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## News & Events

### Indoor Services Continue this Sunday

We will hold two services inside our Nave this Sunday, November 22: 9:15-10:00 a.m. (band led) and 11:15 a.m.-noon (choir and organ led). To avoid having an unsafe number attending, registration is required to attend a service. We have separate sign-up lists for each service at [AdventBirmingham.org/Worship](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Worship). (Starting each Monday at 9:00 a.m., you can register for the following Sunday.) Everyone is required to wear a mask, and we will observe social distancing in seating.

We will livestream both services. Visit [AdventBirmingham.org/Live](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Live), Facebook Live, or YouTube to access our stream.

We will hold three adult classes this Sunday at 10:15 a.m. Attendance will be limited, and registration is required to attend. Sign up at [AdventBirmingham.org/Worship](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Worship).

For a list of FAQs about Sunday mornings, visit [AdventBirmingham.org/Worship](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Worship).

### No Thanksgiving Day Service; Office Closes for the Holiday

Thanksgiving is Thursday, November 26. We will not have a Thanksgiving Day service, and the Church Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27, in observance of the holiday.



## A Word from the Dean

About two months ago, I realized I had made a terrible mistake. As we began to gather on Sundays as a church family and were afforded the ability to gather together in social settings, I thought much of the angst surrounding Covid-19 would dissipate. I was wrong.

My experience has been that the ability to interact physically with others has not been a release valve, but, in fact, it has served as a stage for the anxiety and frustration of the past seven months to come pouring out. We are all very sensitive right now, and something that may not have bothered us a year ago sends us into a tailspin today. We have all been given the opportunity to be alone with ourselves, and that has not necessarily been a blessing.

As we watch Covid numbers go up, we very well may see another quarantine in response. None of us look forward to that. At all. Whether this happens or not, the point remains that we need to do a better job of caring for one another.

I have come to see that often what someone might be upset about is not what actu-

ally burdens them. Martin Luther called this the "creature waiting." What is required is for me (and you) to invest the time and care in really listening to one another and helping one another through this difficult time.

Our personal and even spiritual conversations tend to be like the one Jesus had in John 4 with the woman at the well. In response to Jesus' probing questions, the woman, like so many of us, deflects. At one point, she even tries to show herself as spiritually interested, but it's just a ruse to get Jesus to leave her alone (4:19). Praise God he doesn't leave us alone, but goes straight to the heart of the matter.

Do we have a church family that facilitates this kind of Christian vulnerability? A community so rooted in the grace of God that we can not only be honest, but also be willing to "go there" with our brothers and sisters? This will be so if the Living God, Jesus Christ, has humbled us as sinners and restored us to fellowship with the Father by his cross and resurrection.

The world says "Get it together"; Jesus says "Come unto me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

- Andrew

**Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.** - Galatians 6:2

## This Sunday:

November 22, 2020

**9:15 a.m. Morning Prayer**  
(Band led)

**11:15 a.m. Morning Prayer**  
(Organ and Choir led)

Preacher: Dean Pearson

Register to attend at [AdventBirmingham.org/Worship](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Worship).

We will livestream both services, at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Visit [AdventBirmingham.org/Live](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Live), Facebook Live, or YouTube to access our livestream.

### Adult Education:

Adult classes will be held from 10:15-11:00 a.m. Registering in advance is necessary at [AdventBirmingham.org/Worship](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Worship). Recordings of classes are available at [AdventBirmingham.org/Audio](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Audio).

**The Dean's Class** (Refectory) – *Things I've Learned During Covid-19 About Myself* – Dean Pearson

**To Be Known by God: Finding Ourselves in Galatians** (Chapter Room) – *Galatians 2:15-21* – Gil Kracke

**A Pre-Advent Meditation: Who Are We and What Are We Getting Ready For?** (Living Room) – Carolyn Lankford

### Children's & Youth Education:

Sunday School for 3K through 3rd graders will be held at the church during the 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services for those who have signed up. Fourth and 5th grade will meet in the Menendez's yard (3508 Mountain Lane, 35213), 10:15-11:00 a.m., and 6th grade will meet in the Malone's yard (105 Crestwood Drive, 35213), 10:15-11:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School video lessons continue to be available online each week at [AdventBirmingham.org/Worship](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Worship).

Junior High youth will meet at the Flowers' home (230 Richmar Drive, 35213), 10:15-11:00 a.m. Senior High will meet in Cameron's backyard (3821 Buckingham Lane, 35243), 10:15-11:00 a.m.



# GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!

## New Members Confirmed

Bishop Glenda Curry officiated as 33 youth and 26 adults were confirmed or received as members of the Advent on November 8. Please join us in welcoming them, as we give thanks for their being a part of our parish family.

### Youth:

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| Elise Ball         | Eleanor Lassiter    |
| Roscoe Bare        | Amelia Leath        |
| Weston Barringer   | Hill McCluney       |
| Alice Clapp        | Jenevieve McNeil    |
| Hooker Cook        | Billy Pharo         |
| Ada Dapkus         | Anne Reynolds       |
| Henry Elliott      | Mary Bains Reynolds |
| Mary Carlon Feagin | Sam Settle          |
| Thomas Fleming     | Anne Milbray Smith  |
| Powell Fry         | Carrie Ella Smith   |
| Jackson Gignilliat | Georgia Spotswood   |
| Sara Green         | Perry Stringfellow  |
| James Hard         | Thomas Taylor       |
| Millie Hard        | Frances Townsend    |
| Audrey Irby        | Trey Vinson         |
| Mary Florence Lacy | Peter Womack        |
| Thomas Langloh     |                     |

### Adults:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Warren Baker    | Wilson Hunter   |
| Doug Breland    | Angie Kurosaka  |
| Jenny Breland   | Leslie Malone   |
| Cora Causey     | Amanda Maxwell  |
| Kyle Davis      | Kathryn Maxwell |
| Tara Davis      | Megan Miller    |
| Michael Dixon   | Trey Miller     |
| Lucy Kate Green | Steve Puckett   |
| Jennifer Harris | Mort Taylor     |
| Reggie Harris   | Brooke Wahl     |
| Meg Hawley      | Tyler Wahl      |
| Matt Hemrick    | Ashley Whitsett |
| Rebecca Hemrick | Cory Whitsett   |

## 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](mailto:Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com)).

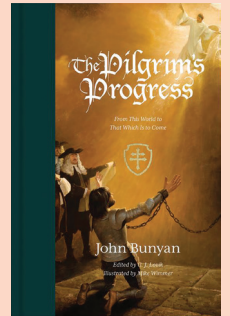


## education

### Parish-Wide Reading

#### **The Pilgrim's Progress this Week: Ignorance Dismisses Christian's Gospel**

Christian and Hopeful have another encounter and discourse with Ignorance. Ignorance reveals his blindness to the corruption of his own heart and his vain confidence in himself instead of complete reliance on Christ's active and passive obedience for pardon and justification. Our reading this upcoming week is chapter 14 in the *Crossway* edition and pages 164 (after first paragraph) through 176 (through #9) in the *Desiring God* edition. The suggested Bible passages to read beforehand are Luke 18:18-30 and Colossians 3:1-11. After you finish your reading, go to [AdventBirmingham.org/Pilgrim](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Pilgrim) to view Dean Pearson's short video summary.



## spiritual growth & fellowship

### Youth Ministry

#### **Advent Bowl 2020: Tradition Continues November 29**

It's almost time for one of our most beloved Advent traditions: 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. Masks are required. Contact Rebecca Lankford ([Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com)) for more information.

### Women's Ministry

#### **Christ in the Christmas Crunch Set for December 2**

All Advent women are invited to our annual Christ in the Christmas Crunch gathering on Wednesday, December 2, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Our own Carolyn Lankford, Interim Director of Women's Ministries, will offer a meditation on *Joseph: The Champion for Infant Jesus*.

Boxed lunches will be served. Masks are required, and we will observe social distancing. Participants must register by emailing the Women's Ministries office at [Carolyn@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Carolyn@CathedralAdvent.com) or online at [AdventBirmingham.org/News](http://AdventBirmingham.org/News). There is no fee to attend.

### Young Adults' Ministry

#### **Ministry for Adventers in Their 20s and 30s**

The Young Adults of the Advent gather regularly in small groups throughout the week and all together once a month. If you would like to join a small group or learn about our next gathering, please email [YoungAdults@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:YoungAdults@CathedralAdvent.com).

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



## serving & outreach

### Coat Drive

#### This Year's Drive Is a Drop-Off Drive

2020 is the year of the pivot, so this year our annual Coat Drive will transform into a Drop-Off on Sunday, December 6. All items will be received in the Porte Cochere (or visitor's parking lot off of Sixth Avenue North) before and after worship services – between 8:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Please consider bringing the following items:

- Men's coats, larger sizes appreciated
- Warm socks
- Underwear
- Jeans

We are so grateful for our partnership with Brother Bryan Mission as they work to disciple men struggling with addiction. Our Coat Drive will help provide cold-weather supplies for these men as a way to bless and encourage them in their journey toward a deeper relationship with the Lord and ongoing sobriety.

