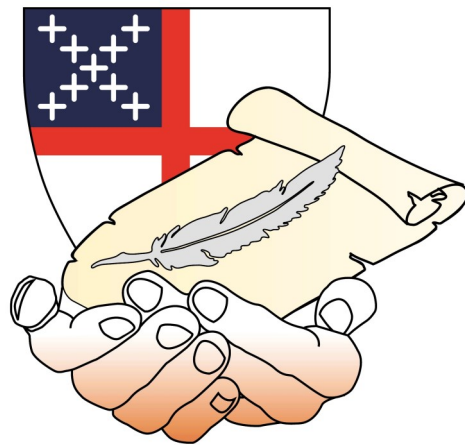


Welcome
to
St. Clement's Episcopal Church
Open Minds + Loving Hearts + Giving Hands



Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 12, 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 Davidson, Deacon
John Farmer, Director of Music

The Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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.....The Rev. Matthew Phillips

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People
Response: ***In mercy, hear us.***

Confession of Sin BCP p. 360

The Peace BCP p. 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn #589 Almighty God, your word is cast like seed Walden

The Great Thanksgiving BCP p. 361

Sanctus S-128 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 Romanze in A minor Max Reger (1873-1916)

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 366

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #530 Spread, O spread, thy mighty word Gott sei Dank

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 St. Thomas' in Reidsville and Chapel of the Good Shepherd in Ridgeway. 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 Dick Barrett.

In Need of Healing: Dawn S.; Tony L.; Dot H.; Rick K. Lois K. Vivian R.; 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.; 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.; Werner K; for the Nash 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 Winston-Salem Rescue Mission, and for our visitors.

Birthdays: Bob Dalton

Anniversaries: Michael & Allison Booth; Kurt & Liz Weide.

For the Repose of the Soul of: George Ellis, long time friend of St. Clement's and the Saturday Men's Group.

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

The Week Ahead

Sunday, July 12

Rite II w/ music @ 8 am
Coffee, conversation, & formation
Rite II w/ music @ 10 am

Monday, July 13

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

Tuesday, July 14

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

Wednesday, July 15

RENTAL: Alcoholics Anonymous, 5:30-7:45 am
Crafter's Group?, 9:30 am (PH)*** see below

Thursday, July 16

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

Friday, July 17

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

Saturday, July 18

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

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)

- **Crafter's Group** (contact Gail Crowe)***

Occasional Wednesdays @ 9:30 am (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.

- **Potluck (Costco) Dinner Parties**

Meets periodically on a Saturday evening.

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.

Special Announcements

Mahjong Anyone?

Thanks to Sharon Lyall's tutelage, a few of us are learning the game, and we have begun meeting on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome (and if seeking online tutorials, be sure they're for AMERICAN Mahjong).

Outreach Donations

Summer months means children who are provided with free/assisted meals in school are not receiving them and their families rely on our community food pantries. Please donate. Shop the sale items! ANY donation is appreciated and needed!

Please, no expired food and no glass jars.

Donations can be placed in the lower cabinet of the newly installed narthex counter or in the downstairs bins located in the lower lift lobby.

Prayer Shawls and Prayer Cards

Do you have a loved one on our prayer list?

Give them a prayer shawl, located in the blue bin in the downstairs lobby next to the lift.

These shawls are lovingly made by ladies of our parish. Be sure to ask Mother Jamie to bless it for you. We also have Prayer Cards available to let your loved ones know that they are being prayed for by the members of St. Clement's.

These Prayer Cards are located in the "Prayer List" binder located on the counter in the narthex. Feel free to take as many or as often as you need.

Lay Ministers Serving this Week

8:00 **Lector:** C.L. Franke **Altar Guild:** Scardina

10:00 **Chalice:** M. McIntosh **Lector:** M. McIntosh
Acolyte: H. Snow **Ushers:** Smith **Altar Guild:** Lovett, Ellis
Counters: Nicky Tesh, Mary Holton

Flowers behind the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Jerry & Pat Kight in honor of their special friend, Cynthia Strickland Graham.

Lay Ministry Schedule for Next Sunday, July 19

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

10:00 **Chalice:** N. Tesh **Lector:** N. Tesh
Acolyte: Booth **Ushers:** Kight **Altar Guild:** Bucknall, Lyall
Counters: Kirsten Russ, Luci Lazorchak

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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