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News & Events

Confirmation at Outdoor Services this Sunday

Bishop Glenda Curry will join us for outdoor Confirmation services this Sunday, November 8, in our porte cochere parking lot on the corner of Richard Arrington Jr. Boulevard and Sixth Avenue North. *These will be at special times*, 9:00 a.m. (band led) and 10:30 a.m. (organ and choir led). Our youth class will be confirmed as new parish members at 9:00; our adult class will be confirmed at 10:30. You need to register to attend a service; starting each Monday at 9:00 a.m., you can sign up for the following Sunday at AdventBirmingham.org/Worship. All need to bring their own chair, mask, and Bible.

Services Set to Move Indoors November 15

We plan to move services inside to our Nave on Sunday, November 15. *These will be at new times*: 9:15-10:00 a.m. (band led) and 11:15 a.m.-noon (choir and organ led). The Dean's Class will meet in the Refectory at 10:00 a.m., and there will be one or two other adult classes. Registration is required to attend a service as well as an adult class. Starting each Monday at 9:00 a.m., you can sign up for the following Sunday at AdventBirmingham.org/Worship. See page 2 for more.



A Word from Canon Schneider

I don't have many more *Adventurer Words* to write before I move. As such, there is one main thing I want to speak to you about while I have the chance: Jesus.

Rather than speak to you about doctrine, or discipleship, or our heart for the city of Birmingham, or... I want to remind you that because of his love, God became man for us. There is no one better than Jesus. There is no one more kind than Jesus. There is no one more loving than Jesus. There is no one more present in the moment than Jesus. No one ever made such a great sacrifice as Jesus. No one before him had come back from death to eternal life until Jesus.

The stories about Jesus never get old for me. I love his parables: the good Samaritan, the prodigal son, the friend at midnight. I love the stories of his interactions with others: the sinful woman, Zacchaeus, the woman caught in adultery, the demoniac. I love the things Jesus taught, even the hard-

est lessons in the Sermon on the Mount or on persecution.

The most important thing in my life is Jesus. I lament that for my first 26 years this was not the case. But I can now say with confidence that Jesus is my center of gravity. And he loves the world. Because I want to love the things Jesus loves, I want the whole world to know him, too.

I am very much aware of his return. I know many others have been saying this for around 2,000 years, but I sense his return to be imminent. I'm not sure of the details or even if you and I will be alive then. I long for that Day, though. I would rejoice if I were to see the Day of Christ's return in our generation.

Before Jesus returns, something must happen first. In Matthew 24:14, he explains that everyone must have the opportunity to hear about him. Then he will return. How could this happen? We all must tell anyone, anywhere, at any time the simple message of this man we know and love: Jesus.

- Matt

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. - 1 Corinthians 2:1-2

This Sunday:

November 8, 2020

We will hold outdoor Confirmation services in the porte cochere parking lot at 9:00 a.m. (band-led music) and 10:30 a.m. (choir and organ-led music). *(Please note the changes in service times.)* Registering is necessary; sign up at AdventBirmingham.org/Worship. Bishop Curry will preach. We will offer worship via streaming video at 9:00 a.m. Michael Weeks 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. Canon Smalley will teach. Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Live. Recordings of past classes are available at AdventBirmingham.org/Audio.

Lectionary:

Psalm 78:1-7 or Psalm 70
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 or
Amos 5:18-24
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Children's & Youth Education:

Sunday School for 3K through 3rd graders will be held at the church during the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services for those who have signed up. Fourth and 5th grade will meet in the Menendez's yard (3508 Mountain Lane, 35213), noon-1:00 p.m., and 6th grade will meet in the Malone's yard (105 Crestwood Drive, 35213), noon-1:00 p.m. *(Note time changes this week.)* Children's Sunday School video lessons continue to be available online each week at AdventBirmingham.org/Worship. Junior High youth will meet at the Flowers' home (230 Richmar Drive, 35213), 11:00 a.m.-noon. Senior High will meet in Cameron's backyard (3821 Buckingham Lane, 35243), 11:00 a.m.-noon.



GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!

Services Scheduled to Move Indoors November 15

We are set to begin holding services in our Nave on Sunday, November 15, at new times: 9:15-10:00 a.m. (band led) and 11:15 a.m.-noon (choir and organ led). Due to the need to keep numbers at a safe level, attendees must register in advance. Starting each Monday at 9:00 a.m., you can sign up for the following Sunday at AdventBirmingham.org/Worship. Masks are required.

