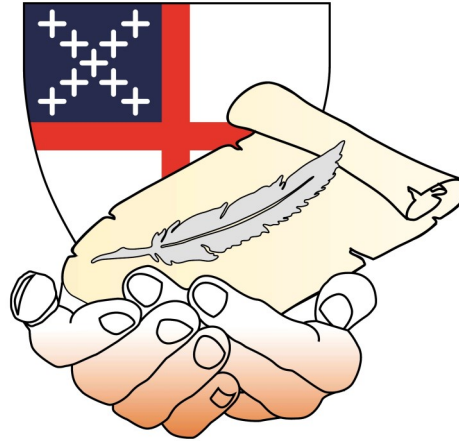


Welcome
to
St. Clement's Episcopal Church
Open Minds + Loving Hearts + Giving Hands



**First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord**

January 11, 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	Petite Choral	Cesar Franck (1822-1890)
Entrance Hymn #448	O love, how deep, how broad, how high stanzas 1,2 & 6	Deus militum
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

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Psalm 29 Affected Domino
Sung by all



- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you **gods**, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and **strength**.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his **Name**; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of **holiness**.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the **waters**;
the God of glory **thunders**; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful **voice**; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of **splendor**.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the **cedar** trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of **Lebanon**;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a **calf**, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild **ox**.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the **wilderness**; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of **Kadesh**.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees **writhe** *
and strips the forests **bare**.
- 9 And in the temple of the **Lord** *
all are crying, "**Glory!**"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the **flood**; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for ever-**more**.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his **people**; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of **peace**.

Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Sequence Hymn #297

Descend, O Spirit, purging flame

Erhalt uns

The Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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.....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 #117 Brightest and best of the stars Morning Star
 Stanzas 1,2 & 5

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 Though I may speak arr. Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 366

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #616 Hail to the Lord's Anointed Es flog ein kleins

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. John's in Battleboro, Church of the Holy Comforter in Burlington, and St. Paul's in Cary. 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 Jay Faircloth.

In Need of Healing: Brenda P.; Rev. Barabara Cook; Valerie E.; Shawn F.; Vivian R.; Norm; Paula M.; Sharon L.; Jane H.; Penny F.; Jim M.; Sharon V.; Don H.; Tava B.; Patty D.; Keith C.; Noelle N.; 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 the birth of Buzz Wheeler's great granddaughter, Lily Ana-Lyn (mom & baby are doing well); and for our visitors.

Birthdays: Barbara Erickson, Marca Naples, Chuck Bohrer, Sue Kapitanek, Buzz Wheeler.

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.

Outreach Needs

Please, no expired food and no glass jars.
Please consider picking up just one item a week. Shop the sale items! ANY donation is appreciated and needed!
• **Clemmons Food Pantry**
• **Storehouse for Jesus**
• **Snacks for Morgan**
Individually wrapped healthy snacks.

Mark Your Calendars

- **Feb./Mar. Newsletter Deadline**
Tuesday, January 20

Special Announcements

February / March Newsletter
Deadline for all submissions is Tuesday, January 20th. Email Linda in the office.
2026 Altar Flower sign up is posted
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.

A Christmas Note of Thanks!
Thank you doesn't seem adequate to express how truly grateful I am by the generosity of St. Clement's parishioners! Your gift is appreciated beyond words and I am overwhelmed by the love shown to me. As we begin 2026, my prayer for each of you is for God's peace, happiness, and good health to fill your days in the year ahead.
Blessings, Linda.

Housekeeping Item
Just a friendly reminder that our recycling bin is limited by what Clemmons has contracted for with Waste Management. There is a list of approved items on the bulletin board & refrigerator. Not all plastics are accepted, so please refer to the list of approved items.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, January 11
Rite II Quiet Eucharist @ 8 am
Coffee & Conversation, 8:30-9 am (PH)
Formation, 9-9:45 am (PH)
Rite II w/ music @ 10 am
Women's Shelter Meal, 6:30-8 pm
Tuesday, January 13
Bridge Club, 6:30 & 7 pm (PH)
Wednesday, January 14
Stitch in Time Crafter's Group, 9:30 am (PH)
Thursday, January 15
Women's Group, 10:30 am (PH)
Friday, January 16
RENTAL: Al-Anon, 12–1 pm (PH)
Saturday, January 17
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 Chalice: Y. Nagaishi **Lector:** L. Gerhardt

Acolyte: Y. Nagaishi **Altar Guild:** Scardina

10:00 Chalice: N. Tesh **Lector:** N. Tesh

Acolyte: Booth **Ushers:** Kight **Altar Guild:** Lovett, Ellis, Nash

Counters: Kirsten Russ, Mark Snow

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Flowers behind the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Buzz Wheeler.

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Lay Ministry Schedule for Next Sunday, January 18

The Rev. Jamie Edwards

The Rev. Mark Davidson

8:00 Chalice: T. Zordano **Lector:** M. Bromfield

Acolyte: T. Zordano **Altar Guild:** Russ, Bucknall

10:00 Chalice: B. Edwards **Lector:** M. Seeds

Acolyte: B. Edwards **Ushers:** McIntosh **Altar Guild:** Bucknall, Lyall

Counters: Leslie Pugh, Mary Holton

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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