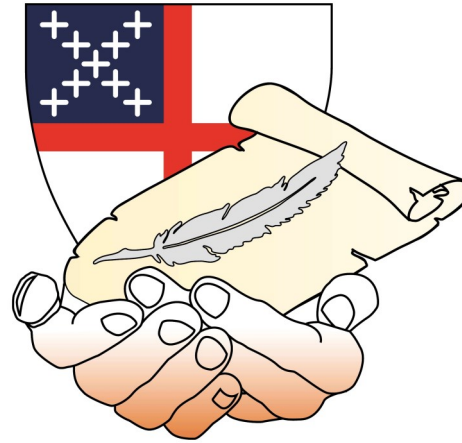


Welcome
to
St. Clement's Episcopal Church
Open Minds + Loving Hearts + Giving Hands



Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2023

8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist with Baptism, Confirmation, and Reception Rite II



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 with Baptism, Confirmation, and Reception

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Preamble, Op 31 Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Entrance Hymn #65 Prepare the way, O Zion Bereden Herran

Opening Acclamation BCP p. 299

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

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

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13**Benedixisti, Domine**

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Second Lesson: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Sequence Hymn #64

O heavenly Word, eternal Light
stanzas 1, 2, & 3

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The Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
`Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Sermon.....The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson

Baptism, Confirmation and Reception

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate for Baptism BCP p. 301
Brooklyn Claire Six

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates for Confirmation
Wyatt Charles Booth
Ella Marie Booth
Jake Ford Booth
William Hunter Snow

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates for Reception
Shirleen Marie Gilbert
Kelly Ann O'Sullivan
Anthony Zordano
Carol Marie Zordano

The Baptismal Covenant	BCP p. 304
Prayers for the Candidates	BCP p. 305
Thanksgiving over the Water	BCP p. 306
The Baptism, Prayer and Signation	BCP p. 307
The Welcome of the Newly Baptized	BCP p. 308
Prayers for those Renewing of Commitment	BCP p. 309
Laying on of Hands with Prayer	BCP p. 309
Concluding Prayer	BCP p. 310
The Peace	BCP p. 310

Diocesan Prayer for Mission (said by all):

Most gracious and loving God: Strengthen the hearts of your people in this diocese that loving you with our whole heart, and loving our neighbors as ourselves, we might, in the power of the Spirit, obey the call of Jesus, to go into our world as disciples making disciples, and making a difference through your saving love. Amen

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn #67	Comfort, comfort ye my people	Psalm 42
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Today's offering will be designated for the Bishop's discretionary fund (used for religious and charitable purposes, pastoral emergencies and ministries arising during the course of the year). Checks can be made out to the "Diocese of NC". If you would like to make an online offering to the discretionary fund, please use this link: <https://givingtools.com/give/1182/1995>.

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

The Lord's Prayer	BCP p. 364
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Fraction Anthem

Cantor: Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

Congregation: Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

Cantor: In the presence of our Lord we gather.

Congregation: In the presence of our Lord we gather.

Cantor: Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
Congregation: Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
Cantor: Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.
Congregation: Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

Communion Music	Allemande & Courante	G. F. Haendel (1685-1759)
Post Communion Prayer	BCP p. 366	
The Blessing		
Recessional Hymn #53	Once he came in blessing	Gottes Sohn its kommen
The Dismissal	BCP p. 366	
Postlude	Pasticcio	Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

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For your prayers during the Eucharist and this week.

In Our Diocese: We give thanks for Michael, our presiding Bishop; Samuel, our Diocesan Bishop; Jennifer, Assistant Bishop; Jamie our Rector; and 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 Snow/Glontz family: Mark, Robin, Zachary, Elizabeth, Christopher, & Hunter.

In Need of Healing: Bishop Michael Curry; Leah, Nora, Mickie M.; Clint S.; Jessica S.; Jeff M.; Donna M.; Derek; Barbara; Don G.; Connie R.; Wayne R.; Angie C.; Rene C.; Lee E.; Hunter G.; Gill W.; Donna P.; Bruce N.; Sandra N.; Kim S.; Amy S.; Elaine O.; Ann W.; Don G.; Pat S.; Heather T.; Glenda W.; Jerry K.; Matthew N.; Manuel; Robert S.; Rick K.; Vic; Pat M.; Jimmy E.; Robert E.; Pat G.; Nancy M.; Werner K.; for all victims of violence and natural disasters, especially for the people in the Holy Land.

