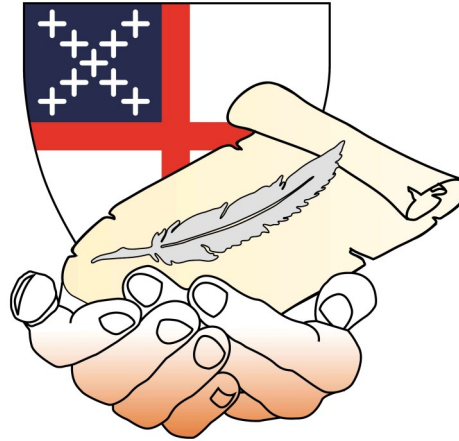


Welcome
to
St. Clement's Episcopal Church
Open Minds + Loving Hearts + Giving Hands



Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 20, 2026

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 Matthew T. Phillips, Associate Rector

The Reverend Mark A. 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	Voluntary Tranquillo	Eric Thiman (1900-1975)
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Entrance Hymn #404	We will extoll you, ever-blessed Lord	Old 124th
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Opening Acclamation	BCP p. 355
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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Hymn of Praise #400	All creatures of our God and King Stanza 2 only	Lasst uns erfreuen
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The Collect of the Day

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson: Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the

bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Psalm 145:1-8 Exaltabo te, Deus

Sung by all



- 1 I will exalt you, O God my **King**, *
and bless your Name for ever and **ever**.
- 2 Every day will I **bless you** *
and praise your Name for ever and **ever**.
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be **praised**; *
there is no end to his **greatness**.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to a/**nother** *
and shall declare your **power**.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your **majesty** *
and all your marvelous **works**.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous **acts**, *
and I will tell of your **greatness**.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great **goodness**; *
they shall sing of your righteous **deeds**.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of com/**passion**, *
slow to anger and of great **kindness**.

Second Lesson: Philippians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Sequence Hymn #326 From glory to glory advancing

The Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Sermon.....The Rev. Jamie Edwards

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People
Response: **Lord, have mercy.**

Confession of Sin BCP p. 360

The Peace BCP p. 360

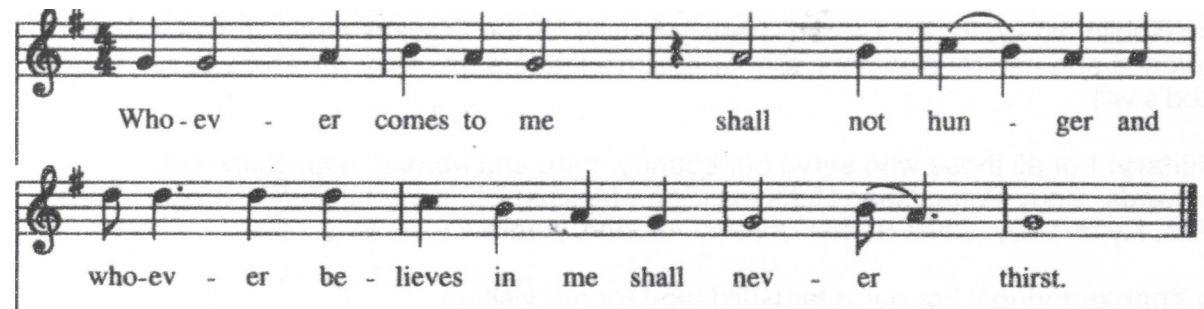
The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn #323 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless St. Agnes

The Great Thanksgiving BCP p. 369
Sanctus S-129 Holy, Holy, Holy

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 364

Fraction Anthem (*Sung three times*)



Communion music Selections, from French Suite I J S Bach (1685-1750)

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 366

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #307 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor Bryn Calfaria

The Dismissal BCP p. 366

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, Mark, and Matthew, our clergy. For Christ Church in Walnut Cove and Emmanuel in Warrenton. For our Companion Diocese of Costa Rica and their Bishop, Orlando Gómez, and the Diocese of Botswana and their Bishop, Metlhayotlthe Beleme.

In Our Parish Cycle of Prayer: We give thanks for Randy & April Chapel.

