

St. Clare's Episcopal Church

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost October 22, 2023

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

We elcome 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 Processional Hymn Opening Acclamation Gloria The Collect of the Day	Voluntary VII Jesus shall reign where'er the sun	John Stanley Hymn 544 BCP 355 Hymn S-278* BCP 235
The Lessons The First Lesson: Exodustry Psalm 99 The Second Lesson: 1 The Sequence Hymn The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22: The Sermon	nessalonians 1:1-10 In your mercy, Lord, you called n	See right BCP 728 See right Hymn 706 See right The Rev. Liz Schellingerhoudt
A period of silence is kept		
The Nicene Creed		BCP 358
The Prayers of the People Form	ı II	BCP 385
The Confession		BCP 360
The Peace		BCP 360
The Holy Communion		
Choral Anthem	I Want Jesus to Walk with Me	Negro Spiritual
Presentation Hymn	Not here for high and holy things (verses 4-6)	Hymn 9
Eucharistic Prayer D	(1.1.1.1.1.1)	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 O for a closer walk with God Hymn 684
I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew Hymn 689
Post Communion Prayer
Processional Hymn All my hope on God is founded Hymn 665
Postlude Voluntary X John Stanley

You are invited to join us for fellowship after the service, downstairs in the parish hall.

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

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

The Word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming. The Word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (22:15-22)

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord. *People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Prayers of the People

For the sick or in need: Barbara, Suheil, Eran, Denise & Don, Susie, Jerry, Leena and her family, Travis, Jerry, Hilda & Roger, Andrea, 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.

<u>For those who have died</u>: Barbara Jones, Ray Cricker, Fowden Maxwell, Marion Prindle, Glenda Harvey, Parker Johnson, and Michael Hutch.

For those celebrating birthdays: Kay Cahoon, Austin Cox, Bill Murray, Eli Smith-Foot, Emi Pollin.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Christy & Jerry Jewell.

Those Who Serve

Sunday October 22, 2023

Verger – Lamar Barber
Crucifer – Steve Wilson
Gospelier – Camilla Duello
Lector 1 – Amy Nicolson
Lector 2 – Steve Wilson
Eucharistic Minister – Lamar Barber
Ushers – Carlene & Tony Dockery
Greeter – Michelle Wilson
VPOD – Amy Cox
Altar Guild – Kathy McNeese
Flower Guild – Darlene Pilcher
Videographer – Haley Dyer
Fellowship – Tamara Whiting
& Sherry Wilson

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
Pat Murray
Herb Pilcher
Michael Smith-Foot

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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

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 church.

Adult Formation

Join Liz+ next Sunday, October 29nd, at 9:30 AM for Adult Christian Education. We will continue our study of the Gospel of Mark, which will last through November 19th.

Thursday Book Study Group will meet on October 26th at 4:00 PM on Zoom. We will be discussing <u>The Enneagram: A Christian Perspective</u> by Richard Rohr and Andreas Ebert. Use the link provided in the eClare to join. All are welcome!

Boo Bash

We are collecting candy for the annual Boo Bash! You can drop off candy during office hours - Mon-Fri, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM - or at Sunday service.

All Saints' Day

On November 5th, we will celebrate All Saints' Day. We will read the names of those members of the parish, family, and friends who have died since last All Saints' Day—November 1, 2022. If you have a name you'd like to include, please send it to Kitty (admin@stclaresepiscopal.org) as you would like for it to be read. Names need to be received by next Sunday, October 29th, to be included.

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Parish Meeting and potluck lunch will be held on November 19th, following our 10:30 AM service. During the service, we will have our pledge ingathering. Ministry leaders - please submit your report(s) to Kitty by Monday, October 23rd.

Advent Meditation Booklet

It is our tradition to create meditation booklets for Advent and Lent, filled with submissions by members of our parish. We would love to have your written reflections, original poems, photography, or photos of your artwork. This year's theme is "The Joy of Creation." Please send your submission to Kitty at admin@stclaresepiscopal.org. The deadline is Monday, October 30th.