

Those Who Serve
November 19, 2023
Verger – Michael Smith-Foot
Crucifer – Eli Smith-Foot
Lector 1 – Lynnae Boudreau
Lector 2 – Amy Nicolson
Eucharistic Minister – Michael Smith-Foot
Ushers – Diana Symins & Bucky Buchmaier
Eucharistic Visitor – Steve Wilson
VPOD – Lynnae Boudreau
Altar Guild – Kathy McNeese
Flower Guild – Patti Albritton
Videographer – Lamar Barber
Fellowship – Annual Parish Meeting Potluck

2023 Vestry
Lynnae Boudreau, Senior Warden
Lisa McElfresh, Junior Warden
Lamar Barber, Treasurer
Jo Ellen Clow, Clerk
Sandy Calloway
Amy Cox
Katherine Duello
Lynne Joynes
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Prayers of the People

For the sick or in need: Kitty, Greg, Bailey, Tamara, Chris, Keri, John, Tim, Mitzi, Greg, Mary, Michael, Fran, Denise and Don, Donald, Cary, Charlie, Lisa, Jerry, Lamar, Sharon, Michelle W., Dennis and Rita; for Bonnie, MaryAnn, Travis, Annie, Jane, Sally, Mary, Anne, Joy, McKinley, Katie, Edwina, Terri, Herb H., Al, Josh, Roz, Bob, Ann, Delores, Mary Lou, Pat, and Joan For those who travel: Dick and Sandy For those who have died: Willis Swanson, Richard Benson, Carolyn Bell Greer, and Sam Ensley For those celebrating birthdays: Rick Pollin, Katie Gibson. For those celebrating anniversaries: Terri Byrd & Larry Mashburn.

Weekly Services

Sundays, HE Rite II, 10:30 AM
Wednesdays, HE Rite II, 12:15 PM
Morning Prayer is 8:00 AM M-F
Compline is 7:30 PM M-F
Choral Compline, First Sundays, 7:00 PM

Adult Formation

No Adult Christian Formation next Sunday, November 26th. Thursday Book Study Group will resume on November 30th at 4:00 PM on Zoom.

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is now being offered in the Assisi Chapel on Wednesdays at 11:30 AM. This practice will continue through the end of Advent. Our 12:15 Eucharist follows in the chapel. Centering Prayer will still be held on Wednesday, November 22nd, but there will not be a 12:15 Eucharist. (the day before Thanksgiving).

Evening Prayer

Evening Prayer will be held in the Assisi Chapel on weekdays during Advent (December 4-22) at 5:00 PM. It will also be streamed on Facebook.

Save the Date!

Saturday, December 2, 2:00 PM—“greening” of the church
Sunday, December 3, 6:00 PM, Valley River Ringers in the church provide prelude for Choral Compline at 7:00 PM
Sunday, December 10, 7:00 PM, Advent Lessons & Carols
Sunday, December 24th, Noon, decorate the church
Sunday, December 24th, 8:00 PM Festive Eucharist for the Feast of Christmas, Christmas party to follow

Office Closure

The office will be closed Nov 23-24 for Thanksgiving.

WELCOME

St. Clare's Episcopal Church

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

*We invite you to prepare for the service in quiet meditation and prayer.
Please silence all cell phones. Flash photography is not allowed.*

Welcome to St. Clare's! We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here, and welcome to join us in Holy Communion.

If this is your first time visiting with us, we invite you to take a moment to fill out the Visitor's Card located in the pew, or the Visitor's Book in the Narthex, so that we may get to know you better. We hope that you will consider joining our community as we grow together in relationship with God and with one another.

We use the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) in our Sunday worship together. The bulletin you are holding will guide you to the page numbers. The BCP is red. Our Hymnal 1982 is blue. If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to turn to the person next to you to ask. We are happy to guide you.

If you have a pastoral concern or need, or would like more information about the Episcopal Church, please feel free to call the church office at 706-745-0607 to make an appointment with me.

Blessings,
Liz+



An Invitation to Communion

We hope that you will accept our invitation to join us at the Table. All are welcome. The usher will signal when it is time for your pew to come forward. You may stand or kneel at the altar. There are several ways that you may participate with us. When the bread is offered, place one hand on top of the other and extend them forward to accept the bread. To receive the wine, guide the bottom of the chalice to your mouth with one hand. If you would like to receive the wine without drinking from the cup, hold the bread in the palm of your hand and the chalice bearer will dip the bread in the chalice (called intinction). If you prefer not to receive the wine, consume the bread and then cross your arms over your chest and the wine will pass by you. If you would like to participate, but not receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

The Word Of God

Prelude	“Lift Thine Eyes” from <i>Elijah</i>	Felix Mendelssohn
Processional Hymn	O God our help in ages past	Hymn 680
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria		Hymn S-278*
The Collect of the Day		BCP 236
The Lessons		
The First Lesson: Judges 4:1-7		See right
Psalm 123		BCP 780
The Second Lesson: 5:1-11		See right
Sequence Hymn	Open your ear, O faithful people	Hymn 536
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30		See right
The Sermon	The Rev. Liz Schellingerhoudt	
	<i>A period of silence is kept</i>	
The Nicene Creed		BCP 358
The Prayers of the People Form II		BCP 385
The Confession		BCP 360
The Peace		BCP 360

The Holy Communion

Choral Anthem	My Lord, What a Morning	Negro Spiritual
Presentation Hymn	Not here for high and holy things <i>(verses 4-6)</i>	Hymn 9
Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP 372
The Sanctus		Hymn S-128*
The Lord’s Prayer and The Breaking of the Bread		BCP 364
Fraction Anthem		Hymn S-154*
Distribution of Communion		BCP 364
<i>All persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those not receiving may come to the communion rail to receive a blessing; please cross your arms over your chest. If you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer, please say “gluten-free” to the priest.</i>		
Communion Hymns	Before thy throne, O God, we kneel Strengthen for service, Lord	Hymn 574 Hymn 312 BCP 365
Post Communion Prayer		
Processional Hymn	Come, labor on (verses 1-3)	
Hymn 541		
Postlude	Voluntary I, Op. 7	John Stanley

**All hymns beginning with “S” (Service Music) are found in the front of the blue hymnal.*

***We will gather for our Annual Parish Meeting and potluck
after the service, downstairs in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.***

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Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’” The Word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. The Word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25:14-30)

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’” The Gospel of the Lord. *People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors

Priest: On behalf of this congregation, I give you these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

People: We send you forth with the body and blood of Christ.