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News & Events



PLEDGE

YOUR PLEDGES MAKE GOSPEL MINISTRY POSSIBLE.

This Is Stewardship "Make-Up" Sunday: Making Your Pledge for 2021

This Sunday, October 18, is another opportunity for us to respond to Christ's grace by pledging our support to the ministries of the Advent in 2021. You may return your Pledge Card by mail, in-person at the Church Office, at the outdoor services this Sunday, or on any of the other Sundays following. You may also complete it online:

AdventBirmingham.org/Pledge.

Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!
- 2 Corinthians 9:15

Midday Music Open to Limited Audience

Our Midday Music program of music for two cellos on Friday, October 23, at 12:30 p.m. will be open to a limited public audience. See page 2 for more information.



A Word from Canon Smalley

"We don't love our children so they will love us back, we love our children so they will love their children." Those words made an impression on me years ago, and they clearly remain

with me today. The words were delivered by Ed Salmon in a Lenten sermon, and they have been especially on my mind as of late.

As I write this, tomorrow will be my father's funeral, seven months after his death, the delay due to the coronavirus and shut downs and, well, you know.

My mom and dad are among the chief reasons that I am a Christian, and their embodiment of the above quote enabled the words of the Bible, the words of our faith to come alive for me. I was not an easy teen, exasperating I'm sure (perhaps still), but in love they pursued me.

Steadfast, pursuing, self-giving love; unmerited grace and mercy, forgiveness, peace, these words became real in their giving.

As a note of encouragement, they did so in a wildly imperfect manner, without expertise. It was not easy or quick, with multiple moments of failure and frustration, and yet they gave from a source greater than themselves. "We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19).

One does not have to have children for these words to apply. The Bible calls us to be a body, members of one another, giving to one another, inviting us to be givers rather than investors. That can be scary, but freeing and life giving. We invest with expectation of a return, but a gift gives no such promise. My parents gave to me without promise of return, and that has made all the difference.

These words without a source to draw upon would be cruel, but we have an infinite source in Jesus. "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst" (John 6:35). I'm praying that you eat from that table and drink from that well.

Yours,

Craig

"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap."

- Luke 6:38

This Sunday:

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We will hold outdoor services in the porte cochere parking lot at 8:30 a.m. (band-led music) and 9:45 a.m. (choir and organ-led music). Registering is necessary; sign up at AdventBirmingham.org/Worship. Canon Schneider will preach.

We offer worship via streaming video at 9:00 a.m. Canon Schneider will preach this Sunday. Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Live, Facebook Live, or YouTube to access our stream. To download a service bulletin, go to AdventBirmingham.org/Worship.

Adult Education:

The Dean's Class will be available via streaming video this Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Mark Gignilliat will teach. Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Live.

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

Lectionary:

Psalm 99 or Psalm 96:1-9 (10-13)
Jonah 4
Exodus 33:12-23 or Isaiah 45:1-7
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

Children's & Youth Education:

Sunday School for 3K through 3rd graders will be held at the church during the 8:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. services for those who have signed up. Fourth and 5th grade will meet in the Menendez's yard (3508 Mountain Lane, 35213) from 11:00 a.m.-noon, and 6th grade will meet in the Malone's yard (105 Crestwood Drive, 35213) from 11:00 a.m.-noon. Children's Sunday School video lessons continue to be available online each week at AdventBirmingham.org under the "Worship" tab.

Junior High youth will meet at the Flowers' home (230 Richmar Drive, 35213) from 11:00 a.m.-noon. Senior High will meet in Cameron's backyard (3821 Buckingham Lane, 35243) from 11:00 a.m.-noon.



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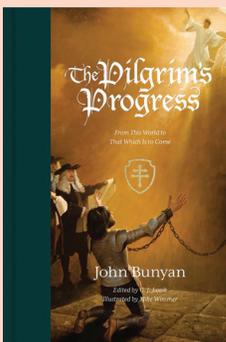
Parish-Wide Reading

The Pilgrim's Progress this Week: Christian Meets Faithful

In our reading this upcoming week (*Crossway* edition: chapters 5 and 6; *Desiring God* edition: pages 75-96 [first paragraph]), Christian is joined in his journey by Faithful, and they share in some fruitful conversation. The suggested Bible passages to read beforehand are Isaiah 6:1-7 and Colossians 2:8, 16-23. After your reading, please go to AdventBirmingham.org/Pilgrim to view the short video summary.

The Pilgrim's Progress: Adventers Comment on "An Engaging and Challenging Encounter"

We're almost halfway through our parish-wide reading of *The Pilgrim's Progress*, the timeless story of Christian as he travels from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City of our great and gracious King. Every chapter is full of truths right out of the Bible. If you haven't joined us yet, you can begin at any time! Read it on your own or with a friend, and follow along with Dean Pearson's video summaries.



