

October 25, 2026

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9AM FAMILY HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE

<i>Processional Song</i> Opening Sentences, Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355 The Liturgy of the Word The Collect of the Day A Reading / Psalm Song The Gospel Sharing the Good News The Creed The Prayers The Confession & Absolution The PeaceBCP 360	Welcome & Announcements The Holy Communion <i>Offertory</i> The Great Thanksgiving: The Lord's PrayerBCP 364 The Breaking of the Bread The Administration <i>Communion Song</i> Post Communion PrayerBCP 365 The Blessing <i>Song for the Procession Out</i> The DismissalBCP 366
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11AM CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE

Procession In, standing	<i>Lead On, O King Eternal</i>	Hymnal 555
The Opening Sentences	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355	
Song of Praise	<i>The Gloria</i>	Hymnal S278
The Collect		

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

Note: This third book of the Torah, what we call the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible, is devoted mostly to right worship. Today's selection comes from what is often called the "Holiness Code" which tells us that right worship has everything to do with right living, that holiness extends to ordinary life, to even our relationship with our neighbor.

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Psalm 1 Beatus vir qui non abiit

Note: The first psalm begins the psalter with a blessing, a beatitude, and an invitation to read the psalms that follow as instructive in a way of life which is

itself a blessing. It is an encouragement to begin by choosing to seek the way of God's blessings to avoid the pitfalls of unfruitful living. It is an invitation to flourish.

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, * nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, * and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; * everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, * nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, * but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Epistle: Thessalonians 2:1-8

Note: Paul came to Thessalonica just after he had been released from prison in Philippi because of his preaching. After preaching in the Thessalonian synagogue, he received great opposition and a great following, a following which became the beginning of the church in that city to which he now writes. He reminds them of their origins and his ministry which may have come under attack.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Sequence Hymn, standing	<i>Day By Day (Sing Twice)</i>	Hymnal 654
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The Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

Note: It may be that the Summary of the Law is the way Jesus gets us to see the breadth of the whole forest before we get down into the details of the trees: love God, love neighbor. It was a perfectly orthodox statement of the faith, echoed by subsequent rabbis in history. It also does a remarkable thing: it set both commandments on the same level, interrelated but equal in importance.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said

to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Homily	The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler, D. Min <i>Followed by silence for reflection.</i>
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The Nicene Creed, standing	BCP 358
The Prayers of the People, kneeling or standing <i>Greetings and Announcements</i>	
The Confession of Sin	BCP 359
The Peace, standing	BCP 360

The Holy Communion
Rite II, Prayer B

The Offertory	<i>The Lord Into His Garden Comes</i>	Choir
The Doxology, standing		Hymnal 380, v3

The Great Thanksgiving The Sursum Corda The Sanctus The Canon, kneeling or standing	BCP 367 Hymnal S114
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THE GREAT AMEN	BCP 368
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The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
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Breaking of the Bread Fraction Anthem Communion	<i>Bread of Heaven</i>	BCP 364 Hymnal S169 Hymnal 323
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Post Communion Prayer, kneeling or standing	BCP 365
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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:	<i>O Zion Haste</i>	Hymnal 539
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The Blessing

The Dismissal Response Thanks be to God.	BCP 366
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WE PRAY FOR:

- Our Parish Family, especially
- ✚ CLAU'RE, LINDA, MARK, MISSY, LESLIE, BILL, AMANDA, CAROLE, JUDITH, ANN, AL, HUBIE, ROBIN, TED, DAKOTA, CARL, JEAN, MARY, WAYNE, KAREN, JOAN, JESSE, 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, CHRIS, PATTIE, BOB, MICHAEL, KIRSI, SANDRA, DIANE, ROB, LUPINA, JOY, ARLO, MARY-JO, JANICE, CHUCK, BRUCE, CHRISTOPHER, BOB, RACHEL, MARY, JANICE, BAILEY, ROBERTO, SARAH, MICHELLE, BARBARA, SANTOS, CHUCK, KAIAH, MAKEIGHLA, DOMINIC, DICK & VIRGINIA, & HELEN.

- ✚ 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 office.

In Good Company

The word "company" is an ordinary enough word. We can think of "having company over", or "working for the company" or being a soldier in a particular collection called a "company". If we look at the simple origin of the word it seems to tie all these together, and more.

It is from the Latin *companis*, which is two words in one: *com*, meaning "with" and *panis*, meaning "bread". So, a company is somebody you break bread with, whether that is over dinner with friends, a business lunch, or as simple messmates in uniform. In each case there is a bonding together, a building up of relationships, and a common life.

