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News & Events

Proclaiming the Gospel Via Livestream

While we are unable to gather at the Advent due to the COVID-19 situation, we continue to proclaim the gospel of Christ via streaming. We will hold worship at 9:00 a.m. this Sunday, March 29, followed immediately by the Dean's Class. And our Lenten Preaching series continues this week, Monday-Friday, March 30-April 3, at 12:05 p.m.

Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Live to access these events, which will also be streamed on Facebook Live and Twitter.

For the latest information on this rapidly changing situation, visit AdventBirmingham.org/Coronavirus.

Closings and Cancellations

The Advent church offices and the Advent Bookstore are closed until further notice.

All scheduled gatherings of 10 or more people are canceled until further notice. These include the Young Adult Community Meal (April 1), the Men's Dessert Gathering (April 2), Making Palm Crosses (April 4), and the Walk to the Cross (April 5). Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Coronavirus for the latest information on church and ministry schedule changes.



A Word from Canon Smalley

We continue moving through an unprecedented chapter of the Advent's long history. Between our last *Adventurer* and now, our church family moved from gathering in our building each week to meeting in homes and online spaces. Our church offices are closed as we do our part to help protect the health of our neighbors in the Birmingham area.

What are the implications of this shift for gospel ministry? Put simply: we remain one family in our Lord Jesus Christ, but we now meet temporarily in many locations. Instead of meeting in a church building, we minister to one another in all the places we live: our homes, our neighborhoods, and groups. We abide in God's word, we pray for one another, we offer hope, encouragement, and practical help when needed. All the things we did before we heard the term "COVID," but done in new ways.

This Sunday we will once again livestream our worship service at 9:00 a.m. and the Dean's Class immediately after. We will continue to provide a worship bulletin for download, weekly Sunday School lessons for families, and special children's worship bulletins.

And we have added Facebook Live and Twitter video feeds to our website stream.

In addition to resources for Sundays, we will continue streaming Lenten Preaching sermons each weekday during this season that we remain unable to gather in person. Many small groups are continuing to gather in person (when all members are healthy and it is safe to do so) and using online meeting rooms like Skype and Zoom.

A new shepherding ministry will launch in the coming weeks, one that will help us all remain connected during this time. As Dean Andrew Pearson shared with us recently: *"(T)his is a Kairos moment: a moment of decision where God has opened an extraordinary door. God, give us the courage to walk through it, that your people would grow deeper in their understanding of who they are in you and that those who do not know you would come to know you."* Amen.

In the coming weeks, the *Adventurer* will continue making its way to your home and your email inbox in this temporary streamlined format. We look forward to connecting with you in this way and of course, more immediate updates will always be available online at AdventBirmingham.org.

God's grace and peace to you,

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This Sunday: March 29, 2020

We will not gather together in the Nave or Refectory for worship this Sunday, March 29. Please join us via livestream for worship at 9:00 a.m., with Dean Pearson preaching. The Dean's Class will follow immediately afterward. Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Live, Facebook Live, or Twitter to access our livestream.

Adult Education: 10:10 - 10:50 a.m.

The Dean's Class will be available via livestream this Sunday. Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Live.

Recordings of past classes are available on our website at AdventBirmingham.org/Audio.

Lectionary:

Psalms 130; Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Children's & Youth Education:

Two resources are now available for families with children. Family Sunday School lessons are posted online every week, and Advent Christian Academy offers 30-minute lesson plans that align with the Advent's newly released Bible Benchmarks curriculum. Junior and Senior High Youth will gather every Sunday via Zoom for Christian education. Links to all may be found online at AdventBirmingham.org/Coronavirus.

*The 9:00 a.m. service is broadcast live on AdventBirmingham.org/Live.
Sermon and class recordings are available at AdventBirmingham.org.*

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A Note on Financial Support

Your financial support makes gospel ministry possible. Church staff will continue to process mailed checks, and information about digital giving options may be found at AdventBirmingham.org/Give.



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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 29 Livestream Worship - AdventBirmingham.org/Live - 9:00 a.m. Dean's Class will follow.	30 Lenten Preaching - Mark Gignilliat - 12:05 p.m.	31 Lenten Preaching - Doug Webster - 12:05 p.m.	Apr 1 Lenten Preaching - Aaron Zimmerman - 12:05 p.m.	2 Lenten Preaching - Aaron Zimmerman - 12:05 p.m.	3 Lenten Preaching - Aaron Zimmerman - 12:05 p.m.	4
Apr 5 Palm Sunday Livestream Worship - 9:00 a.m. Dean's Class will follow.	6 Lenten Preaching - Wes Hill - 12:05 p.m.	7 Lenten Preaching - Wes Hill - 12:05 p.m.	8 Lenten Preaching - Wes Hill - 12:05 p.m.	9 Maundy Thursday Lenten Preaching - Murray Lee - 12:05 p.m. Livestream Maundy Thursday Service - 6:00 p.m.	10 Good Friday Livestream Liturgy for Good Friday - noon	11

Anyone desiring to seek God in prayer may still reach out to the Advent House Prayer Ministry. Gatherings at the Advent House have been temporarily suspended; however, prayer intercessors are continuing to pray for people for God's presence and intervention in their lives for the healing of illness, anxiety, fear, sorrow, and hardship. Please contact Kathy Logue at 205-410-4622 or Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com.