

September 7, 2025
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Daily Morning Prayer: Rite II

10:00AM COMBINED SERVICE

Procession In, <i>standing</i>	<i>Come Into His Presence</i>	<i>Songbook #6</i>
The Opening Verse	The Book of Common Prayer 78	
Confession of Sin		BCP 79
The Invitatory and Psalter		BCP 80
Venite	Psalm 95:1-7;	BCP 82

Psalm 1: *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

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Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4

It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The People say: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Canticle 11:	<i>The Third Song of Isaiah</i>	BCP 87
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The Epistle: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother -- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Canticle 15:	<i>The Song of Mary</i>	BCP 91
Sequence Hymn, <i>standing</i>	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	<i>Songbook #62</i>

The Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Homily	The Rev. Peter H. Waggoner Followed by silence for reflection
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The Nicene Creed, <i>standing</i>	BCP 358
The Prayers of the People , <i>kneeling or standing</i>	

Greetings and Announcements

The Collect of the Day
Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Guidance	BCP 100
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The Peace, <i>standing</i>	BCP 360
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THE HOLY COMMUNION FROM RESERVED SACRAMENT		
The Offertory	<i>Lamb of God</i>	<i>Songbook #31</i>

The Doxology, *standing*

The Officiant reads a passage of Scripture

Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life: and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Officiant: Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us.	
Officiant Invitation: The Gifts of God for the People of God	

Sing Alongs	<i>Take Our Bread #58, You Are My All In All #55, Down to the River to Pray #12,</i>
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Post Communion Prayer, <i>kneeling or standing</i>	BCP 365
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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.

The Blessing	BCP 135
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Recessional Hymn: <i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i>	<i>Songbook #25</i>
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The Dismissal Response	BCP 366
Thanks be to God.	

WE PRAY FOR:

Our Parish Family, especially

- ✚ MISSY, BILL, 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, JOE, MISTY, LORI, PAT, CATHY, JEFF, JOANN, KASEY, CAROL, GORDAN, BEVERLY, LUPINA, LORA, MADISON, KENNY, COLT, ANDREW, PHIL, DONALD, LORELLA, KATHY, PRISCILLA & LARRY, LIZ, DAVID, 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, SCOTTIE, YA YA & FAMILY, KIRSI ANN, BONNIE, & LEO.

- ✚ 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.

Reflection on Sunday's Lessons

A few years ago, I began a new journey to explore the potential of a call to ordained ministry. I grew up in the Episcopal Church and worked for almost thirty years as a church musician in different parishes. But throughout that time I had a persistent feeling that, although I enjoyed what I was doing and found it fulfilling in many ways, there might be something more to my sense of vocation. So, I set out on a new path. I finished my commitments as a musician, entered seminary and the diocesan discernment process, and dedicated the next three years of life to learning, discovering, and listening. I listened for God's presence and call, I listened to what I was thinking and feeling, and listened to what was happening around me. It was a great exercise in trying to live in the moment.

One of the books I read during that time was "Now and Then: A Memoir of Vocation" by Frederick Buechner. In the final chapter, Buechner says, "Listen to your life. See it for the fathomless mystery that it is. In the boredom and pain of it no less than in the excitement and gladness: touch, taste, smell your way to the holy and hidden heart of it because in the last analysis all moments are key moments, and life itself is grace."

Our scripture readings this week all feature elements of listening. In Deuteronomy, Moses says, "If you obey the commandments of God by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments...then you shall live and the Lord will bless you." Likewise in Luke 14, Jesus says, "Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." These passages emphasize the importance of minimizing distractions, listening intently, and living in the moment. In order to obey and follow, we must first be able to hear and receive.

The commandments – God's laws – are clear about our primary vocation as the people of God. We are here to love God, love ourselves, and to love each other. As Buechner points out, life – and love, I would add – both include moments of boredom and excitement, pain and gladness. But it is by listening and living in the moment that we experience the grace of God's presence and that still, small voice that calls each of us, always, towards the fullness of life in Christ.

The Rev. Peter Waggoner, M.Div.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us immediately after the service today for a Pot Luck meal across the parking lot in Davis Hall!

Episcopalian 101! Adult Forum
Continues Sundays 10:15am Come learn more about what it means to be an Episcopalian! Led by Fr. Jamie Stutler.

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!

Wine & Cheese Night
9/6 5:00-7pm Saturday Come and enjoy this exciting social event prepared for you by your vestry!

Daughters of the King
09/07 1:00pm in the Vestry Room to discuss a song by Jelly Roll. Contact Trish Cole tri-shcole4@gmail.com

Book Club will be held on Monday **9/08** at 1:30pm in Davis Hall. The September selection is The Guncle by Steven Rowley.. Contact: Sallee Macknik at sallee_m@yahoo.com or (770) 714-6340

Women's Group/Inbetweeners
09/09 11:00a.m J. Christopher's, 1437 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is the lead contact at hickoryfarms@comcast.net,

COHI Adult Education Series
9/14 10:15am Community of Hope International (COHI) is offering an 8-part adult education series starting this fall. The first class, Examining our Spiritual Gifts, is Sunday, September 14, 2025, at 10:15 a.m. in Davis Hall. Join us in a journey in learning how to do extraordinary things!

