

October 19, 2025

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:00AM FAMILY HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE

Processional Song	Welcome & Announcements
Opening Sentences,	The Holy Communion
Book of Common Prayer 355	Offertory
The Liturgy of the Word	The Great Thanksgiving:
The Collect of the Day	The Lord's Prayer BCP364
A Reading / Psalm	The Breaking of the Bread
Song	The Administration
The Gospel	Communion Song
Sharing the Good News	Post Communion Prayer
The Creed	BCP 365
The Prayers	The Blessing
The Confession & Absolution	Song for the Procession Out
The Peace BCP 360	The Dismissal BCP 366

11:00AM CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE

Procession In, standing	Jesus Calls Us	Hymnal 544 vs. 1-3,5
The Opening Sentences	The Book of Common Prayer 355	
Song of Praise	The Gloria	Hymnal S278
The Collect		

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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: Genesis 32:22-31

Note: Jacob wrestling with the angel. Jacob seems to have spent much of his life irritating people, especially his brother Esau from whom he stole their father's blessing. It is Esau he is on his way to meet when he encounters the stranger in the night. Before he encounters his estranged brother he must first struggle with God.

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Psalm 121 Levavi oculos

Note: This is one of the "Psalms of Ascents" where we imagine pilgrims ascending the steps of the Temple singing these words during one of the great festivals. It is a song of absolute trust in the Lord in a world which is uncertain and sometimes hostile.

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

The Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Note: We continue to read from this letter to a younger apostle from an older, experienced one. Today's passage urges Timothy to be grounded in what he has learned and, at the same time, be persistent in his ministry.

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Sequence Hymn, standingDear Lord and FatherHymnal 652, v. 1-3

The Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Note: Jesus helpfully tells us what this strange parable is about: persistence in prayer. The unjust judge is a comical figure, an official who could care less about the people he is supposed to serve. He is placed as a foil to the persistent widow but also a foil to God, who, thankfully, is not like us, but infinitely loving and merciful.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his

chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The HomilyThe Rev. James B. Stutler, D. Min
Followed by silence for reflection

The Nicene Creed, standingBCP 358

The Prayers of the People, kneeling or standing

Greetings and Announcements

The Confession of SinBCP 359

The Peace, standingBCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION
RITE II, PRAYER B

The OffertoryBecause I Have Been Given So MuchChoir

The Doxology, standing

The Great ThanksgivingBCP 367

The Sursum CordaHymnal S114

The Sanctus

The Canon, kneeling or standing.

THE GREAT AMENBCP 368

The Lord's PrayerBCP 364

Breaking of the BreadBCP 364

Fraction Anthem

Choir MeditationHear, O My LordHymnal 318

Post Communion Prayer, kneeling or standingBCP 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:O Zion HasteHymnal 539

The Blessing

The Dismissal ResponseBCP 366

Thanks be to God.



WE PRAY FOR:

Our Parish Family, especially

- ✚ JANINE, MISSY, LESLIE, JANINE, BILL, STEPHANIE, AMANDA, 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, THE PEOPLE OF MAUI, ELVIE, ELIZABETH, ROB, SONJA, MOLLY, BRUCE, KRISTI, RAYMOND, GRACE, LESLIE, PAUL, LIZ, JOE, MISTY, LORI, CATHY, JEFF, JOANN, KASEY, CAROL, GORDAN, BEVERLY, LUPINA, LORA, KENNY, COLT, ANDREW, DONALD, LORELLA, KATHY, PRISCILLA & LARRY, LIZ, DAVID, KAREN, JASON, LAURIE, JAN, 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, SCOTTY, YA YA, KIRSI ANN, BONNIE, LEO, SCOTT, RICHARD, JOY, BILL, LEVI, CHUCK, THE HICKS FAMILY.
- ✚ 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.

Praying, Regardless

We cannot be but grateful that there seems to be a pause in the conflict in Gaza which we have been watching for two years after the terrible events of October 7, 2023, in Israel. The return of the remaining hostages seems assured. It is not over and there is uncertainty about the future, but there is a grateful moment here.

