people. The church has read this prophecy and see the image of Jesus offering us new life.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it

and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;

before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Psalm 29: Afferte Domine

Note: This psalm is a hymn of praise to God using a variety of images from nature which reflect the power of God. It is the voice of the Lord, his powerful word throughout the cosmos which is the same voice which echoes over the Jordan River at the baptism of Jesus.

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.**

9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"

**10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people

The Epistle: Acts 10:34-43

Note: This is Peter’s sermon to the gentile Cornelius and his companions. It is a synopsis of the good news. What follows in vs. 44-48 is that Peter’s sermon is cut short by the Holy Spirit (something every preacher might keep in mind) and the Spirit’s power is spread out over all the company and Peter decides the only rational thing to do is baptize them all.

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ-- he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose

from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."		
Sequence Hymn, standing	We Three Kings	Hymnal 128
The Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17		
<i>Note: The baptism of Jesus is necessary to “fulfill all righteousness”. It is not to relieve him of sin but to place him in solidarity with all sinful humanity and inaugurate, through the power of the Holy Spirit, his mission and ministry in the world.</i>		
Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."		
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		BCP 358
Greetings and Announcements		
The Confession of Sin The Peace, standing		BCP 359 BCP 360
The Holy Communion Rite II, Prayer B		
The Offertory	In the Bleak Midwinter	Choir
The Doxology, standing		
The Great Thanksgiving The Sursum Corda The Sanctus The Canon, kneeling or standing. THE GREAT AMEN The Lord’s Prayer		BCP 367 Song Packet BCP 368 BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread Fraction Anthem Communion		BCP 364 The Desert Shall Rejoice Choir
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 in 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:	Songs of Thankfulness	Hymnal 135
The Blessing The Dismissal Response Thanks be to God.		BCP 366

WE PRAY FOR:

Our Parish Family, especially

- ✚ PEGGY, BOB, LINDA, BOBBY, DAVID, MARK, CARY, MISSY, LESLIE, BILL, AMANDA, DOTTIE, PAIGE, CLAIRE, MARGE & ALAN, JOAN, ELIZABETH, VICTOR, CAROLE, JUDITH, JOHN T, ANN, AL, JEAN, HUBIE, AMANDA, ROBIN, KIM, TED, FRAN, DAKOTA, MARGARET, JOANN, 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

- ✚ DAVID, AMANDA, NICK, BRANDON, MAGGIE, STEPHEN, NATHAN, LAUREN, GAVIN, & TY.

Others needing Intercessory Prayer:

- ✚ HEALING: BEVERLY, DIANE, SANDRA, RYAN, DAN, MARTHA, PAM, PEGGY & FAMILY, KATHLEEN, STEVE, PATTI, JUSTIN, ADRIAN, MICHAEL, THE PEOPLE OF MAUI, ELVIE, ROB, SONJA, MOLLY, BRUCE, KRISTI, RAYMOND, GRACE, LESLIE, PAUL, LIZ, JOE, MISTY, LORI, CATHY, JEFF, JOANN, KASEY, CAROL, GORDAN, BEVERLY, LUPINA, LORA, KENNY, COLT, ANDREW, DONALD, LOREL LA, KATHY, PRISCILLA & LARRY, LIZ, DAVID, KAREN, JASON, LAURIE, MARK HAM, MARTIN, TOMMY, GEORGE, RUBY, RICH, TOBY, BECKY, LINDA, LIBBY, BETH, GISELA, DONNA, JOY, JAN, PERRY & CHRISTY, KATHY, ROBIN, ANALISA, CHAD, CATHY, MICHELLE, KAY, CURTIS, SCOTTIE, YA YA, KIRSI ANN, BONNIE, LEO, SCOTT, RICHARD, BILL, LEVI, GRACE, REBECCA, IZZY, CHUCK, STAN’S BROTHER, SAM, SHERRY, ROSS, LORALYE,JEANIE, JOY, BOB, & LINDA.
- ✚ COMFORT: THE LOEFFLER, BARRE, AND CROFT FAMILIES.
- ✚ 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 office.

Amazing Grace

The first Sunday after the Epiphany is always a Feast of the Baptism of our Lord. The gospel reading reflects this. This year (being year A) the reading is from the gospel of Matthew. This is one of the traditional Sundays of the year where it is appropriate to have baptisms or, at the very least, to reaffirm our baptismal covenant.

However, while the baptism of Jesus is an important image for understanding our own baptism, it is unique to Jesus alone. It is, most importantly, an Epiphany of Jesus. In other words, the baptism of Jesus reveals in a very public way his identity: “This is my Son, the Beloved, in whom I am well pleased”.

