

Those Who Serve

November 26, 2023
Verger – Lamar Barber
Crucifer – Steve Wilson
Lector 1 – Eli Smith-Foot
Lector 2 – John Barber
Eucharistic Minister – Eli Smith-Foot
Ushers – Scotti & Skip Kershner
VPOD – Michael Smith-Foot
Altar Guild – Linda Boyett
Flower Guild – Tommy Westbrook
Videographer – Michelle Crawford
Fellowship – Patti Albritton

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, 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: Anne Kurtzahn, Rosalynn Carter, Willis Swanson, Richard Benson, Carolyn Bell Greer, and Sam Ensley

For those celebrating birthdays: Larry Mashburn, Jill Nielsen, Huck Whisenhunt, Weezie Whisenhunt, Samantha Williams and Peggy Gorman

For those celebrating anniversaries: Fran and Sandy Smith

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

Adult Christian Formation: Our Advent series will be "The Poetry, Music and Art of Advent." Liz+ will present the poetry of Advent on Sunday, December 3rd and Ken Alexander will present the music and art of Advent on December 10th and 17th. Make plans to join us in the parish hall at 9:30. **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.

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

WELCOME

St. Clare's Episcopal Church

The Last after Pentecost: Christ the King

November 26, 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	Come, Ye Thankful People Come	Harold Rutz
Processional Hymn	Come, ye thankful people, come	Hymn 290
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria		Hymn S-278*
The Collect of the Day		BCP 236
The Lessons		
The First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24		See right
Psalm 100		BCP 729
The Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23		See right
Sequence Hymn	Now thank we all our God	Hymn 397
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46		See right
The Sermon	The Rev. Liz Schellingerhoudt	

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	We Praise You, O God	arr. by Carolyn Jennings
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

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.

Communion Hymns	For the bread which you have broken	Hymn 341
	My God, thy table now is spread	Hymn 321
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 365
Processional Hymn	Praise to God, immortal praise	Hymn 288
Postlude	Now Thank We All Our God	Daniel Burton

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

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken. The Word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. The Word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." 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.