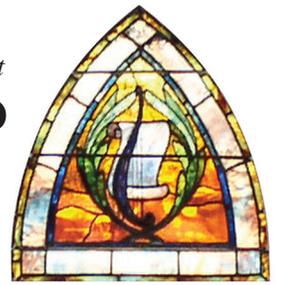


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## News & Events

### Katherine Jacob Named Honorary Canon



On behalf of the Vestry and with the consent of the Bishop of Alabama, I am pleased to announce that the Rev. Katherine Jacob (*left*) will now serve as Honorary Canon of the Cathedral Church of the Advent.

A member of the Advent for almost 40 years and ordained a Deacon in 2002, Katherine has faithfully served God's people at and beyond the Advent. She has boldly proclaimed the gospel of Jesus Christ through her participation as a member of the clergy staff, and especially through the power of her readings from the Scripture, in which her spoken word gives shape to God's written word. Katherine, true to her vows as Deacon, has been a servant to all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely, and has been a friend of and inspiration to the Clergy, Vestry, and People of the Advent. We are grateful for Katherine and her continued ministry at the Advent. Please be sure to thank Canon Jacob for her ministry among us.

- Andrew



## A Word from Canon Smalley

I begin with a question: How does one remember rightly? The question is prompted by less-than-helpful thoughts with which I woke up recently. The words are four that I've said numerous times: "Ugh, I blew it."

Perhaps you've said these same words or some variation of them to yourself. What I had done was not especially egregious – this time – but not a great feeling. Thankfully these words came right before I said my prayers, and I was able to address them in that context with the grace of God reminding me of what we need to remember most.

The truth is sometimes we do blow it, and it's best to admit rather than attempt to justify or explain away to ourselves or others. Along with the need for repentance and reformation, there is freeing power in confession. There are times to make amends, to say that we are sorry, full stop. This situation had to do with myself and not others, yet it brought opportunity for God to bring focus.

There are numerous Scriptures that invite

**And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him."**

- Craig

- Mark 9:7

us to remember, and the first few chapters of Joshua were brought to mind. The people of Israel are entering the promised land after their wandering and suspect performance record in the wilderness. There are numerous problems, particularly the Jordan at flood stage and the Canaanites. There are always those people.

The people of Israel are called to consecrate themselves because the Lord will do amazing things in their midst, and in fact God does. They are delivered across the Jordan on dry ground, and they are commanded to establish standing stones as a witness and remembrance to the power, presence, and grace of God. They are called to remember God and God's character.

It's a wonderful thing to be drawn from ourselves, our focus directed toward God and others. What we do matters, significantly, but what God has done matters more. His intervention, cross, and resurrection speak the greater final word. This remembrance will bring more change and healing, hope, and life than all the sincere "I blew it" in the world.

## This Sunday:

November 29, 2020

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

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

Preacher: Doug Webster

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

We will livestream both services, at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Visit [AdventBirmingham.org/Live](http://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](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Worship). Recordings of classes are available at [AdventBirmingham.org/Audio](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Audio).

**The Dean's Class** (Refectory) – *Job: A Christian Witness* – Mark Gignilliat  
**To Be Known by God** (Chapter Room) – *Wearing Only Christ (Galatians 3:19-29)* – Gil Kracke

**Jeremiah: A Parable of Jesus and a Disciple of Christ** (Living Room) – *Jeremiah's Call* – Doug Webster

### 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](http://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!



## spiritual growth & fellowship

### Women's Ministry

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

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. in the Nave at the church. *(Please note change of venue from the Botanical Gardens, and time change from previous years.)* Our own Carolyn Lankford (*right*), Interim Director of Women's Ministries, will offer a meditation on *Joseph: The Champion for Infant Jesus*.



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.

### Youth Ministry

#### Advent Bowl 2020: Tradition Continues this Sunday

It's 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 this 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.

#### Jr. High Progressive Dinner December 6

Another favorite Advent tradition is right around the corner, the Junior High Progressive Dinner, set for Sunday, December 6, 5:00-6:15 p.m. This year we will "progress" in and around Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209) to maintain Covid safety. We will still enjoy food, fellowship, and play Dirty Santa! If you can help with food, please contact Tucker Fleming ([Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com)).