We need volunteers on December 6. To help with the Coat Drive, please contact Bethany Rushing ([Bethany@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Bethany@CathedralAdvent.com)).



## bookstore

### Store Now Open on Sundays

With our move indoors for worship services, the Advent Bookstore is now open on Sunday mornings, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Masks are required, and we will maintain social distancing.

The store remains open on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Entrance to the store on Wednesdays is through the Porte Cochere parking lot door. For curbside pick-up, call 205-323-2959. Contact Ann Campbell ([Ann@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Ann@CathedralAdvent.com)) for more information.

Jesus said, "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'" - Matthew 25:34-40

**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.



## worship

### Tuesday-Morning Service

#### Praise Service Moves Indoors

With the weather turning colder, our Tuesday-morning service has moved from the Rector's Garden into the Nave. In addition to the move, we're changing the start time to 8:00 a.m., in hopes that those who are working or dropping off kids at school can join. This 30-minute service offers us a midweek opportunity to reflect on God's word, pray for the needs of our city, and have fellowship with people from all walks of life. Social distancing protocol and masks are required for health and safety. Contact Bethany Rushing ([Bethany@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Bethany@CathedralAdvent.com)) for more information.

### Lectionary

Sunday, November 22: Psalm 100 or Psalm 95:1-7a  
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Matthew 25:31-46



## making music

### Midday Music

#### String Quartet to Perform November 20

Members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra will present music for String Quartet by Mozart and Rachmaninoff at our next Midday Music concert on Friday, November 20, at 12:30 p.m. The performers will be ASO Concertmaster Daniel Szasz, violin; Serghei Tanas, violin; Zakaria Enikeev, viola; and Warren Samples, cello.

We are pleased to be able to open this concert to a limited public audience in the Nave. To sign up, please visit [AdventBirmingham.org/News](http://AdventBirmingham.org/News). The concert will also be livestreamed on [AdventBirmingham.org/Live](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Live) and associated digital platforms, and will be made available for later listening at any time. Please do not miss this free, 30-minute program of beautiful music performed by these outstanding musicians.

## memorials:

### Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

**Charles Richard Saunders:** (Mission and Outreach) by Chilton Porter; Pratt and Anne-Marie Brown

**Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kennedy:** (Advent House) by Kathleen Doss

**Anne Whitney DeBardeleben:** (Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Gail Guin Braswell

**In Thanksgiving for Craig Smalley, Stella Schreiber, and Robin Turner:** (Pastoral Care) by Katherine and Alan Kilpatrick

## diocesan staff

The Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan, Bishop of Alabama  
 The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda S. Curry, Bishop Coadjutor of Alabama

## advent staff

The Very Rev. Andrew C. Pearson, Jr., Dean and Rector  
 The Rev. Canon R. Craig Smalley, Canon Pastor and Day School Chaplain

The Rev. Canon Matthew C. Schneider, Canon for Parish  
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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

The Rev. Wes Sharp, Clergy Associate

## transitions:

**Birth:** Charles Sutton Edwards, son of Laura and A.J., on August 31

**Baptisms:** Katherine Rivers Clark, daughter of Charlie and Mary Coleman, on November 8; Elizabeth Anne Charlson, daughter of Jake and Hamilton, on November 8; Katherine Fairlie Badham, daughter of Walker and Tere, on November 8; Hudson Decatur Davis, son of Kyle and Tara, and Reagan Marie Davis, daughter of Kyle and Tara, both on November 10

**Marriage:** Carol Anne Phillips and Christopher Patrick Reynolds, on October 3

**Death:** Saidee Huey Gardner, on October 25

## memorials:

**Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:**

**Frances Estes Seibels:** (Mission and Outreach) by Mabry and Jeanne Rogers; Mary and Victor Hanson

**Thomas Chambers Joyce:** (Endowment Fund) by Betsy and Jack Allison



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## calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Nov 29 Indoor Worship - Nave - 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Adult Education - 10:15 a.m. Youth Advent Bowl - Mountain Brook High School field - 2:00 p.m.	30	Dec 1 Praise Service - Nave - 8:00 a.m.	2 Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  Christ in the Christmas Crunch - Botanical Gardens - 11:30 a.m.	3 Young Adults' Ministry Social Gathering	4	5

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