

August 23, 2026

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:00 FAMILY HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE		
FEATURING OUR JOYFUL NOISE BAND		
Processional Song Opening Sentences, Book of Common Prayer 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 Offertory The Great Thanksgiving: The Lord's PrayerBCP364 The Breaking of the Bread The Administration Communion Song Post Communion Prayer BCP 365 The Blessing Song for the Procession Out The DismissalBCP 366	
11:00 HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE		
Procession In, standing	Before Thy Throne	Hymnal 574
The Opening Sentences	Book of Common Prayer 355	
Song of Praise	The Gloria	Hymnal S278
The Collect Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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: Isaiah 51:1-6 Note: God urges us to deep listening, deep awareness, and a deeper understanding which comes from the beginning of the covenant and is more durable than the earth itself. Here, even in the wilderness you will find a garden and with it joy and gladness.		
Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.		

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;

the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;

for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;

but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Psalm 138 Confitebor tibi

Note: This is a psalm of wholehearted thanksgiving for salvation. It is a song of return from exile and deliverance from misfortune and relies on future blessings from a loving God.

1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.

7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

The Epistle: Romans 12:1-8

Note: Paul takes a new turn in today's reading as he moves toward the climax of his letter. Here he gets down to a description of the kind of behavior that the overall theme of relying entirely on God leads us toward: living the consecrated life.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Sequence Hymn, standing How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place Hymnal 517, v 1,2,4

The Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20		
Note: Caesaria Phillipi is a spot of ancient pilgrimage, just north of the Sea of Galilee. Many gods have been worshiped there, most notably the Roman god Pan. There are little plinths in the cliff over a massive spring that has gushed out since antiquity which held little statues of various deities. Here, among all the choices of idolatry in the world, Jesus asks us the critical question.		
When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.		
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
The Peace, standing		BCP 360
THE HOLY COMMUNION		
RITE II, PRAYER B		
The Offertory		Instrumental
The Doxology, standing		Hymnal 380, v3
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		Hymnal S169
Communion Meditation		Instrumental
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:	At The Name of Jesus	Hymnal 435
The Blessing		
The Dismissal Response		BCP 366
Thanks be to God.		



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, JOAnN, 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, CKRISTOPHER, MEG , CHUCK, REID, & ELLARIE.

- ✚ 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.

The Question

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus' question to the disciples is direct. In many ways it is the fundamental question, the question upon whose answer everything depends. Peter answers it directly: you are the Christ. But what makes him so certain?

Up to that point Peter has had various experiences of Jesus. He has heard him on the mountain preach his famous sermon: turn the other cheek, walk the extra mile. He witnessed his healing ministry, even extended to the Gentile centurion's servant. He sat in the boat when Jesus stilled the sea. He has watched his conflict with the Pharisees. He has heard the parables.

And so have we from what we read in the Gospel, as well as much more: his death and resurrection and ascension. After all this who do we say Jesus is?

The answer to that question cannot be reasoned as we do other questions, it must be revealed to us in the depth of our hearts. Everyone must answer for himself before we can all answer together. The answer speaks not only about the identity of Jesus, but the answer also goes toward the answer of our own identity.

From time to time, we need to take stock before we rush, as Peter does, to an answer. Where has Jesus touched our lives? Where have we seen Jesus' work in the lives of others? A pat answer won't do, especially when we find ourselves in a hard place, we must give flesh to the framework of our stated faith.

This Sunday may be just the Sunday to dig deeper, to open ourselves in our memory and experiences to the work of God. Once we have done this work, we may be able to not only answer the question but to own the answer.

Jamie ✚

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

8/23 Newcomers' Reception 4-6pm Davis Hall
For Newcomers and Vestry Members.

8/30 Guest Speaker **Dr. Lindsey Hardegree, Executive Director of the Episcopal Community Foundation (ECF)**, will be visiting St. Clement's to discuss the Foundation, grants, and planned giving. She will be here Sunday, **August 30**, and she will be at both services..

8/30 Children, Youth, & Familes Ministries Meeting at 2:00pm in Davis Hall. Come join this planning meeting with your ideas about what you would enjoy our youth to learn in the upcoming year.

9/6 Combined Service and Potluck Meal 10:00am Our next combined service will be Sunday, September 6th. Mark your calendars!

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 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 is off for Summer Break. They will resume in the Fall.

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

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Sunday Adult Forum will continue in late August.

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.readrdon@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: Doug Blackburn
Crucifer: Dell Lyons
LEM: Doug Blackburn
Reader: Gloria Blackburn
Teller: Scott Burleson



Birthdays this week:
Valerie Brumbelow 8/27
Victor Lepore 8/25



Anniversaries this week:
Peter & Deacon Judith Kalom- 8/26

TREASURER'S SUMMARY
as of June 2026

Pledges YTD	\$ 134.910
Total Income	\$ 192.550
Total Expenses	\$ 190.590



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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 Trish Cole and family in honor of her father Robert's
birthday 8/20.

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