November 08, 2026
The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9AM FAMILY HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE

Processional Song
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 Peace BCP 360

Welcome & Announcements
The Holy Communion
Offertory
The Great Thanksgiving:
The Lord's Prayer BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread The Administration
Communion Song
Post Communion Prayer BCP 365
The Blessing
Song for the Procession Out
The Dismissal BCP 366

11AM CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE

Procession In, *standing* *God of Our Fathers* Hymnal 718

The Opening Sentences **B**ook of **C**ommon **P**rayer (BCP) 355

Song of Praise *The Gloria* Hymnal S278

The Collect

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Amos 5:18-24

Note: This prophet was an ordinary farmer: "a dresser of sycamore leaves" in the 8th c. BC. Holiness here has less to do with getting our ceremonies all correct, and more to do with justice, righteousness, and the needs of the needy. This, he suggests is what God will be interested in come judgement day.

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:
Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light;
as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

Psalm 78:1-7 ***Attendite, popule***

Note: This is an urgent plea from deliverance from a particular, unnamed misfortune. However, we can also see it in more general terms as a cry for the presence of God which comes out of the deep realization that we need God's presence.

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments,

The **Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

Note: It is interesting how Christians have determined what biblical language it to be taken literally and what metaphorically. Until fairly recently this passage was almost always considered figuratively and not as any indication of some kind of "rapture". Far better to take this passage as Paul intended it, as a source of consolation.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Sequence Hymn, *standing* Almighty Father, Strong to Save Hymnal 579

The Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Note: Weddings in ancient Israel were not moments where vows were said but was simply a procession for the house of the bride to the house of the groom. The marriage was announced by the movement of joined bodies. Action therefore, and preparation for that action, was the essence of the union.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Homily **The Rev. Dr. 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 *Glory to God on High* Choir

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 *Father We Thank Thee* Hymnal 302

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: *Father Eternal* Hymnal 573

The Blessing

The Dismissal Response BCP 366
Thanks be to God.

WE PRAY FOR:

Our Parish Family, especially

- ✝ **CLAIRE, LINDA, MARK, MISSY, LESLIE, BILL, AMANDA, CAROLE, JUDITH, ANN, AL, HUBIE, ROBIN, TED, DAKOTA, CARL, JEAN, MARY, WAYNE, KAREN, JOAN, JESSE, DAVID, WAYNE, 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.

Happy Early Advent!

This Sunday and the two following are all taken from chapter 25 of Matthew. They contain Jesus' teaching just before his arrest and Passion. This teaching looks beyond the Passion and the Resurrection to speak of things relating to his coming again to "judge both the living and the dead", as the creed says.

This is precisely the theme also of the First Sunday of Advent: "And they will see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory" (Mark 13:26).

So, in a way, Advent begins early this year, at least thematically. We will have four Sundays to think and ponder what this "second coming" of Christ is all about. And while many have offered the pointless exercise of predicting when this will happen, our concern should be more about what is going to happen so that we might spend our time in expectation rather than in calculation.

First of all, despite Michelangelo's fearful illustrations on the altar wall of the Sistine Chapel in Rome, the coming of Christ is good news. One church father described it as the restoration of creation itself (Irenaeus, 2nd c.) building on Paul's enthusiasm: "I consider the sufferings of this present time are not worthy comparing to the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Romans 8:18).

So, what the second coming is all about is the resolution of all things. The question then shifts: what are going to do about it now? In other words, how are we going to prepare to meet Christ face to face? This is the Advent question. How are we going to present ourselves before the Christ child in the manger?

In a way these questions beg the deeper question: are we getting ready, at all? Is there any sense in our lives that there is a kind of urgency to the question since Jesus could arrive today or tomorrow?

So, we have this Sunday the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Maidens, next Sunday the Parable of the Talents, and, just before Advent (the Feast of Christ the King), the Separation of the Sheep and the Goats.

The moral question throughout is pretty much the same: how does my life reveal a glimpse of the heavenly banquet which we anticipate at Christ's coming? While we await the resolution of all things in the future, how am I already part of that resolution today?

Jamie ✠

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

11/08 Turkey Dinners for Veterans. Donations are being collected till Nov. 17. Find giving envelopes in your pew.

11/08 Coat Drive for Veterans. Please donate jackets of any size (gently used) in the box located in the narthex. Thank you!

11/8 DOK
1:00pm Monthly meeting in the Vestry Room of Davis Hall

11/09 Book Club
1:30pm We are starting a new book "How to Read a Book" by Monica Wood. We meet monthly in Davis Hall Hearth Room. Contact: Sallee Macknik sallee_m@yahoo.com or (770) 714-6340

11/10 Women's Group/Inbetweeners
11:00am J. Christopher's, 1437 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is leading contact: hickoryfarms@comcast.net

11/17 Adult Seminars continue!
10:00am In Davis Hall These seminars deal with issues common to our congregation. Don't miss the next meeting covering AI, Spam & Medicare Fraud. 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 11/11 Martin of Tours Veterans Day Remembrance Day.
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)

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. Every donation counts! Big or small!

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.vaughan25@gmail.com.

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.

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Serving Today:

VPOD: Sandy Smoak
Crucifer: Jeff Pawlik
Gospel Torch: Dell Lyons
Epistle Torch: Wayne Smoak
LEM: Janelle Walker
Reader: Sandy Smoak
Teller: Jamie Lyons

Birthdays this week:

Brad Vaughan 11/10

Anniversaries this week:

Cliff and Kay Morrison
Stephen and Barb Huggins

TREASURER'S SUMMARY
as of Setember 2026

Pledges YTD	$184,330
Total Income	$255,530
Total Expense	$275,370

St. Clement's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

November 08, 2026
The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

O LORD, make haste to help me.

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 the Altar Guild.

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