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9:30 AM Relaxed

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Preacher: Mackenzie Wolf

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Musicians: Kai Leung & Joseph Martel



*Anchor
your week!*

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Mission

Learning to follow Jesus Christ.

We're all learners and everybody's welcome, across age and stage, questions and doubts, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender expression, nationality and religious background, economics and ability.

Vision

Transforming lives. In an age of distractions and self-promotion, we seek a different rhythm.

We are choosing authenticity & embracing the unexpected over achieving the illusion of perfection.

Values

Living the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

We are devoted to a healthy common life shaped by: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

St. Clement's Connection Card

Scan the QR code to connect with us!



Youth Group (Grades 6-12) gather in the youth room between services from 10:20-10:50am for prayer, laughter and learning to follow Jesus!

For the kids! (Grades JK- Grade 5) Join us in Canon Nicholson Hall during the service for prayer, play and time with friends. Children will be brought back to join their families for communion time. If you would rather stay in the sanctuary for the full service, enjoy our Kids' Zone at the front of the church!

Youngest friends! (Younger than JK) Join our Nursery Minister in the St. Clement's nursery to play and move around, or enjoy our Kids' Zone at the front of the church!

Gathering

Welcome

please stand

King of the ages

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King of the ages, almighty God; perfect love, ever just and true.

Who will not fear You and bring You praise?

All the nations will come to You.

Your ways of love have won my heart and brought me joy unending.

Your saving power at work in me, bringing peace, and the hope of glory. *Refrain*

Your arms of love are reaching out to every heart that seeks you.

Your light will shine in all the earth, bringing grace and a great salvation. *Refrain*

The day will come when you appear and every eye will see you.

Then we shall rise, with hearts ablaze with a song we will sing for ever. *Refrain*

Thanksgiving for the Land

Gathering together, we give thanks for the story of the land on which we worship. St. Clement's Church is situated on the territory of the Anishnawbe Confederacy, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Wendat Nation, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This land is the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, a Treaty between the Anishnawbe Confederacy, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and allied nations to peaceably care for the life of the Great Lakes. May we live respectfully on the land and seek to walk the path of truth and reconciliation, through Christ our Lord.

Prayer of the Day

Leader Divine Sower,

**All you scatter your seed generously: may we be rich soil and
receive your gift so freely given, so that we may revel in love's
abundant, reckless growth; through Jesus Christ, the grain of
life. Amen.**

please be seated

Listening

Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Reader: A reading from the gospel of Matthew.

Jesus 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 a 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. If you have ears, hear!"

"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 this age 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."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

Message

Mackenzie Wolf

please remain seated

Show us, Christ

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Prepare our hearts, O God;
Help us to receive.
Break the hard and stony ground;
Help our unbelief.

Plant your Word down deep in us;
'Cause it to bear fruit.
Open up our ears to hear;
Lead us in your truth

Show us, Christ,
O God, reveal your glory;
Through the preaching of your Word,
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord.

Your Word is living light
Upon our darkened eyes,
Guards us through temptations,
Makes the simple wise.

Your Word is food for famished ones,
Freedom for the slave,
Riches for the needy soul;
Come, speak to us today.

Show us, Christ,
O God, reveal your glory;
Through the preaching of your Word,
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord.

Where else can we go, Lord?
Where else can we go?
You have the words of eternal life.

The Creed

please stand

Leader Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and
life, the one for whom we exist?

All We believe and trust in God.

Leader Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in God.

Leader Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in God.

Leader This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People

please stand, sit, or kneel

Let us now offer our prayers to God, the source of all love and life. We welcome you to add your own prayers in the silences as we go along. Please respond to the bidding, "God, in your mercy," with "**hear our prayer.**"

please stand

The Peace

Leader Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.'
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Giving Back to God

We are devoted to a common life shaped by the Fruits of the Spirit. We invite you to join in our community practice of giving back to God as we take up a financial offering.

Ways to give electronically:

- Text the word 'GIVE' to 647-498-7997
- E-transfer to finance@stclementsto.ca (no password required)
- Sign up for Pre-Authorized Giving

Thank you for your generosity. To learn more, please visit: www.stclementsto.ca/donate.

please remain standing

Offering Song Like a mighty river flowing

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Like a mighty river flowing, like a flower in beauty growing,
far beyond all human knowing is the perfect peace of God.

Like the hills serene and even, like the coursing clouds of heaven,
like the heart that's been forgiven is the perfect peace of God.

Like the summer breezes playing, like the tall trees softly swaying,
like the lips of silent praying is the perfect peace of God.

Like the morning sun ascended, like the scents of evening blended,
like a friendship never ended is the perfect peace of God.

Like the azure ocean swelling, like the jewel all-excelling,
far beyond our human telling is the perfect peace of God.

The Prayer over the Gifts

please remain standing

Leader Gracious God,

**All your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom. Receive
all we offer you this day, and keep us in your peace; for the
sake of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

please stand, sit or kneel

Leader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All God is worthy of our praise.

Leader God, you made us, and the world and everything in it.
All the good we see comes from you.

All To you be glory and praise forever.

Leader You sent Jesus to show us how to live and to bring us back to you again.
He died for us on the cross so that through your Spirit we may all be your
people.

All To you be glory and praise forever.

Leader On the night before he died Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
There he took some bread and gave you thanks. He broke it into
pieces, and gave it to his friends to eat. "This is my body," he
said, "Do this, and know that I am with you."

