

August 31, 2025
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:00AM FAMILY HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE		
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 PrayerBCP 365 The Blessing Song for the Procession Out The DismissalBCP 366		

11:00AM CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE		
Procession In, standing	We Will Extol You	Hymnal 404
The Opening Sentences	The Book of Common Prayer	355
Song of Praise	The Gloria	Hymnal S278
The Collect		

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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: Proverbs 25:6-7

Note: This book of largely short, pithy sayings is categorized as “wisdom literature”. It was used to teach the young how to live and act through the use of memorable phrases.

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Psalm 112: Beatus vir

Note: The psalm begins with what is sometimes called a “macarism”. We see this in the New Testament in the beatitudes: “Blessed are the poor in spirit...” It indicates someone who is favored in life due to God's goodness and, especially here, because of their faith and fear of God which leads them to live a blessed life, for themselves and for the world around them.

- 1 Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *

- the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

The Epistle: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Note: In this portion of this letter it begins to look like wisdom literature as it moves from theology to advice. It speaks of what it means to live a good life. The foundation of the ethic it offers is faith in Jesus Christ.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Sequence Hymn, standing	O Day of Peace	Hymnal 597
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The Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Note: Ancient societies had an ingrained understanding of honor and shame. It was not just about not being embarrassed, it was about one's actual status in the community. Jesus always turns such things upside down. Here he is using a conventional seating practice to illustrate not just good manners, but unconditional love. We relate to people in love and care without regard to what we receive in the interaction.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you,

'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION RITE II, PRAYER B		
The Offertory The Doxology, standing	Instrumental	
The Great Thanksgiving The Sursum Corda The Sanctus The Canon, kneeling or standing. THE GREAT AMEN The Lord's Prayer		BCP 367 Hymnal S114 BCP 368 BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread Fraction Anthem Choir Meditation	Instrumental	BCP 364
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:	Glory Be To Jesus	Hymnal 479
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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

- ✚ GLORIA, BILL, MARY & ART, STEPHANIE, AMANDA, WANDA, DOTTIE, SUSAN, LINDA, PAIGE, CLAIRE, MARGE & ALAN, JOAN, VICTOR, CAROLE, JUDITH, JOHN T, ANN, AL, JEAN, HUBIE, AMANDA, ROBIN, KIM, TED, REBA, 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, DAVID, NOAH, KEVIN, NATHAN, LAUREN, & GAVIN.

Others needing Intercessory Prayer:

- ✚ HEALING: HILARY, DIANE, SANDRA, RYAN, DAN, MARTHA, PAM, PEGGY & FAMILY, KATHLEEN, STEVE, PATTI, JUSTIN, ADRIAN, MICHAEL, ANN, THE PEOPLE OF MAUI, ELVIE, ELIZABETH, ROB, SONJA, FRANK, MOLLY, BRUCE, KRISTI, RAYMOND, GRACE, LESLIE, PAUL, LIZ, JOHN, JOE, MISTY, LORI, PAT, CATHY, JEFF, EMORY, JOANN, KASEY, CAROL, GORDAN, BEVERLY, LUPINA, LORA, MADISON, TYLER, KENNY, COLT, ANDREW, PHIL, DONALD, LORELLA, KATHY, PRISCILLA & LARRY, LIZ, DAVID, JINNY, KAREN, JASON, LAURIE, JAN, MARKHAM, MARTIN, TOMMY, GEORGE, RUBY, RICH, TOBY, BECKY, LINDA, LIBBY, BETH, GISELLA, DONNA, JOY, JAN, PERRY & CHRISTY, KATHY, ROBIN, ANALISA, CHAD, CATHY, MICHELLE, KAY, CURTIS, SCOTTY, YA YA, CARRIE, AND KRISTIN ANN.
- ✚ COMFORT: THE LOEFFLER FAMILY & 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.

No Bargaining

Here Jesus basically says, “yeah, that whole *quid pro quo* thing? That’s not going to fly in the Kingdom of God.”

“And why?” We might ask Jesus. “Well, let me tell you why,” says Jesus. The problem with a *quid pro quo* mentality is quantification. How do you measure or calculate repayment of love, of mercy?