Also on November 15, we will cease airing our prerecorded service at 9:00 a.m. and will instead livestream the two services in the Nave at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

We will hold the Dean's Class in the Refectory and one or two other adult classes at 10:00 a.m. starting November 15. Numbers will be limited, and registration for the classes will be required at AdventBirmingham.org/Worship.

Sunday School for 3K-3rd grade will remain at the church, and sessions will be held during the 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services for those who have signed up. Classes for 4th-6th grade will continue to meet off campus but at a new time starting November 15, 10:15-11:00 a.m. We will continue to offer children's Sunday School video lessons each week at AdventBirmingham.org/Worship. Contact Tara Davis (Tara@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information on these age groups.

Classes for Junior and Senior High youth will continue to meet off campus, at a time and place to be determined. Contact Tucker Fleming (Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com) with questions about Junior High, and Rebecca Lankford (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com) with questions about Senior High.

Call for Vestry Nominee Suggestions

The Nominations Committee of the Vestry invites parishioners to suggest names for consideration for next year's Vestry class slate. Please complete a Nomination Suggestion Form if you know someone who would contribute to our parish's leadership. The forms are available at the Ushers' Stations on Sunday and at our receptionist's desk at the Church Office during the week. Forms also can be submitted digitally on our website, AdventBirmingham.org/News. Forms must be returned to Margaret Pope in the Church Office by Monday, November 9.

It is recommended that you *not* notify the person that his/her name has been suggested.

The final slate of 20 candidates will be presented to the Vestry on December 10, and will thereafter be announced to the parish. Elections will take place during the annual Parish Meeting on January 24, 2021.

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.



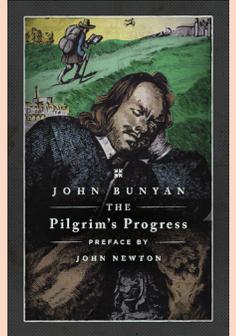
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Parish-Wide Reading

The Pilgrim's Progress this Week:

Rest for the Soul at the Delectable Mountains

After Christian and Hopeful leave Doubting Castle and Giant Despair, we are made aware that the Christian life is a continual series of ups and downs, prosperity and adversity, which Christians must go through on their way to heaven. All these experiences are brought about to conform us to the image of Christ. Christian and Hopeful now reach the Delectable Mountains, where they are "shown some wonders" by four shepherds. This week's reading is chapter 11 in the *Crossway* edition and pages 135 through 140 (second-to-last paragraph) in the *Desiring God* edition. The suggested Bible passages to read beforehand are Psalm 84:1-7 and John 10:7-18. After you finish your reading, go to AdventBirmingham.org/Pilgrim to view the short video summary by Dean Pearson.



For 5th and 6th Graders (and Parents)

Class on Sex and Christian Faith November 7

The Advent will again offer *The Bible Talks About That?!*, our sex education program for all 5th and 6th graders as well as their parents, on Saturday, November 7, 8:30-11:00 a.m. downtown at the Advent. The children will attend a program that educates them on the human body and the emotional implications of sex within a biblical framework. Parents will receive a panel and then a talk about communicating to kids about sex. At least one parent must accompany their child.

Masks are required, and students and parents will be seated in a socially distant manner. Please sign up for this program at AdventBirmingham.org/News.

Jr. High Sex Education

Program for 7th-9th Graders this Sunday

We will host our Junior High sex education program this Sunday, November 8, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). All 7th-9th graders are invited to join the youth staff for a series of conversations about God's good design for relationships, marriage, and all the things which come with them. Please note that this is *not* the biology talk, but rather conversations about the purpose of relationships and marriage in the context of God's plan for his people. Masks are required, and we'll sit in a socially distant manner. Sign up by emailing Tucker Fleming (Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com).

But as for me, I am poor and needy;
come to me speedily, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not tarry.

- Psalm 70:5-6

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

Women's Ministry

Mary Splawn to Speak November 18

The Rev. Mary Splawn (*right*) will be with us for our second Women's Ministry Fall Speaker Event. On Wednesday, November 18, we will offer two opportunities to hear from Mary:

7:00 a.m. at Cranmer House (Bring your own coffee and breakfast treat.)

10:00 a.m. in the Nave at the church (Bring your own carefully enclosed beverage.)

