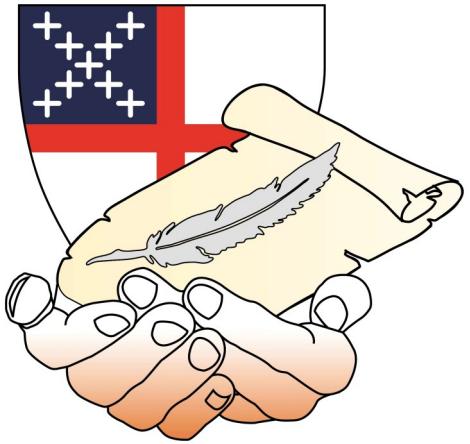


*Welcome*  
to  
**St. Clement's Episcopal Church**  
**Open Minds + Loving Hearts + Giving Hands**



**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 8, 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 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 God of Heaven and Earth Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1887-1933)

## 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 (sung to the tune “All creatures of our God and King”)

Through north and south and east and west  
May God's im-mor-tal name be blessed:  
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Till ev-'ry where be-neath the sun,  
God's reign be-gins, God's will is done:  
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Al-le-lu-ia!

## The Collect of the Day

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike

with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

**Psalm 112:1-10    Beatus vir**

*Sung by all*



1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the **Lord** \*  
and have great delight in his com-mandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the **land**; \*  
the generation of the upright will be **blessed**.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their **house**, \*  
and their righteousness will last for **ever**.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the **upright**; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of com-passion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in **lending** \*  
and to manage their affairs with **justice**.

6 For they will never be **shaken**; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting re-membrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil **rumors**; \*  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the **Lord**.

8 Their heart is established and will not **shrink**, \*  
until they see their desire upon their **enemies**.

9 They have given freely to the **poor**, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with **honor**.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine a-way; \*  
the desires of the wicked will **perish**.

**Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12**

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" -- these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Sequence Hymn #542

Christ is the world's true Light

St. Joan

**The Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20**

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The Sermon.....The Rev. Mark Davidson

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People  
Response: (*No response. Silent prayer.*)

Confession of Sin BCP p. 360

The Peace BCP p. 360

### **The Holy Communion**

Offertory Hymn #554 'Tis the gift to be simple Simple Gifts

The Great Thanksgiving BCP p. 367  
Sanctus S-129 Holy, Holy, Holy

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 364

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 Epilogue Rayond Haan (b1942)

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 366

The Blessing

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

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 our Rector; Mark our Deacon. For St. Michael and All Agnels' and St. Peter's in Charlotte. 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 Steve & Cindy Lou Franke.

**In Need of Healing:** Rick K.; Tava B.; Laurie R.; Sharon V.; John M.; Peter L.; Brenda P.; Rev. Barbara Cook; Noelle N.; Miriam L.; Valerie E.; Shawn F.; Vivian R.; Norm; Paula M.; Sharon L.; Jane H.; Penny F.; Patty D.; Keith C.; Judy R.; Robbie P.; Dave K.; Sallie S.; Karen F.; Sid C.; 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.; Jerry K.; Manuel; Rick K.; Vic; Jimmy E.; Robert E.; Pat G.; Nancy M.; Werner K; for Tina Chadwick & Annette Turner & 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 the staff and volunteers at Clemmons Food Pantry; and for our visitors.

**Birthdays:**

- Week of Jan. 25th: Rick Bridges, Deborah Crow, Heather Diakos, Rob Russ, Maggie Elsner, Carobeth Bennett, Carol Zordano.
- Week of Feb. 1st: Jane Harrell, Bo Edwards, Sally Bridges, Mike Stevens, Karen Castilon, Martin Russ.
- Week of Feb. 8th: Annette Diakos, Laurie Ryan, Gail Crowe, Steve Franke, Audrey Diakos.

**Anniversaries:**

- Jan. 28th: Andres & Sharon Valdez
- Feb. 1st: TK & Helen Egan

**For the Repose of the Soul of:**

John Bianucci, brother of Tina Chadwick & Annette Turner.

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

### 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.

- **Potluck (Costco) Dinner Parties**

Meets periodically on a Saturday evening.

### Mark Your Calendars

- **Pancake Supper**

Tuesday, February 17, 6—7:30 pm (PH)

- **Ash Wednesday Services**

February 18th @ 12 noon & 7:00 pm

- **Lenten Formation Begins**

Sunday, February 22, 9 am (PH)

- **Women's Shelter Meal**

Wednesday, February 25, 6:30-8 pm

At St. Timothy's, W-S

- **Lenten Prayer Service Begins**

Wednesday, February 25 @ 5:30 pm (Nave)

### Special Announcements

#### **Pancake Dinner on February 17th**

Join us in the parish hall starting, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM for our annual Shrove Tuesday dinner of pancakes (regular and gluten free), sausage, fruit, drinks, and dessert.

#### **Ash Wednesday Services**

February 18th @ 12 noon & 7:00 pm

#### **"Where Is It?" Temporary locations for common items during the lift construction.**

Food Donations—parish hall

Altar flower sign-up- parish hall bulletin board

Prayer List Binder— Linda's desk

#### **Lenten Formation**

During Lent, Sunday Formation will be a discussion of chapters from *Seek and You Will Find: Discovering a Practice of Prayer* by the Rev. Rhonda Lee. This book is recommended for all looking to deepen their prayer life, reading it is not necessary to participate.

### The Week Ahead

#### **Sunday, February 8**

Rite II Quiet Eucharist @ 8 am

Coffee & Conversation

Rite II w/ music @ 10 am

#### **Tuesday, February 10**

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

#### **Wednesday, February 11**

Crafter's Group, 9:30 am (PH) ????

#### **Thursday, February 12**

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

#### **Friday, February 13**

RENTAL: Al-Anon, 12-1 pm (PH) ????

#### **Saturday, February 14**

Men's Zoom Group, 8 am via Zoom

In-Person Men's Hour, 10-11 am (PH)

**Serving at the Altar for this Week**

The Rev. Jamie Edwards  
The Rev. Mark Davidson

**8:00 Lector:** J. Krause

**Altar Guild:** Scardina

**10:00 Chalice:** B. Edwards **Lector:** S. Nash

**Acolyte:** B. Edwards **Ushers:** Rush **Altar Guild:** Lovett, Ellis, Nash

**Counters:** April Chapel, Amy Selby

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*Flowers behind the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Bob & Terri Smith in memory of Terri's father, Gayle Smith.*

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**Lay Ministry Schedule for Next Sunday, February 15**

The Rev. Jamie Edwards  
The Rev. Mark Davidson

**8:00 Chalice:** Y. Nagaishi **Lector:** D. Guthrie

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

**10:00 Chalice:** M. McIntosh **Lector:** M. McIntosh

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

**Counters:** Kirsten Russ, Jim Studley

**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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