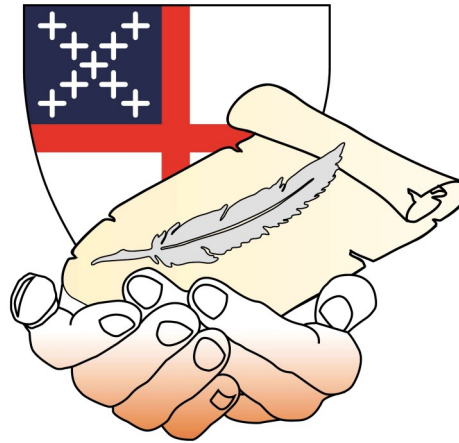


Welcome
to
St. Clement's Episcopal Church
Open Minds + Loving Hearts + Giving Hands



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II

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A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina

The Right Reverend Samuel S. Rodman III, Bishop of North Carolina

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, Assistant Bishop

The Reverend Jamie L'Enfant Edwards, Rector

The Reverend Mark Davidson, Deacon

John Farmer, Director of Music

The Order for Holy Eucharist

Welcome and Announcements

Please take this time to silence or turn off your cell phones and all electronic devices.

Prelude

Ave Maria

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Kirsten Russ, Flute

Entrance Hymn #57 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

Helmsley

Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Hymn of Praise #56

O come, O come, Emmanuel
Stanza 3

Veni, Veni

The Collect of the Day

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

First Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-16

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 Qui regis Israel

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
 shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
 stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
 how long will you be angered
 despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
 you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
 and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
 the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
 give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Second Lesson: Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sequence Hymn #265 The angel Gabriel from heaven came Gabriel's message

The Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

For those unfamiliar with our liturgy...

Holy Communion, the Eucharist (which literally means "thanksgiving"), the Lord's Supper, and the Mass are all names for the family meal for Christians and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. All the baptized are part of the extended family that is the Church and therefore welcome to receive. After the host (bread) is placed in your palm, you may "sip, dip, or skip" the wine by guiding the chalice to your lips, intincting the wafer lightly in the wine, or crossing your arms over your chest to decline. Those not receiving communion are still welcome to come forward for a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest). Please know that no matter how you participate, your presence contributes a unique and valued ingredient to the feast.

The Sermon.....Rev. Jamie Edwards

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People
Response: **come, Lord Jesus.**

Confession of Sin BCP p. 360

The Peace BCP p. 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn #60	Creator of the stars of night	Conditor alme siderum
	Stanzas 1,2 & 6	

The Great Thanksgiving BCP p. 367
Sanctus S-125 Holy, Holy, Holy

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 364

Fraction Anthem
S-164 Jesus, Lamb of God

Communion Music	Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring	J S Bach, (1685-1750) Kirsten Russ, Flute
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Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 366

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #438 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord Woodlands

The Dismissal

For your prayers during the Eucharist and this week.

In Our Diocese: We give thanks for Sean, our presiding Bishop; Samuel, our Diocesan Bishop; Jennifer, Assistant Bishop; Jamie our Rector; Mark our Deacon. For our Companion Diocese of Costa Rica and their Bishop, Orlando Gómez, and the Diocese of Botswana and their Bishop, Metlhayotlhe Beleme.

In Our Parish Cycle of Prayer: We give thanks for Maggie Elsner & Beth Binder.

In Need of Healing: Paula M.; Sharon L.; John P.; Jane H.; Penny F.; Margaret M.; Jim M.; Sharon V.; Don H.; James; Todd P.; Tava B.; Patty D.; Kevin M.; Keith C.; Sharon L.; Miriam L.; Noelle N.; Jeannette R.; Judy R.; John F.; Robbie P.; Dave K.; Sallie S.; Karen F.; Sid C.; Jaci K.; Roger D, Jr.; Sonta H.; Warren G.; Michael E.; Rhonda L.; Michael S.; Sylbrina K.; Gill W.; Bim H.; Bradley M.; Sharon F.; Don G.; Myra A.; Susan G.; Pat K.; Linda H.; Donna P.; Bruce N.; Sandra N.; Kim S.; Heather T.; Jerry K.; Manuel; Rick K.; Vic; Jimmy E.; Robert E.; Pat G.; Nancy M.; Werner K; for John Farmer and family; the Witte family; the Erickson family; for all victims of violence and natural disasters; for our nation's leaders that they will always seek to do God's will.

Military: For all those who serve our country, here and abroad, especially: Will Edwards; Cody Potts; Isaac Hutchins; Sean Mullins; Chris Vestal; David Grocer; Sam Mills; Ryan Tilley; Chris Bailey; Jeremy Almond; Andrew Ellis.

In Thanksgiving: For our Vestry members that are rotating off. We thank them for their time, talent, and dedication to our parish, and for our visitors.