Mary is Minister of Connections at Mountain Brook Baptist Church, where she provides leadership for the varied women's ministry programs, helps new members connect with service and discipleship opportunities, and manages the Christian Life Center and family life programs of the church. She holds an M.Div. degree from Beeson Divinity School. Mary is married to Wayne, who also serves on the ministry staff at Mountain Brook Baptist, and they have three children.

Please email Carolyn Lankford (Carolyn@CathedralAdvent.com) to reserve your spot at one of the talks.



Youth Ministry

Advent Bowl 2020: Tradition Continues November 29

One of our most beloved Advent traditions is coming soon: the Advent Bowl! All 7th-12th graders are invited to compete in our two-hand touch football tournament on Sunday, November 29, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Mountain Brook High School field. See you there! Contact Tucker Fleming (Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com) or Rebecca Lankford (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

Sr. High: Next Family Dinner Set for November 15

Covid-19 means Master's Night in November! Come dressed for the green at our next Family Dinner for 9th-12th graders on Sunday, November 15, 6:57-8:15 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Masks required. Please sign up to attend at 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).



making music

Music Ministry

Fall 2020 Concert Series Brochure Available

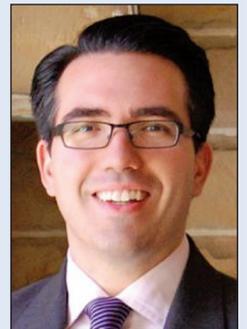
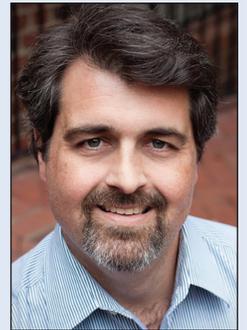
The Music Ministry's Virtual Concert Series Brochure is now available on our website at AdventBirmingham.org/News. We are presenting a Virtual Concert Series for the fall portion of our 2020-2021 season. While we are not able to gather in person, we will present online performances recorded or broadcast live from the Cathedral Church of the Advent. Our plans for the second half of the season are under way, and we will make plans for future in-person concerts to occur when we are eventually able to gather safely.

Concert Series

The Pilgrim's Progress: Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams

In celebration of the Advent's parish-wide reading of John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress*, members of our Music Ministry will perform music of Ralph Vaughan Williams inspired by the book. The concert will be presented virtually and streamed on Thursday, November 19, at 7:00 p.m. on AdventBirmingham.org/Live.

From his own opera entitled *The Pilgrim's Progress*, Vaughan Williams extracted seven songs to create a song cycle that sets an assortment of texts from Scripture, Bunyan, and others. Cathedral Choir members Kathryne Overturf, mezzo-soprano, and Randall Mayo, bass (*top right*), will perform six of these songs, accompanied by Frederick Teardo, our Director of Music (*bottom right*), on piano. In addition, the Cathedral Choir will offer a performance of Vaughan Williams' *Valiant-for-truth*, a moving choral setting of an excerpt from Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress*.



But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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transitions:

Birth: Isabelle Jane Brown, daughter of Hunter and Anne Rain, on October 27

Baptisms: Chambers Joyce Ratliff, daughter of Thornton and Emory, on October 22; Alice Bennett Wahl, daughter of Tyler and Brooke, on October 25; Louis Thompson Miller, son of Trey and Megan, on October 25

Marriage: Ashley Sorrell and Cory Whitsett, on October 24

memorials:

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 8 Outdoor Worship - Porte Cochere Lot - 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Streaming Worship - 9:00 a.m. Jr. High Sex Education - Cranmer House - 1:00 p.m.	9	10 Praise Service - Rector's Garden - 7:30 a.m.	11 Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	12	13	14
Nov 15 Indoor Worship - Nave - 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Bookstore Open - 8:30-11:30 a.m. Jr. High Dinner at 5:58 p.m.; Sr. High Dinner at 6:57 p.m. - Cranmer House	16	17 Praise Service - Rector's Garden - 7:30 a.m.	18 Women's Speaker Event with Mary Splawn - 7:00 a.m. at Cranmer House; 10:00 a.m. in the Nave Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	19 Concert Series: <i>The Pilgrim's Progress</i> - AdventBirmingham.org/Live - 7:00 p.m.	20	21

Bookstore Open on Sundays Starting November 15: The Advent Bookstore will be open on Sundays from 8:30-11:30 a.m., starting November 15 when we move services into the Nave. The store will be open every Sunday as long as services are held indoors.

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