

October 256, 2025
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:00AM FAMILY HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE

<i>Processional Song</i> Opening Sentences, <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> 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 <i>Offertory</i> 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
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11:00AM CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE

Procession In , <i>standing</i>	<i>Come Thou Fount</i>	Hymnal 686
The Opening Sentences	The Book of Common Prayer 355	
Song of Praise	<i>The Gloria</i>	Hymnal S278
The Collect		

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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: Jeremiah 14:7 10, 19-22

Note: Although this 7th c. BC prophet was well known for his critique of the religious practices of his people in his time, here he leads a prayer in a time of drought, trusting in the mercy of God, regardless of the many faults of the people.

Although our iniquities testify against us,
act, O Lord, for your name's sake;
our apostasies indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you.
O hope of Israel,
its savior in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
like a traveler turning aside for the night?
Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?
Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name;
do not forsake us!
Thus says the Lord concerning this people:
Truly they have loved to wander,
they have not restrained their feet;
therefore the Lord does not accept them,
now he will remember their iniquity

and punish their sins.
Have you completely rejected Judah?
Does your heart loathe Zion?
Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?
We look for peace, but find no good;
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.
We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord,
the iniquity of our ancestors,
for we have sinned against you.
Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonor your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant with us.
Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
Or can the heavens give showers?
Is it not you, O Lord our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.

Psalm 84:1-6 Quam dilecta!

Note: This beautiful psalm is a moment of tranquil peace in the midst of some hard words in our other readings. God, it seems to sing, is always our refuge.

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

The Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Note: Here is our final reading from this letter and a fitting one. Here Paul seems to send his last greeting, anticipating both the end of his ministry and of his life, rejoicing finally in hope.

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Sequence Hymn, standingSeek Ye FirstHymnal 711

The Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Note: Pharisees and tax collectors become something of stereotypes in the gospels, the former representing the "respectable" religious elite and the latter representing the reviled Roman collaborators in collecting the hated tax of the occupying power. Jesus introduces this parable with a warning. Is the warning for the Pharisee or for us?

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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 OffertoryHark I Hear the Harps EternalChoir
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 MeditationMy God, Thy TableHymnal 321

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:I Am the Bread of LifeHymnal 335

The Blessing
The Dismissal ResponseBCP 366
Thanks be to God.

- WE PRAY FOR:**
- Our Parish Family, especially**
- ✚ **MARK, CARY, JANINE, MISSY, LESLIE, 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: 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, LORELA, 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, ANA LISA, CHAD, CATHY, MICHELLE, KAY, CURTIS, SCOTTY, YA YA, KIRSI ANN, BONNIE, LEO, SCOTT, RICHARD, JOY, BILL, LEVI, CHUCK, & REBECCA.**
 - ✚ **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.

Meddling Prayer

I wrote last week about being persistent in prayer regardless of the circumstances around us, like that irrepressible widow banging on the door of the unjust judge. Jesus offers us another parable about prayer which may stray a little from preaching to meddling.

The pharisee and the tax collector are contrasted as they pray in the temple, the pharisee condescendingly eying the more sinful posture of the tax collector. Be that as it may, there is one thing they both share about the nature of prayer itself: it is not only a revelation of God, but also a revelation of ourselves.

To pray is to posture ourselves toward the living God. We might try to put our best face forward. On the other hand, we might be so filled with remorse and regret that we can hardly stand the experience. In either case, God sees through it all. And if we acknowledge that we stand without explanation before God, our prayer has a beginning.

I remember sitting with a woman of our parish when she was dying. "It is what it is", she said. Not an expression of despair, but an acceptance of the fact of her condition, without a whisper of the loss of her faith. Whoever we are, whatever circumstances we find ourselves in, God is present. We can face the truth of who we are because God is love.

And because God is love there is always a new beginning, even if we have begun again a hundred times before. Prayer teaches us that the future begins where we are, not where we would like to be, or think we should be, or wherever somebody else thinks we should be.

Prayer is an invitation to Jesus to meddle in our lives. And because prayer always moves toward revealing ourselves as we truly are, Jesus takes us by the hand and leads us gently to whom we truly can become.

Prayer always begins and ends in the presence of Jesus, who, when the rich young man approached him "looked upon him and loved him" (Mark 10:21).

Jamie ✚

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Annual Meeting Between the Services 11/16 Please plan to join us for the Annual Parish Meeting. We will elect Vestry Members and have reports from the Rector, the Wardens, and the Treasurer. Mark your calendar!

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
Thanks to all who participated! We collected 31 pints of blood for the Red Cross.

Trunk or Treat
Thanks to all who participated! We made several kids happy yesterday!

Combined Service and Pot Luck Meal 11/2 The combined service will begin at 10:00 and be followed by a Pot Luck Meal. Please plan to attend.

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. The Subject Area is "Promise 686.", and the speaker is Ty Bryant. Join us in a journey in learning how to do extraordinary things!

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

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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 12:00pm on Zoom

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: Tim Woltering/Kay Morrison
Crucifer/1st Server: Wayne Smoak
Epistle Torch: Jeff Pawlik
Gospel Torch/Bells: Janelle Walker
LEM: Janelle Walker
Reader: Moetki Sharp
Teller: Scott Burleson



Birthdays this week:
Jeff Brannon 10/27
Katie McDonald 10/30
Chris Thomas 10/30
Doug Blackburn 11/1



Anniversaries this week:
No known anniversaries this week.

TREASURER'S SUMMARY
as of August 2025

Pledges YTD	\$ 153,860
Total Income	\$ 202,710
Total Expenses	\$ 207,710



October 26, 2025
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
How dear to me is your dwelling,
O LORD of hosts!

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	THURSDAY Grief Share//10:30am Path to Shine// 2:00pm Al-Anon//7:00pm Alateen//7:00pm
TUESDAY COHI //10:00am Men's Group, IHOP//11:30am Bible Study: The Way//1:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous//8:00pm	FRIDAY Morning Prayer (online)//9:00am Service @ the Arbor//10:30am Women's AA//12:00pm 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 Bible Study//7:00pm (1st & 3rd weeks) EYC//7:00 pm (1st & 3rd weeks)	

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God

By Jeff Pawlik in Loving Memory of Alexndra Pawlik.

By Gloria Blackburn in Celebration of Doug Blackburn's Birthday 11/1.

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