Birthdays: Jake Booth, Ella Booth

For the Repose of the Soul of: John Erickson, nephew of Tom Erickson.

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon him.*

**Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist
December 24th
5:00 pm & 7:30 pm
Music will begin 30 minutes prior to each service.**



Welcome Visitors!

Welcome to St. Clement’s! We are blessed to have you with us. Please visit our welcome table located next to the organ and fill out a name tag and pick up a Visitor’s Welcome Postcard. If you would like more information about any aspect of our parish, please do not hesitate to ask!

Would you like to become a member?
Please ask for a gold registration form.

Opportunities for Engagement

- **Men’s Breakfast**
Every first Wednesday, 8 am @ Pete’s.
- **Bridge Club**
Every Tuesday @ 6:30 & 7 pm (PH)
- **Stitch in Time Crafter’s Group**
Every Wednesday @ 9:30 am (PH)
- **Women’s Group**
Every Thursday @ 10:30 am (PH)
- **Al-Anon Meetings**
Every Friday @ 12 noon (PH)
- **Men’s Zoom Group**
Every Saturday @ 8 am via Zoom
- **In-Person Saturday Men’s Hour**
Every Saturday, 10 am—11 am in parish hall.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, December 21
Rite II Quiet Eucharist @ 8 am
Coffee & Conversation, 8:30-9 am (PH)
Formation, 9-9:45 am (PH)
Rite II w/ music @ 10am
Greening & Grazing, 11 am (Nave)
DEADLINE: Christmas flower donations

Tuesday, December 23
Bridge Club, 6:30 & 7 pm (PH)

Wednesday, December 24
Services @ 5 pm & 7:30 pm

Thursday, December 25—Merry Christmas!

Friday, December 26
RENTAL: Al-Anon, 12–1 pm (PH) ???

Saturday, December 27
Men’s Zoom Group, 8 am via Zoom
In-Person Men’s Hour, 10-11 am (PH)

Special Announcements

Lay Ministers Needed for Christmas Eve
A sign up sheet has been posted on the *whiteboard* in the narthex. Please see where you can help @ 5 pm or 7:30 pm services.

Greening and Grazing is Today
Join us after the **10 am service** to help decorate the Nave for Christmas. All ages are encouraged to participate. *As a side note... help will be needed to take all of the decorations down after the late service on January 4th.*

Honor a loved one this Christmas
Last Chance to donate Christmas Flowers
Today is the last day to donate towards the greening of the church in memory or thanksgiving of a loved one. No donation is too small. Sign-up on the clipboard in the narthex for you to print what you would like in the bulletin and to leave a donation. Please print & use only 1 line per name (use as many lines as needed).

Note: 2025 Tax Deductible Donations
The 2025 tax year ends at midnight on Wednesday, December 31, 2024. *For your donation to be tax deductible for 2025, it must be received at the St. Clement’s office or postmarked before midnight December 31, 2025.* ALL correspondence should be mailed to our PO box:
PO Box 1547
Clemmons, NC 27012
(Please, do not mail to the street address.)

Office Hours
Office will be closed Dec. 29 & 30. Limited office hours Dec. 31. Please call ahead. Call Mother Jamie on her cell if you have a pastoral emergency.

Mark Your Calendars

- **Office Closed / Holiday Hours**
12/25, 12/29, 12/30, (limited on 12/31), 1/1.
- **De-greening of the Nave**
Sunday, January 4 after the late service
- **Feb./Mar. Newsletter Deadline**
Tuesday, January 20

Serving at the Altar for this Week

The Rev. Jamie Edwards

The Rev. Mark Davidson

8:00 Chalice: Y. Nagaishi **Lector:** L. Gerhardt

Acolyte: Y. Nagaishi **Altar Guild:** Russ, Bucknall

10:00 Chalice: B. Edwards **Lector:** J. Rush

Acolyte: B. Edwards **Ushers:** Rush **Altar Guild:** Bucknall, Lyall

Counters: Pat Kight, Jim Studley

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Lay Ministry Schedule for Next Sunday, December 28

The Rev. Jamie Edwards

The Rev. Mark Davidson

8:00 Chalice: T. Zordano **Lector:** D. Guthrie

Acolyte: T. Zordano **Altar Guild:** Crowe

10:00 Chalice: B. Daniel **Lector:** B. Daniel

Acolyte: Booth **Ushers:** Smith **Altar Guild:** Daniel, Smith

Counters: April Chapel, Kirsten Russ

Vestry & Wardens

April Chapel, Senior Warden, Bob Smith, Junior Warden, Nicky Tesh, Treasurer
Chuck Bohrer, Laurie Ryan, Sharon Lyall, Sid Chadwick, Jim Studley, Mark Snow,
Terri Smith, Clerk of the Vestry

2026 Vestry Elect: Mary Holton, Terri Smith, & Amy Selby.
Shirleen Gilbert, Clerk of the Vestry

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