And the fact that we think we can is a rather striking theological problem. We tend to forget that our beliefs about faith and discipleship are also claims about who we think God is. If we insist that our faith, our salvation, is dependent upon an equal rate of exchange between God and us, then we need to ask ourselves, in what kind of God do we believe? What happens if we don’t measure up? And what makes us think we can assume certain systems to quantify the grace of God?

This story calls out our propensity toward transactional faith. We expect God to move about in our economies that are dependent on proof of worth and jobs well done. We assume God will choose to maintain a relationship with us based on our ministry performance. But then we forget a key theological premise of Luke – God’s measure of membership in the Kingdom has everything to do with how God sees us and not how we see ourselves.

No. Ministry should be about life – a thriving, joyful life, for your parishioners, and for you. Why? Because that is the very essence of God – to give and grant life.

Karoline Lewis, Luther Seminary

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

NEW MAILING ADDRESS:
St Clement’s Episcopal Church
PO Box 36
Holly Springs, GA 30142-0001

- Update *address book*
- Update *Bill Pay*
- Update *Banks*

Community of Hope Adult Christian Education Classes will begin September 14th at 10:15am. The topic the first three Sundays will be “Spiritual Gifts.”

Episcopalian 101! Adult Forum Continues Sundays 10:15am Come learn more about what it means to be an Episcopalian! Led by Fr. Jamie Stutler. Please note: The time is gam on Combined Service Sunday.

Welcome Team!
Do you have a warm smile and a heart for hospitality? We’re looking for friendly face to join our Welcome Team! Contact the office at 770.345.6722 for more information.

Realm is coming in September!
We’re launching a new tool to help us stay connected, engaged, and informed. It’s simple, secure, and made for churches just like ours. Stay tuned!

Grief Share will return on September 11th.

Mark you Calendar for **Wine & Cheese Night** Saturday, September 6th from 4-6pm in Davis Hall.

Want to get involved?
Not sure where to start? Contact Brad Vaughan, and he will help you find out. Email Brad at bradford.vaughan.25@gmail.com, or call 931.265.6087

Women’s Group/Inbetweeners 9/9 11:00a.m. J. Christopher’s, 1437 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is the lead contact at hickoryfarms@comcast.net.

The **Book Club** selection for September is The Guncle by Steven Rowley. The meeting will be September 8th.

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

The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler, *rector*
770-324-2035
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The Way Bible Study 1:00-3:00pm in Davis Hall. We study the previous Sunday’s readings. For more information, please contact Susan Gensel at 706.273.9187.

Wednesdays Rector’s Bible Study There will be no Bible Study this week.

Holy Eucharist 6:15pm
Bible Study 7:00pm Continuing the study of *Twelve Extraordinary Women* exploring the lives and faith of women who changed the world through God’s grace. In the Vestry Room.

Fridays 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 (850.338.8540).

Online Giving is available through our website w.stclementscanton.org or by the Vanco app.

Office Hours
Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10am—2pm
Wednesdays: 9am-11am
Please call before coming to make sure someone is in the office.

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Serving Today:
VPOD: Tim Woltering/Kay Morrison
Crucifer/1st Server: Tim Hodgins
Epistle Torch: Wayne Smoak
Gospel Torch/Bells: Tim Hodgins
LEM: Diane Hodgins
Reader: Sandy Smoak
Teller: Al Irvine

 **Birthdays this week:**
Amy McNeil 8/31
Dock Dockweiler 9/1
Jenny Cain 9/3
Linda Werner 9/5

 **Anniversaries this week:**
No Known Anniversaries this Week

TREASURER’S SUMMARY as of June 2025	
Pledges YTD	\$ 121,340
Total Income	\$ 205,030
Total Expenses	\$ 194,430



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 Morning Prayer (online)//9:00am Al-Anon//12:00pm	WEDNESDAY NO Morning Prayer (online)//9:00am NO Rector’s Zoom Bible Study//12:00pm Women’s AA//12:00pm NO Holy Eucharist//6:15am Bible Study//7:00pm EYC//7:00 pm (1st & 3rd weeks)
TUESDAY COHI //10:00am Men’s Group, IHOP//11:30am Bible Study: The Way//1:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous//8:00pm	THURSDAY Al-Anon//7:00pm Alateen//7:00pm
FRIDAY NO 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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