We gather for worship as a company who come together, drawn by the Holy Spirit, to pray, listen, sing, praise, share the Peace, and, of course, to break bread at Holy Communion. In all of these things we are being shaped, more and more, into the image of the same God who draws us both to himself, but also, crucially, together.

This Sunday we hear Jesus summarize the whole meaning of the Law: to love God and to love neighbor. This echoes down from the Torah, the gift of God at Mt. Sinai, which does not only give a rule of life for individuals, but forms a community which becomes known as Israel with a common vision and direction.

Today we are all drawn by the living God into his deeper presence. While what that looks like may be different for each of us the Source is the same. It is the love which is synonymous with that Source which we both share and which draw us together in "good company".

Such a company is galvanized in worship, in the breaking of bread, but it is not limited to it. It is the company of all our shared ministries, all our ministries on and off our campus. Nor is it limited to us alone, we share it with the larger church of which we are the part. Most importantly we share our company with the world around us with good works and an open invitation.

Good company is a gift from God, from time to time it is good simply to be thankful for it, and then do what we are called to do in the world.

Jamie ✚

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

AED Machines have been installed in the Church and Davis Hall.

10/25 Blessing of the Halloween Costumes 9am and 11am Wear your costurme to church and be blessed.

11/15 Annual Meeting 10:00am-11:00am Between the services in the church. Everyone should attend to learn about the state of the church and have a voice in the election of three new Vestry Members. Candidate to be announced!

11/17 Senior Seminars continue! 10:00am In Davis Hall. These seminars deal with issues common to our seniors and others. The first meeting re: Fire & Emergency preparation was enlightening to all who attended! Don't miss the next meeting covering Medicare Fraud Prevention. Future seminars include Aging, Wellness, and Community Care, then a visit to the Emergency Management & 911 Center.

Tuesday 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.

Holy Eucharist 6:15pm Hear a homily about a Saint each week 10/28 James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa and his Companions, Martyrs 1885.
On the 1st & 3rd Wed., also scheduled is the:
• 6:45 meal
• 7:00 EYC
• 7:00 Bible Study

Thursday Grief Support Group 10:30 am Davis Hall in the Hearth Room

Path to Shine 2:00-5:00pm This mentoring program for under-served children and youth teaching arts, crafts, and sports is held in Davis Hall.

Friday 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 (850.339.8540)

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

Online Giving available through our website www.stclementscanton.org. Use the dropdown button by Pledged Giving to choose another ministry. Or, you can give online on the Realm app, with the same options.

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.v Vaughan25@gmail.com.

The Diocese of Atlanta ECW is collecting new or slightly used purses filled with trial sized personal hygiene products for Hope Center, Serenade Heights, Angel House and No Longer Bound. These gifts have been much appreciated. Collections continue through Nov. 1, 2026.

The Altar Guild Dates are available for flower dedications if you have someone or some event special to commemorate. See the flowered notebook in the narthex; the cost is \$50. Please contact Trish Cole (770)-377-4348 or trishcole4@gmail.com.

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

New Bookkeeper Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 5:30–7:30pm. Please email carrie@stclementscanton.org to make an appointment.



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Serving Today:

VPOD: Brad Vaughan
Crucifer: Nick Cerniglia
Gospel Torch: Jeff Pawlik
Epistle Torch: Thomas Cerniglia
LEM: Janelle Walker
Reader: Amanda Cerniglia
Teller: Scott Burleson

 **Birthdays this week:**

Jeff Brannon 10/27
Katie McDonald 10/30
Gabriel Sosa 10/28

 **Anniversaries this week:**

No known this week

TREASURER'S SUMMARY as of Setember 2026	
Pledges YTD	\$184,330
Total Income	\$255,530
Total Expense	\$275,370



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

Sunday Services //9:00am Contemporary //11:00am Traditional
First Sunday of each month// 10:00am Combined Service
Wednesday Holy Eucharist // 6:15pm

MONDAY
Al-Anon//12:00pm

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

WEDNESDAY
Morning Prayer (online)//9:00am
Rector's Zoom Bible Study//12:00pm
Women's AA//12:00pm
1st and 3rd weeks:
Meal //6:45pm
Bible Study & EYC//7:00pm

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//12:00pm
Centering Prayer//12:30pm

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Jeff Pawlik in loving memory of his wife Alexandra Mary Pawlik on the 10th anniversary of her passing. "Light & love to all she encountered." Sandy & Wayne Smoak in celebration of their daughter, Jenies, birthday.

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