The words from heaven are spoken to us and what is to be our response? What *does* please God in Jesus? What might please God in us?

For that matter, what difference does it make that my life should please God? If we are thinking of pleasing God in the way that we might want to please people, it is a valid question. People-pleasing, in and of itself, is a dubious way to live. Pleasing God, however, is in an entirely different category.

What makes this difference clear is the presence of the Holy Spirit. In the Nicene Creed the Spirit is called “the Giver of life”. God seeks to give us life, both eternal life and a full and free life here and now.

Jesus is the way of this new life of freedom. We please God by living into the new life he offers us in Jesus Christ. At the Jordan River we begin this transformation in amazement, the epiphany or revealing of God in word and Spirit. In other words, the baptism of Jesus is amazing, and it is in the Spirit of amazement that our journey with Jesus begins.

Jamie ✚

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Thanks to everyone who donated to the **Angel Tree!** The children of Cherokee County and Path to Shine appreciate your thoughtfulness immensely! We gave over 165 gifts to 109 kids! Additionally, underwear, socks, toothpaste, toiletries, and school supplies were collected for under-privileged children under DFCS and peanut-free snacks for Liberty Elementary School. Thanks also to Lee Kendrix and Diane Cainto for heading the efforts for the Cherokee County gifts and to Margie Woltering for coordinating the Path to Shine gifts. The 13 students received 40 gifts, and 12 gift cards were given for their families. The collection of underwear, toiletries, school supplies, snacks, etc. will be an ongoing project for Liberty Elementary School.

COHI Adult Education Series 1/11 10:15am Davis Hall
Community of Hope International (COHI) is offering an 8-class adult education series. Class #5 is 1/11/26, and the speaker is Amber Jones. She will be discussing Serenade Heights, a nonprofit organization based in Woodstock, dedicated to assisting single mothers and their children. Its mission is to provide transitional housing and comprehensive support, educational and training goals, and spiritual growth. Join us in a journey in learning how to do extraordinary things!

Worship Committee Meeting 1/17 11:00am to 12:30 in the Vestry Room.

Fish Fry Meeting 1/18 10:00am in Davis Hall

Bishop Wright’s Visit to St. Clements 2/15 Details coming soon!

Blood Drive 2/16 in Davis Hall

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

The Way Bible Study will resume on 1/6/26 at 1:00pm. in the Vestry Room The group studies the previous Sunday’s Readings found in your bulletins. For information contact Anna Marie Smith at 717.713.5879.

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Wednesdays Rector’s Bible Study
12:00pm on Zoom will resume on January 7, 2026. We are studying the Gospel of Matthew.

Holy Eucharist 6:15pm

Bible Study & EYC 7:00pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Thursdays GriefShare 10:30am In the Vestry Room will resume on January 8, 2026.

Path to Shine 2:00-5:00pm in Davis Hall. This is a school children’s mentoring group. PTS will resume on January 8, 2025.

Fridays Centering Prayer 12:30pm in the Ministry Center. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. If interested, please contact Fr. Jamie (770.324.2035) or Diane Hodgins (850.338.8540).


Online Giving is available through our website www.stclementscanton.org or by the Vanco app.

Office Hours:
Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10am—2pm
Wednesdays: 9am-11am
Please call before coming to make sure someone is in the office.

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Serving Today:
VPOD: Doug Blackburn
Crucifer/1st Server: Dell Lyons
Epistle Torch: Jack Ferraro
Gospel Torch/Bells: Doug Blackburn
LEM: Doug Blackburn
Reader: Moetki Sharp
Teller: Jamie Lyons

 **Birthdays this week:**

Michael Williams 1/14
Pattie Davis 1/15
Bonnie Rokovitz 1/16

 **Anniversary this week:**
Judy & Craig Reardon 1/11
Wayne & Sandy Smoak 1/13
John & Barbara Binder 1/16

TREASURER’S SUMMARY
as of November 2025

Pledges YTD	\$ 184,190
Total Income	\$ 289,010
Total Expenses	\$ 293,500



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The First Sunday After Epiphany

**This is my Son,
the Beloved
in whom I am well pleased.**

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
COHI //10:00am
Men’s Group, IHOP//11:30am
Bible Study: The Way//1:00pm
Alcoholics Anonymous//8:00pm

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

THURSDAY
Grief Share//10:30am
Path to Shine//2:00pm
Al-Anon//7:00pm
Alateen//7:00pm

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

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

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