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

In Thanksgiving: For our Hospitality Committee; and for our visitors.

Birthdays: Miriam Lovett; Alexander Taylor.

Welcome to our Seekers and Visitors!

Welcome to St. Clement's! We are blessed to have you with us. Please fill out a visitor's card so that we may know you and welcome you properly. 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.

December Outreach Needs

Please, no expired food. Leave donations in the appropriate bin under the narthex counter.

- **Clemmons Food Pantry** **no glass jars*
Holiday meal staples; plastic or paper bags.
- **Storehouse for Jesus**
Holiday meal staples. ****Volunteers needed!**
- **Snacks for Morgan**
Individually wrapped healthy snacks w/o nuts.
- **Crisis Control**
Spare change in our collection jug.

Opportunities for Engagement

- **Men's Group**
Meets every Saturday via Zoom @ 8 am.
- **Women's Group**
On holiday recess. Will resume in January.
- **Potluck (Costco) Dinner Parties**
Meets periodically on a Saturday evening.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, December 10

Rite II @ 8:00 am, Quiet Service
Rite II w/ music @ 10:00 am—Bishop's visit
Bishop's Reception (PH)
Vestry meeting (Nave)

Tuesday, December 12

Rental: Drawing Class 101, 9:30-12, (PH)

Wednesday, December 13

DEADLINE: Lay Ministry 1Q 2024 schedule
Episcochicks @ WS Wine Market, 5:30 pm

Thursday, December 14

Church Office closed

Friday, December 15

RENTAL: Al-Anon, 12 noon (PH)

Special Announcements

Christmas Flower Donations

A sign-up sheet has been posted on the clipboard in the narthex for those who want to make donations towards Christmas decorations for the church. *Please print and use only 1 line per name (use as many lines as needed).* Deadline is next Sunday, 12/17.

Lay Ministers— Two Items....

- Sign up to serve @ 5 or 9 pm Christmas Eve services.
(The sign-up sheets are in the narthex.)
- Email Linda your schedule requests for the 1Q 2024 LM schedule. Deadline is Wednesday, December 13th.

“Greening and Grazing”

Next Sunday, 12/17 after the **10 am service**. Help us decorate the church for Christmas. Please bring a finger food to share. All ages are encouraged to participate. ****NOTE: Help** with watering the plants on Tues. 12/26 & Thurs. 12/28, speak with Robin Snow if you available. **“Degreening”** (aka—taking everything down) will be after the 10 service on December 31st if anyone can stay to help.

2024 Pledges

Just a friendly reminder to please return your pledge forms if you haven't already done so.

Episcochicks—Wed. Dec. 13 @ 5:30

Join us for another night out at the WS Wine Market, 1231 Creekshire Way. Bring appetizers to share.

Mark Your Calendars

- **Greening & Grazing**
Sunday, December 17, 11:00 am
- **Advent 4, Sunday December 24**
Quiet Eucharist @ 10:00 am
- **Christmas Eve Services, Sun. Dec. 24**
Festival Eucharist @ 5 pm (music @ 4:30)
Festival Eucharist @ 9 pm (music @ 9:30)

Serving at the Altar for this Week

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson
The Rev. Jamie Edwards
The Rev. Mark Davidson

8:00 **Chalice:** Y. Nagaishi **Lector:** R. Selby
Acolyte: Y. Nagaishi **Altar Guild:** Patterson

10:00 **Chalice:** N. Tesh **Lector:** J. Rush
Acolyte: Edwards **Ushers:** Kight
Altar Guild: Lovett, Nash
Counters: Pat Kight, Chuck Bohrer

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Lay Ministry Schedule for Next Sunday, December 17

The Rev. Dan Wall
The Rev. Mark Davidson

8:00 **Chalice:** G. Crowe **Lector:** L. Gerhardt
Acolyte: need **Altar Guild:** Lazorchak

10:00 **Chalice:** J. Krause **Lector:** M. Snow
Acolyte: H. Snow **Ushers:** Rush
Altar Guild: Bucknall, Lyall
Counters: Pat Kight, Chuck Bohrer

Vestry & Wardens

April Chapel, Senior Warden, Gerry Jove, Junior Warden
Sally Bridges, Kevin Meath, Janice Weeks, Pat Kight, Jeannette Reid,
Chuck Bohrer, Bob Smith, Maggie Elsner, Treasurer
Vestry Elect: Laurie Ryan, Sharon Lyall, Sid Chadwick

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