

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



The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ:
Christmas Eve

December 24, 2025

5:00 P.M. Festival Eucharist

7:30 P.M. Festival Eucharist



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

Entrance Hymn #102 Once in Royal David's City Irby
Stanzas 1,2,3,& 6

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

Hymn of Praise #96 Angels we have heard on high Gloria

The Collect of the Day

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light:
Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him
perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God,
in glory everlasting. *Amen*.

Old Testament: Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land
of deep darkness-- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have
increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult
when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their
shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all
the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned
as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests
upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be
endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal
of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Psalm 96 Cantate Domino

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
 sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
 proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
 and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
 he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
 but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
 Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
 ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
 bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
 let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
 he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
 he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
 let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
 let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
 before the Lord when he comes, *
 when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
 and the peoples with his truth.

New Testament: Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

The Sermon.....The Reverend Jamie Edwards

The Nicene Creed BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People

Response: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

The Peace BCP, p. 360

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory music (5 pm)	O Holy Night	Alpha Adam (1803-1856) <i>Mark Snow, Violin</i>
Offertory Hymn #89 (5 & 7:30)	It came upon the midnight clear	Carol
The Great Thanksgiving	BCP, p. 367	
Sanctus S-125	Holy, holy, holy Lord	
The Lord's Prayer	BCP, p. 364	
Communion music (5 pm)	Unaccompanied Suite III	J. S Bach (1685-1750) <i>Mark Snow, Violin</i>
Communion music (7:30 pm)	Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming	arr. John Carter (1930-1991)
Post Communion Prayer	BCP, p. 366	
The Blessing		
Procession Hymn #111	Silent Night	Stille Nacht
The Dismissal	BCP, p. 366	
Postlude	In dulci jubilo	J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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5 PM—Please return your bulletin to the Ushers for the next service. Thank you.

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 Need of Healing: Vivian R.; Paula M.; Sharon L.; Jane H.; Penny F.; Margaret M.; Jim M.; Sharon V.; Don H.; James; Todd P.; Tava B.; Patty D.; Kevin M.; Keith C.; 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 local police, firefighters, and all first responders who are working tonight and away from their families; and for our visitors.

A special thank you to the musicians who contributed to the 5 pm service.

<i>Alec Weide</i>	<i>Mark Snow</i>
<i>Ryan Weide</i>	<i>Chris Glontz</i>
<i>Emily Smith</i>	<i>Hunter Snow</i>

Wishing you and your loved ones the joy and peace of Christ this holy season.

May the light of our Savior fill your hearts with hope, love, and abundant blessings!

St. Clement’s clergy, staff, and vestry wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas!

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)
**on recess until Wednesday, Jan. 7th*
- **Women's Group***
Every Thursday @ 10:30 am (PH)
**on recess until Thursday, Jan. 8th*
- **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.
- **Potluck (Costco) Dinner Parties**
Meets periodically on a Saturday evening.

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

Special Announcements

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.

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.)

"Degreening" of the Nave

Help is needed Sunday, January 4th after the 10:00 service to take the greenery down in the nave. Any and all help appreciated!

2026 Altar Flowers

Sign up for a Sunday or two to provide altar flowers in 2026. Sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Outreach Needs

Please, remember our local food pantries when you do your weekly shopping. Pick up just one extra item to donate. Remember, no expired food. Leave donations in the appropriate bin under the narthex counter.

**No glass jars, please.*

- **Clemmons Food Pantry**
- **Storehouse for Jesus**
- **Snacks for Morgan**
Individually wrapped healthy snacks.
- **Crisis Control**
Spare change in our collection jug.

Serving at the Altar for Christmas Eve

The Rev. Jamie Edwards
The Rev. Mark Davidson

5:00 pm **Chalice:** N. Tesh **Lector:** N. Tesh

Acolyte: Ella Booth, Jake Booth, Wyatt Booth

Ushers: Kight **Altar Guild:** Bucknall , Russ

7:30 pm **Chalice:** B. Edwards **Lector:** J. Krause

Acolyte: B. Edwards **Ushers:** Smith

Altar Guild: Crowe, Smith

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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