The Tuesday morning men's Bible study, *Face-to-Face*, decided to put their Sermon on the Mount study on pause to read and discuss this classic. Here are a few of their reactions:

It is a tremendous illustration for me to compare, contrast, understand, and interpret my Christian journey, and the book enlightens me on how better to show up as a Christian in my daily living.

- Raymond Osburn

It has been an engaging and challenging encounter relating the story to each of our spiritual journeys as we seek to encourage one another on "this long obedience in the same direction."

- Craig Ogard

Reading Pilgrim's Progress and discussing with my Bible study group continues to be an incredible experience. The insight we gain from examining Christian's journey guides us today on our personal spiritual journey!

- Britton Neal

TPP is an ingenious work of literature using these Bible-based episodes that make the believer think and possibly arouse the curiosity of the rest. I enjoy studying it for class each week, using as a foundation Andrew's excellent lectures.

- Chip Mattison

Go to AdventBirmingham.org/Pilgrim to find out more.

Take a look at your own heart, and you will soon find out what has stuck to it and where your treasure is. It is easy to determine whether hearing the word of God, living according to it, and achieving such a life gives you as much enjoyment and calls forth as much diligence from you as does accumulating and saving money and property.

- Martin Luther



making music

Midday Music

Two-Cello Program Open to a Limited In-Person Audience October 23



Our Midday Music series will continue on Friday, October 23, 12:30 p.m. in the Nave with a free, 30-minute program of music for two cellos. The performers, both Alabama Symphony Orchestra musicians, are Lauren Peacock (*above*), who served as Assistant Principal in the cello section for the 2019-2020 season; and Xi Yang (*below*), who has been with the orchestra since September 2018.

We are pleased to be able to open this concert to a limited in-person audience. To sign up, please visit AdventBirmingham.org/News. The concert will be live-streamed from the Advent's website and associated digital platforms for anyone unable to attend in person. It will also be made available for later listening at any time. For more information, contact Charles Kennedy (Kennedy@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3505).



Pastoral Notice: If you are going into the hospital, have need of prayer or counsel, or have a family member unable to attend church, please call the Pastoral Care Office at 205-226-3500.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.
- Ephesians 2:8-9



spiritual growth & fellowship

Youth Ministry

Jr. High Dinner this Sunday

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to dinner this Sunday, October 18, 5:58-7:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). We'll supply the meal; students will need to bring their masks. We're excited to get together for food, fellowship, and Bible study!

To ensure we maintain a safe number attending, we are asking students to sign up in advance. To register, visit AdventBirmingham.org/News. Contact Tucker Fleming (Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

Sr. High "Tailgate Night" Family Dinner this Sunday

We hope all 9th-12th graders can join us for one of our favorite Family Dinners of the year, Tailgate Night! It's set for this Sunday, October 18, 6:57-8:15 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209) where we'll gather for fellowship, dinner, and a talk. A mask is required, and we will socially distance and meet outside when possible. For "Tailgate Night," each family will compete to assemble the ultimate tailgate spread. Come hungry and dressed to represent your favorite team!

To keep the number attending at a safe level, we are asking students to sign up ahead of time. To register, visit AdventBirmingham.org/News. Questions? Contact Rebecca Lankford (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com).

Advent House Prayer Ministry

Intercessory Prayer Available at the Advent House



Anyone desiring prayer for God's intervention in their life for spiritual, physical, or emotional healing; for guidance; or for protection may reach out to the Advent House Prayer Ministry. Personal safety is of utmost importance at this time, so the needs of each individual calling will be taken into consideration when deciding whether to meet virtually or in person at the Advent House (2317 Arlington Avenue South, 35205). For further information and to schedule a prayer appointment, please contact Kathy Logue (205-410-4622, Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com).

New Church Directory Available

The 2020-2021 Advent Church Directory is available. You can pick up a copy at a service on Sunday mornings, or you can stop by the Church Office on weekdays and get one at the receptionist's desk.

An online directory is available to parishioners through our website, AdventBirmingham.org. Click on "Directory" at the bottom of the home page and follow the prompts to register.

But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. And he prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Do you do well to be angry?"

Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. Now the LORD God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die." And the LORD said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

- Jonah 4:1-11

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transitions:

Births: Jackson Bridger Neal, son of Jackson and Tiffany, on September 15; William Reynolds Fisher, son of Reid and Maggie, on September 21

Baptism: Jane Ellison Bisceglia, daughter of Patrick and Emily, on September 27



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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 18 Outdoor Worship - Porte Cochere Lot - 8:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. Streaming Worship - 9:00 a.m. Jr. High Dinner at 5:58 p.m.; Sr. High at 6:57 p.m.	19	20 Praise Service - Rector's Garden - 7:30 a.m.	21 Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	22	23 Midday Music - Nave - 12:30 p.m.	24 Jr. High Fall Retreat
Oct 25 Outdoor Worship - Porte Cochere Lot - 8:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. Streaming Worship - AdventBirmingham. org/Live - 9:00 a.m.	26	27 Praise Service - Rector's Garden - 7:30 a.m.	28 Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	29	30	31

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