

February 1, 2026

The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:00AM FAMILY HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE FEATURING THE JOYFUL NOISE BAND		
Procession In, standing	O Wondrous Type	Hymnal 137
The Opening Sentences	The Book of Common Prayer 355	
Song of Praise	The Gloria	Hymnal 278 BCP 356
The Collect Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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: Micah 6:1-8 <i>Note: Many of the prophets came from privileged backgrounds. Not Micah. He was both an advocate of pure worship and, at the same time, a fearless advocate of the predominate theme in Jewish prophecy: social justice.</i>		
Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.		
Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth;		
for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.		
"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!		
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."		
"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?		

Psalm 15 *Domine, quis habitabit?*

Note: This psalm is very much a kind of wisdom psalm, that is, it offers clear instruction on how to live the good and faithful life. The image of the temple helps us to understand that such a life is one lived in the presence of the living God.

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? * who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, * who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; * he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, * but he honors those who fear the LORD.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong * and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, * nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things * shall never be overthrown.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Note: The divisions and conflicts of the Corinthian church are on full display here. Clearly there are social factions where the powerful are looking down on the less powerful. Paul responds with the cross of Jesus Christ, whose message of sacrificial love destroys all such hierarchies.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,

but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord"

Sequence Hymn, standing *The People Who in Darkness Walked* Hymnal 126

The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Note: The Beatitudes open, in Matthew, the Sermon on the Mount. They can be read in different ways: of a message of hope for the future, a message of urgency for the present, a message of fundamental conversion of our thinking, or all the above.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.		
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.		
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.		
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.		
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.		
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.		
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.		
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.		
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."		
The Homily	The Rev. James B. Stutler, D. Min Followed by silence for reflection	
The Nicene Creed, standing	BCP 358	
The Prayers of the People, kneeling or standing		
Greetings and Announcements		
The Confession of Sin	BCP 359 BCP 360	
The Peace, standing		
The Holy Communion Rite II, Prayer B		
The Offertory	Holy Child, Blessed Child	Choir
The Doxology, standing		
The Great Thanksgiving		
The Sursum Corda		BCP 367
The Sanctus		Hymnal S114
The Canon, kneeling or standing.		
THE GREAT AMEN		BCP 368
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread		BCP 364
Fraction Anthem		
Communion	Down In Your Forest	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 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:	Christ Upon the Mountain Peak	Hymnal 129
The Blessing		
The Dismissal Response		BCP 366
Thanks be to God.		

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, 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: 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, BEVERLY, LUPINA, LORA, KENNY, COLT, ANDREW, DONALD, KATHY, PRISCILLA & LARRY, LIZ, DAVID, JASON, LAURIE, MARKHAM, 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, SAM, SHERRY, ROSS, LORALYE, JEANIE, JOY, BOB, BEVERLY, LINDA, CHIS, & SCOT.

- ✚ 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.

The Problem of Being a Christian

Gandhi was an admirer of Jesus and of Christianity. The problem was that he saw so very few actual Christians. Of course, this was the man who was such a thorn to the British in India. But who could blame him, especially after the Jallianwala Bagh massacre in 1919, when British troops opened fire on an unarmed gathering of protesters, causing hundreds of deaths. And this carried out by a Christian nation.

Throughout history power has meant one thing and one thing alone: the ability to coerce, control, or destroy other peoples. Christianity has often objected, sometimes very effectively. And yet the old model of power exists.

The Cross contradicts this kind of thinking which Paul calls the “wisdom” of the world, which boasts of its power to threaten others.

The Cross, Paul says is called “foolishness” by the world. It turns all our assumptions upside down and it calls us to place Jesus and his life as the norm of our lives.

When we read the Beatitudes, we are not only reminded of the way things should be but the way we should be. They point us to the real power of God which is not with those who wield power in a human sense, but who are precisely those people we have placed at the lowest strata of our society. Why? Because that is where Jesus always seems to be.

The prophet Micah hundreds of years before Jesus acknowledged how difficult this is. It is easy to give lip service to our faith, it is much harder to do what God calls us to do for our sake and for the world: “to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

”How can we do this here and now? Are we prepared to be fools for Christ?

Jamie ✚

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Fish Fry Sign-up Sheets and T-Shirts Available
If you haven’t yet signed up to volunteer or need your T-shirt for the Fish Fry, contact Katie McDonald for availability: katiemcd2002@gmail.com.

Clean Up Day for Bishop Wright’s visit
2/07 9:00am Come help spruce up the campus,

Vestry Meeting
2/01 12:00pm in the Vestry Room.

COHI Adult Education Series
2/08 10:15am Davis Hall
The Community of Hope International (COHI) adult education class presents a guest speaker, Chaplain Lloyd Johnston, who will visit to discuss **The Isaiah 61:1 Project**.

Daughter’s of the King
2/08 1:pm Monthly meeting in the Vestry Room.

Book Club
2/09 1:30pm in the Vestry Room. Contact: Sallee Macknik sallee_m@yahoo.com or (770) 714-6340.

Women’s Group/Inbetweeners
02/10 11:00a.m. J. Christopher’s, 1437 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is the lead contact at hickoryfarms@comcast.net

Bishop Wright’s Visit to St. Clements
2/15 Details:

- 9:00am: Bishop’s Forum where parishioners can ask questions and hear news about the diocese
- 10:00am: Combined Service, including confirmations and baptisms
- 11:30am: Parish meal of barbeque provided by the Vestry. Please bring a side or dessert to share.
- 12:00pm: Meeting with the Vestry

Blood Drive
2/16 in Davis Hall

Lent Cleanout Challenge
2/22– 3/29
Donate gently used items from your home to be given to those in need over Lent. A box in the narthex will be available to collect your donations. See the Newsletter for more information!

Newcomers Social
2/22 4:00pm in Davis Hall
All folks new to St. Clement’s are invited to meet the Vestry in an informal reception. Childcare will be offered.

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

The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler, *Rector*
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The Way Bible Study
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.

Wednesdays
Rector’s Bible Study
12:00pm Studying the Gospel of Matthew.

Holy Eucharist 6:15pm

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

Thursdays
Grief Support Group 10:30am In the Hearth Room of Davis Hall.

Path to Shine 2:00-5:00pm in Davis Hall.
This is a school children’s mentoring group.

Fridays
Centering Prayer 12:30pm in the Ministry Center. If interested, please contact Fr. Jamie (770.324.2035) or Diane Hodgins (850.338.8540).

Liberty Middle School has an ongoing need for peanut-free snacks and toiletries for it’s children in need, nearly 25% of their student body. A box is in the narthex for collecting your donations.


The Altar Guild has dates available for flower dedications the second and third Sundays of February!


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.
Scan to view our website



Serving Today:
VPOD: Brad Vaughan
Crucifer/1st Server: Tim Hodgins
Epistle Torch: Diane Hodgins
Gospel Torch/Bells: Doug Blackburn
LEM: Diane Hodgins
Reader: Amanda Cerniglia
Teller: Bill McArthur

 **Birthdays this week:**
Susan Gensel 02/03
Roy Owings 02/04
Jean Rudolph 02/05
Joseph Waters 02/06

 **Anniversaries this week:**
No known anniversaries

TREASURER’S SUMMARY as of November 2025	
Pledges YTD	\$ 206,430
Total Income	\$ 288,520
Total Expenses	\$ 324,740



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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
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 Support Group//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 by
The Altar Guild to the Glory of God

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