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News & Events

Training for Disciple-Makers Offered

Join Canon Matt Schneider for *Multiply*, online disciple multiplication training. This leadership cohort meets on Wednesdays, 1:00-2:30 p.m., focusing on these areas: group facilitation, personal devotional practices, engaging people in our lives, developing a compelling testimony, sharing the gospel, following people up, prayer walking, and simple related concepts.

Email Matt@CathedralAdvent.com to register and receive log-in information for classes. The group will meet every Wednesday that the church continues gathering virtually during the COVID season.

Events Canceled Due to COVID-19

We have canceled the following events. They are listed with the originally scheduled date.

- Education: One-Day Inquirers' Class – April 18; The Forum – April 19 (The Forum will be canceled as long as the church is closed.)
- Music: Evensong – April 16; Midday Music – April 24; Cathedral Choir Concert – May 14; Evensong for Ascension Day – May 21
- Youth: Family Dinners – April 19; Junior High End-of-Year Celebration – May 3

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A Word from Canon Schneider

For much of my life – and anecdotally this seems to be true for many others – “church” has meant a building where people go to do “Christian” things. Some other things that might come to mind when we hear church are a staff, programs, and budgets. But these are by no means the way the Bible talks about church. Church is not the place and stuff we go to in order to consume spirituality. In essence, church is a gathering of God’s people that we belong to in order to collectively love God, love neighbors, and make more disciples of Jesus to the ends of the earth.

Now listen, I love our building, I love our staff, I love our programs, and I’m happy we have a budget that makes these things possible. So please don’t misunderstand me. But these things are privileges we enjoy that exist to serve the essentials. Our building, staff, programs, and budget are not the Cathedral Church of the Advent properly speaking though. The Advent is people. It’s you. It’s me. It’s the people you and I know

Greet also the church in their house.

and love who are in a covenanted relationship together who understand our identity as an adopted family of God through Jesus Christ. A large part of our relationship is to help each other love the God who first loved us, love our neighbors just as God loves them (even our enemies), and bless all the world by inviting others to join our spiritual family as the children of God.

We can do these essentials anywhere. We can do these things at the corner of Sixth and 20th North. We can do them in my dining room. We can do them under the shade of a tree on a trip in a foreign country. And we can love God, love neighbors, and make disciples on Zoom (thank God for Zoom).

This goes for the people you’re quarantined with at the moment. If you have a spouse or children or housemates, they are the church in your house. If you’re single and isolated, those you are interacting with or could interact with by media are your church. Whomever, wherever, however. Pray with and for each other, speak the word of God to each other, and help each other reach new folks for Jesus both now and beyond Corona.

- Matt

- Romans 16:5

This Sunday: April 19, 2020

Please join us for worship via streaming video this Sunday, April 19, at 9:00 a.m. Canon Smalley will preach. (We continue not gathering at the church.) Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Live, Facebook Live, Twitter, or YouTube to access our stream. To download a service bulletin, go to AdventBirmingham.org/Worship.

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

The Dean’s Class will be available via streaming video this Sunday. Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Live.

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

Lectionary:

Psalm 16
Acts 2:14a, 22-32
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Children’s & Youth Education:

Two resources are now available for families with children. Family Sunday School lessons are posted online every week, and the 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 following the 9:00 a.m. service. 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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The Rev. Canon Zac Hicks, Canon for Liturgy and Worship

The Rev. Katherine P. Jacob, Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Michael Weeks, Assisting Clergy

(Events Canceled, cont.)

- Mission and Outreach: Tours of the Nave – April 26; Service Day – May 2
- Prayer: Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting – May 4
- Seniors' Ministry: Fellowship in the Pines – May 4

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.

Sign Up for Parish-Wide Emails

We urge all Adventers to sign up to receive parish-wide emails. You can do this by signing up to get the *Adventurer* by email, which will also register you to receive the parish-wide emails. (Doing this will not cause you to stop receiving the printed version of the newsletter, unless you so request.) This is the best way for us to reach the most people with timely news. Find the link to sign up at AdventBirmingham.org/Coronavirus.



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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 19 Streaming Worship - AdventBirmingham.org/Live - 9:00 a.m. Dean's Class will follow	20 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m. "What's Next" Webinar for Parents - AdventBirmingham.org/News - 8:00 p.m.	21 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m.	22 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m. Online Disciple-Maker Training - 1:00 p.m.	23 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m.	24 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m.	25
Apr 26 Streaming Worship - AdventBirmingham.org/Live - 9:00 a.m. Dean's Class will follow	27 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m.	28 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m.	29 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m. Online Disciple-Maker Training - 1:00 p.m.	30 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m.	May 1 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m.	2

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. *Philippians 4:4-7*