

WE PRAY FOR:

Our Parish Family, especially

- ✚ CLAUDE, 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, KAHIAH, MAKEIGHLA, DOMINIC, BOB, RACHEL, MARY, EZRA, & ROWEN.

- ✚ 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.

Forgiveness as Gift and Task

Forgiveness, Rowan Williams once preached, is not a matter of willpower but rather a matter of faith. We must believe in the ultimate creative power of forgiveness in order to be able to move through a process that takes time, time to loosen our grip on our injury or our guilt and time for us to see a future with new possibilities.

Archbishop Rowan wisely guides us through what forgiveness is decidedly not in order to see what it actually looks like. It is not about forgiving and forgetting. It is also not about minimizing the injury done. As he says, forgiveness "recognizes the reality of the past, the irreversibility of things, the seriousness of damage done." Forgiveness cannot occur under any illusions.

So how can we possibly forgive confronted by the naked fact of our own injury? For that matter, how can we receive forgiveness faced with the bald fact of the injury we have done? And what about the millions of injuries in history where the question becomes whether forgiveness is either possible or even desirable given the unimaginable pain others have suffered?

As to the final question it should be clear that, as humans, only the victims themselves can forgive. And even if a victim does forgive, it does not erase the injury. The Holocaust of World War II or the inhumanity of human slavery are not forgotten. The question of belief, however, could, as the archbishop said, transform what might be a stopping point into a starting point. Do we believe even the fact of these acknowledged injuries can lead us to a better future possibility?

The answer Christ gives us is the cross. In the cross we injured God in the same way we injure God with every single one of the injuries we dole out to one another. God is the final victim of our brokenness and therefore the one from whom we can all receive forgiveness. This is foundational to our faith and must be the rhythm of our lives because we go through life hurting and being hurt and we can either let those moments stop us or allow God to impress upon us something great. Forgiveness is a gift of faith. It is also, as the archbishop reminds us, a task, a task of the long-distance runner whose rhythmic breath breathes a Spirit of hope for us and for everyone around us and sends its grace abroad.

Jamie ✚

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us immediately after the services for HOSPITALITY 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. Bring your favorite cut flowers to put on the Service Cross. 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. Future seminars will include Medicare Fraud Prevention, Aging, Wellness, and Community Care, and 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 will not be held this week.

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 12:30pm 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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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. The site directs you to Realm. Use the dropdown button by Pledged Giving to choose another ministry. Or you can give online on the Realm app, with the same dropdown 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.vaughan25@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 5:30pm –7:30pm
Starting in October.

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Serving Today:
VPOD: Mike Woltering/Kay Morrison
Crucifer: Brad Vaughan
Gospel Torch: Wayne Smoak
Epistle Torch: Tori Vaughan
LEM: Doug Blackburn
Reader: Sandy Smoak
Teller: Jamie Lyons



Birthdays this week:
Dale Petrishe 9/13
Gabriel Yacoub 9/14
Bill McArthur 9/16
Sandy Woltering 9/16
Sarabeth DeLoach 9/17
Jade Leffingwell 9/17
Bill Doran 9/17



Anniversaries this week:
John & Valerie Brumbelow 9/16

TREASURER'S SUMMARY
as of July 2026

Pledges YTD	\$ 154,610
Total Income	\$ 215,720
Total Expenses	\$ 218,930



September 13, 2026
The Sixteenth Sunday after
Pentecost

O God you are full of compassion
and mercy, slow to anger and of
great kindness.

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//6:15pm
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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