Has prayer helped the situation? What about the conflict in Ukraine and innumerable other places in the world? What about in our own country? What about the more personal tragic and painful circumstances we find ourselves and others a part of?

Sometimes when the times are hard prayer can seem pretty frail. We are a people who want results, and who could blame us for that?

From time to time, we might give some thought to what we are doing when we pray. Are we simply uttering lists of wishful thinking? Or are we opening ourselves up to the larger world of God’s grace and love, delivering ourselves into a power we trust but do not comprehend, a power we trust so much that we hold people and places in turmoil in the presence of God.

Prayer can be a struggle as we seek, as Jacob does in his wrestling match by the Jabbok, a blessing from God. At the same time, we are drawn by the Spirit to persevere, like the widow banging on the unjust judge’s door.

Why? Because a life without prayer robs us of the richness of that Presence. The scripture this Sunday has an interesting turn of phrase when we do not persevere in prayer: we are in danger of “losing heart”. As we pray, even little prayers, we are tapping into Life itself, our life and the lives of others and while we do not know what will become of our prayers, we trust that the act itself, even the desire to pray, will result in a blessing.

So, we keep praying no matter what. And we pray our prayers will change things, beginning with ourselves, our “hearts”, our minds, our hands. We pray we will be that very blessing to the world that we struggle and persevere to pray for.

Jamie ✚

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Realm is Here!

We’ve launched this new tool to help us stay connected, engaged, and informed. It’s simple, secure, and made for churches just like ours. Some of you have already received Invitations by email! There will be computers set up in Davis Hall to help people set up their portal accounts and, upload pictures of themselves to earn their St. Clement’s car magnet! Stay tuned!

Coat and Turkey Drive

We are collecting winter coats to donate both to MUST Ministries and Homeless Veterans and their families. We also are accepting cash donations for the MUST Ministries annual turkey distribution. Deadlines: 11-09-25.

Blood Drive

10/20 2:45pm There will be a Blood Drive in Davis Hall on Monday, October 20. Register online at Redcrossblood.org, and search for St. Clements.

COHI Adult Education Series

11/9 10:15am Community of Hope International (COHI) is offering an 8-class adult education series. The next class is Sunday, November 9, 2025, at 10:15 a.m. in Davis Hall. Join us in a journey in learning how to do extraordinary things!

Trunk or Treat

10/25 Come see kids of all ages enjoy Halloween! Sign up to host a Trunk!

EYC Lock-in

11/7-8 Youth lock-in at The Cathedral in Atlanta.

New Beginnings (EYC MS Retreat)

11/14-16 Middle School retreat at Camp Mikell.

Tuesdays

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

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.

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Wednesdays
NO Rector’s Bible Study this week

NO Holy Eucharist 6:15pm

Thursdays
Grief Share 10:30am In the Vestry Room

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. 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 www.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: Bill McArthur
Crucifer/1st Server: Tim Hodgins
Epistle Torch: Wayne Smoak
Gospel Torch/Bells: Diane Hodgins
LEM: Diane Hodgins
Reader: Sandy Smoak
Teller: Jamie Lyons

 **Birthdays this week:**
Lee Kendrix 10/20

 **Anniversaries this week:**
Gary & Christine Dobbs 10/22
Glenn & Anna Marie Smith 10/24

TREASURER’S SUMMARY as of August 2025	
Pledges YTD	\$ 153,860
Total Income	\$ 202,710
Total Expenses	\$ 207,710



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My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

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
NO Rector’s Zoom Bible Study//12:00pm
Women’s AA//12:00pm
NO Holy Eucharist//6:15am
Bible Study//7:00pm (1st & 3rd weeks)
EYC//7:00 pm (1st & 3rd weeks)

THURSDAY
Grief Share//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 to the Glory of God

By Trish Cole & Family in Loving Memory of a dear husband, father, and grandfather on the anniversary of his passing 10/16.

By Dell & Jamie Lyons in celebration of their 16th Wedding Anniversary 10/17.

By Mary Ross in celebration of her daughter Libby Thomas’ birthday.

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