### Young Adults' Ministry

#### Christmas Party December 3

Adventers in their 20s and 30s are invited to the Young Adults' Christmas Party on Thursday, December 3, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Andrew and Lauren Pearson's place. Put on your ugliest Christmas sweater and come to the Pearsons' backyard to toast s'mores. Masks required. Please email Michael Weeks to RSVP ([Weeks@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Weeks@CathedralAdvent.com)).

Jesus said, "And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory... But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come."  
- Mark 13:26, 32-33



## worship

### Sunday Services

#### Worship Continues Indoors this Sunday

We will hold two services inside our Nave this Sunday, November 29: 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](http://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](http://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](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Worship).

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

### Lectionary

Sunday, November 29: Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18  
Isaiah 64:1-9  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37

### Youth Ministry

#### Sr. High Progressive Dinner December 6

The Senior High Progressive Dinner will happen Sunday, December 6, 6:57-8:15 p.m. This year we will "progress" in and around Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209) to maintain Covid safety. We will still enjoy food, fellowship, and play Dirty Santa! We would love your help with food. If you can help, please contact Rebecca Lankford ([Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com)).



Above: Senior High youth gathered for a Family Dinner at Cranmer House on November 15. The Senior High Progressive Dinner is set for Sunday, December 6, also at Cranmer House.



## education

### Parish-Wide Reading

#### **The Pilgrim's Progress this Week: Christian Reaches the Celestial City**

The timeless story of Christian as he travels from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City concludes this week. Our reading is chapter 15 and "The Conclusion" in the *Crossway* edition and pages 176 ("Now I saw in my dream...") through 187 in the *Desiring God* edition. The suggested Bible passages to read beforehand are Isaiah 43:1-7 and Revelation 21:1-8. After your reading, go to [AdventBirmingham.org/Pilgrim](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Pilgrim) to view Week 12's short video summary.

For Week 13, Dean Pearson will wrap up *The Pilgrim's Progress* and give us a brief overview of *Pilgrim's Progress II: Christiana's Story*. This video will post on December 6.



## making music

### Concert Series

#### **Virtual Series Continues with Organ Recital December 10**

Frederick Teardo (*right*), the Advent's Director of Music and Organist, will present a recital of seasonal organ music on Thursday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m., livestreamed from the Advent on [AdventBirmingham.org/Live](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Live) and associated digital platforms. If you miss the performance, it will be available on our website archive following the event.

Please join us for some Advent and Christmas cheer!



## 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.

**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.



## serving & outreach

### Coat Drive

#### **Drop-Off Drive Set for December 6**

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)).



## 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've changed 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.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

- Collect for the First Sunday of Advent  
BCP, pg. 159

## 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 Life and Evangelism

The Rev. Canon Zac Hicks, Canon for Liturgy and Worship

The Rev. Canon Katherine P. Jacob, Honorary Canon

The Rev. Dr. Michael Weeks, Assisting Clergy

The Rev. Wes Sharp, Clergy Associate

## transitions:

**Marriage:** Trudy Evans and Russell Levenson, Sr., on November 10

## memorials:

### Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

**Frances Estes Seibels:** (Altar Guild) by Amy Neal Ager • (Mission and Outreach) by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Y. Menendez

**Ed and Marleah Hobbs:** (Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Beth and Edward Hobbs

**Constance Swartz:** (Pastoral Care) by Gordon and Gibson Lanier

**Richard L. Smalley:** (Pastoral Care) by Gordon and Gibson Lanier

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## calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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 - Nave - 11:30 a.m.	3 Young Adults' Christmas Party - Pearsons' - 7:00 p.m.	4	5
Dec 6 Coat Drive Indoor Worship - Nave - 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Adult Education - 10:15 a.m. Jr. High Progressive Dinner at 5:00 p.m.; Sr. High at 6:57 p.m. - Cranmer	7	8 Praise Service - Nave - 8:00 a.m.	9 Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	10 Concert Series: Fred Teardo, organ; AdventBirmingham.org/Live - 7:00 p.m.	11	12

**Intercessory Prayer Available at the Advent House:** Anyone desiring to seek God in prayer may reach out to the Advent House Prayer Ministry. We are offering prayer sessions at the Advent House (2317 Arlington Avenue South, 35205) or via the Zoom video app. Please contact Kathy Logue (205-410-4622, [Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com)) for more information.

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