Blessing of the Animals
Oct 4 10:30am Planned to be held in Canton! Stand by for more details!

Chili Cook-off
Oct 4 6::00-8:00pm Enter your chili in the competition or come as a taster to vote on your favorite! Adults \$12, Kids \$8

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Tuesdays
The Men's Group 11:30am at IHOP, 3010 Northside Parkway, Canton
Contact: stclementsmens-group@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 Anna Marie Smith at (717.713.5879)

Wednesdays
Rector's Bible Study 12:00 noon via Zoom . We are studying the Psalms.

Path to Shire
2:00-5:00pm A children's mentoring group held in Davis Hall

Holy Eucharist 6:15pm

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 Van-co 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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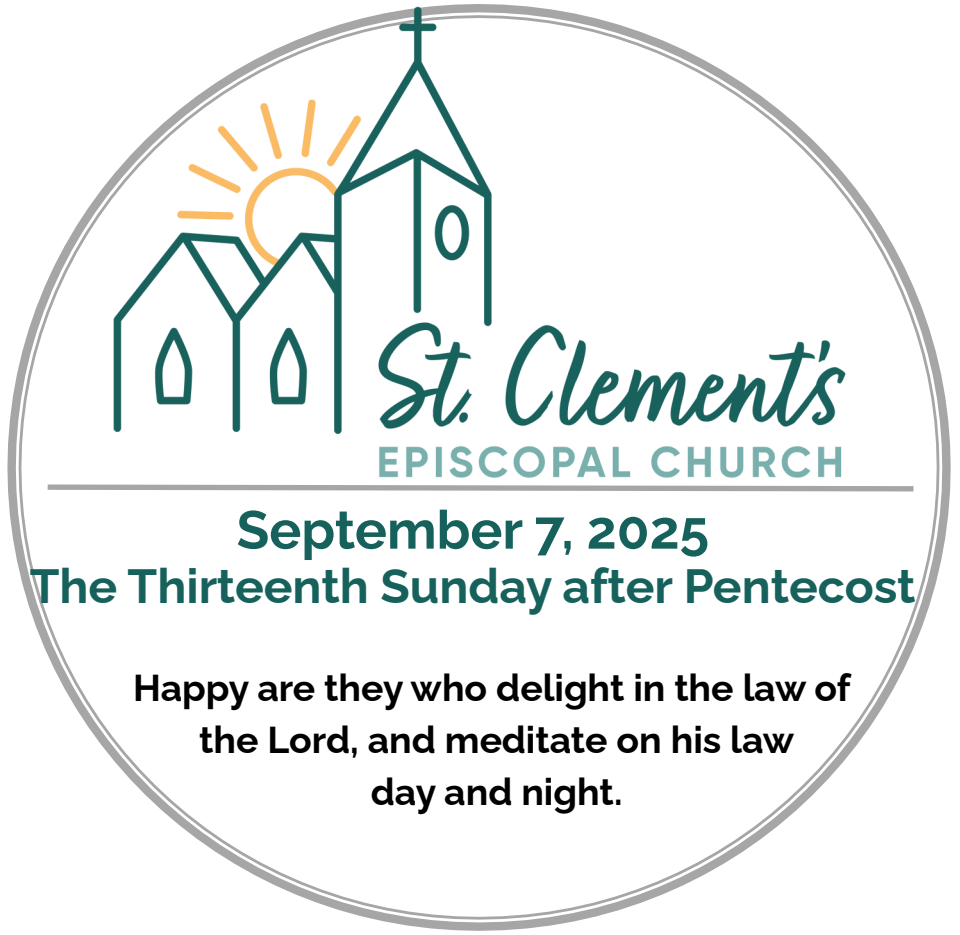


Serving Today:
VPOD: Tim Hodgins
Crucifer/1st Server: Tim Hodgins
Epistle Torch: Diane Hodgins
Gospel Torch/Bells: Wayne Smoak
LEM: Diane Hodgins
Reader: Sandy Smoak
Teller: Bill McArthur

**Birthdays this week:**
Missy Spence 9/11
Dale Petrishe 9/13
Anne Preece 9/13

**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	WEDNESDAY Morning Prayer (online)//9:00am Rector's Zoom Bible Study//12:00pm Women's AA//12:00pm Holy Eucharist//6:15am
TUESDAY COHI //10:00am Men's Group, IHOP//11:30am Bible Study: The Way//1:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous//8:00pm	THURSDAY Path to Shine//2:00pm-5:00pm AL-Anon//7:00pm AL-Ateen//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 Lee and John Kendrix in loving memory of
of his mother, Ruby Kendrix.

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