Later, he took a cup of wine and gave you thanks. He shared it with
his friends, and said: "This is my blood, which brings new life. Do this,
and know that I am with you."

All To you be glory and praise forever.

Leader And so, remembering Jesus, who died, was raised to new life by you, and is alive forever, we are glad to share that life, and live in God.

Send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and wine can be for us the body and blood of Jesus, and through this food give us strength to live as your people.

Help us care for your world and for each other in the way that Jesus showed us.

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Eric Wyse

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Our Fa-ther, in hea-ven, hal-lowed be Your

Name, Your king-dom come. Your will be done. on earth as in heav'n.

Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For - give us our sins

as we for-give those who sin a-against us, save us from the time of trial,

and de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the King - dom, the pow - er,

and the glo - ry are Yours_ now and for ev - er. A - men.

Leader The gifts of God for the people of God.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Communion

Receiving bread, wine or blessing are all valued ways of participating around Jesus' table. Bread is received at the two stations at the front of the middle aisle. Let us know if you'd like a gluten-free wafer. If you would like to receive the cup (or touch the cup as a symbolic acknowledgement), please move to the communion minister after receiving bread. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. If you wish, communion will be brought to you where you are seated.

Communion Song *Jesus, all for Jesus*

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Jesus, all for Jesus,
All I am and have and ever hope to be.
Jesus, all for Jesus,
All I am and have and ever hope to be.

All of my ambitions, hopes and plans
I surrender these into Your hands.
All of my ambitions, hopes and plans
I surrender these into Your hands.

For it's only in Your will that I am free,
For it's only in Your will that I am free,
Jesus, all for Jesus,
All I am and have and ever hope to be.

Merciful God

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Merciful God, O abounding in love, faithful to all who draw near you;
hearing the cries of the humble in heart, showing the cross they may cling to.
Helpless I come, broken within; found at the feet of your mercy.
Father, forgive; may my sin be remembered no more.

Merciful God, O abounding in love, faithful through times we have failed you;
selfish in thought and uncaring in deed, foolish in word and ungrateful.
Spirit of God, conquer our hearts with love that flows from forgiveness;
cause us to yield and return to the mercy of God.

Merciful God, O abounding in love; faithful to keep us from falling;
guiding our ways with your fatherly heart, growing our faith with each testing.
God speed the day struggles will end; faultless we'll gaze on your glory.
Then we will stand overwhelmed by the mercy of God.

Living

Leader Growing in us:
All God's compassion.

Leader Growing in us:
All God's hope.

Leader Growing in us:
All God's love.

Leader And in the growing, let us boldly declare:
Glory to God,
**All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from
generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements

please be seated

We invite you to read this week's **Anchor** (our church newsletter). You can pick up a copy or scan the QR code located on the Welcome Hub.

please stand

We invite kids to come to the front, grab an instrument or ribbon, and join in the fun of our sending song!

We labour unto glory

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My God, my God, where e'er I go — glory.
Where I reap and where I sow — glory.
When my hand it grips the thorn — glory
In the still and in the storm — glory, glory.

*Oh, we labour unto glory
When heaven and earth are one,
Oh, we labour unto glory
Until God's kingdom comes.*

The sun it shines and then goes down — glory.
Rain, it pours and beats the ground — glory.
Dust, it blows and ends my days — glory.
Hearts they burn beneath your gaze — glory, glory.
Refrain

My heart, my hands, they're kingdom bound — glory.
Where thorns no longer curse the ground — glory.
Trim the wick and light the flame — glory.
My work, it will not be in vain — glory, glory.
Refrain

Dismissal

Leader Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
All **Thanks be to God.**

*We invite you to make your way to the terrace
for refreshments and connection following worship.*

Sundays and Pastoral Team

Andrew Federle, Rector
Pamela Rayment, Associate Priest
Liska Stefko, Associate Priest
Mackenzie Wolf, Pastoral Associate for Youth & Children
Daniel Webb, Director of Music
Kelsley Campbell, Facilities Caretaker & Maintenance Coordinator

Lay Leadership

Catherine Nicholson, People's Warden	Bay Ryley, Rector's Warden
Leonard Wong, Deputy People's Warden	Neil Zacharjewicz, Deputy Rector's Warden
Janine White, Past People's Warden	John Swinden, Treasurer

Parish Council

The Worship Experience – Pat Crawford, Chair
Engagement through Christian Education – Claus & Heather Lenk, Co-chairs
Deepening Relationships with One Another – Catherine Nicholson, Chair
Reaching Out – Susan Colacitti, Chair
Sustainable Operations – Leonard Wong & Neil Zacharjewicz, Co-chairs
Lay Delegates to Synod – Kiran Ghanekar, Ehsan Hemmatzadeh, Zexia Hylton,
Westmore Smith, Paul Nielsen (alternate)

Ways to Serve

9:30am Cookies & Coffee	TBD
11am Cookies & Coffee	TBD
AV Team	Jim Russell
Chancel Guild	Sherryl Merritt
Children's & Youth Ministry Volunteers	Mackenzie Wolf
Communion Ministers	Owen Johnson
Creation Care	Roger Dickhout
Hospitality Team	Maria Ringo
Outreach Committee	Susan Colacitti
Property Committee	Mark Jackson
Readers & Intercessors	Robin Harmer
Sacristans	Pat Crawford
Small Group Ministry	Andrew Federle
Welcome Team	Robin Harmer, Owen Johnson & Peter Ricketts

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