In Need of Healing: Gerogie & Lisa D.; Beverly G.; Pat K.; Jerry K.; Carol Z.; Karen Y.; Debbie M.; John K.; Ann W.; Claudia F.; Aletha J.; Laurie R.; Jim S.; Sharon V.; Marilyn G.; Mary Ann S.; Ken C.; Dot H.; Jack R.; Lee E.; Nicky T.; Don P.; Keith C.; Bim H.; Penny F.; Jay F.; Shantelle F.; Heather T.; Gill W.; Daniel; Jeannette R.; Miriam L.; David K.; John M.; Pat M.; Jane H.; Patty D.; Dave K.; Sallie S.; Sid C.; Warren G.; Rhonda L.; Michael S.; Sylbrina K.; Bradley M.; Sharon F.; Myra A.; Susan G.; Pat K.; Linda H.; Kim S.; Jerry K.; Rick K.; Jimmy E.; Robert E.; Nancy M.; for the Davis & Hanley family; for the Stevens 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 Lectors, and for our visitors.

Birthdays: David Naples

Anniversaries: Tony & Sharon Lyall

The Week Ahead

Sunday, September 20

Rite II Quiet Eucharist @ 8 am
Coffee, conversation, & Formation Hour -
Episcopal Tradition and History
Discussion with Matthew Phillips

Rite II w/ music @ 10 am
Small Group Kick-Off meeting, 11 am
RENTAL: Village Presbyterian, 3-7 pm

Monday, September 21

RENTAL: Alcoholics Anonymous, 5:30-7:45 am

Tuesday, September 22

Bridge & Mahjong Club, 6:30 & 7 pm (PH)

Wednesday, September 23

RENTAL: Alcoholics Anonymous, 5:30-7:45 am
Vestry meeting, 6 pm (PH)

Thursday, September 24

Women's Group, 10:30 am (PH)

Friday, September 25

RENTAL: Alcoholics Anonymous, 5:30-7:45 am
RENTAL: AI Anon, 12-1 pm (PH)

Saturday, September 26

Men's Zoom Group, 8 am via Zoom
In-Person Men's Hour, 10-11 am (PH)

Special Announcements

2026-2027 Small Groups

Our Small Groups Kick-Off meeting is today after the 10:00 service.

2027 Offertory Envelopes

Weekly offertory envelopes for next year will be processed soon. If you to receive envelopes or discontinue using envelopes, please notify Linda in the office.

Blessing of the Animals

Calling all animals, great and small! Join us for a special blessing by Mother Jamie on Saturday, October 3rd @ 11 am in front of the church.

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! Just look for the blue nametags for members of our Vestry.

Would you like to become a member?

Please ask for a gold registration form.

Mark Your Calendars

- **Bishop Gregg's visit**

Sunday, September 27

- **Blessing of the Animals**

Saturday, October 3 @ 11 am (front lawn)

- **Cherry Street Prison Service**

Sunday, October 4th, 4:30—7 pm

- **CROP Walk**

Sunday, October 18, 1:30/2:30 pm

Opportunities for Engagement

- **Men's Breakfast**

Every first Wednesday, 8 am @ Pete's.

- **Bridge Club**

Every Tuesday @ 6:30 & 7 pm (PH)

- **Mahjong**

Every Tuesday @ 6:30 & 7 pm (PH)

- **Women's Group**

Every Thursday @ 10:30 am (PH)

- **AA Meetings**

Every Mon., Wed. & Fri., @ 6:15-7:15 am (PH)

- **AI-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.

Lay Ministers Serving this Week

8:00 **Chalice:** Y. Nagaishi **Lector:** D. Guthrie
Acolyte: Y. Nagaishi **Altar Guild:** Russ, Bucknall

10:00 **Lector:** TBD
Acolyte: H. Snow **Ushers:** Russ, Selby **Altar Guild:** Bucknall, Lyall
Counters: April Chapel, Amy Selby

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*Flowers behind the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Dalida Bucknall in
thanksgiving for the birthdays of her husband, Robert, and her mother.*

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Lay Ministry Schedule for Next Sunday, September 27

8:00 **Lector:** L. Gerhardt **Acolyte:** T. Zordano

10:00 **Lector:** N. Tesh **Acolyte:** Booth
Ushers: Kight **Altar Guild:** Lyall
Counters: Tom Erickson, Bob Smith

Vestry & Wardens

Sharon Lyall—Senior Warden, Terri Smith—Junior Warden, Nicky Tesh—Treasurer
Laurie Ryan, Sid Chadwick, Jim Studley, Mark Snow, Mary Holton, & Amy Selby.
Shirleen Gilbert—Clerk of the Vestry

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