

## NOMINEES FOR THE VESTRY

For election at the annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 24, 2021

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*“What are your hopes for the Cathedral Church of the Advent for the immediate future?”*

**JIM ANDREWS** – Member 34 years • Publisher/Mortgage Banker



• Wife: Elizabeth • Former Vestry Member, Sunday School Teacher, Stewardship Chairman, Usher, Chalice Bearer • “I am hopeful that the Advent can continue to be the beacon that preaches and teaches salvation through Jesus Christ crucified. I am thankful for what the staff at the Advent has done in the face of these unprecedented times and hope that we can continue to find creative, thoughtful, and caring ways to support our parish family. I hope that we will learn from this and grow through the challenges today and tomorrow. I hope that what has happened will result in the Advent being even stronger. My family and I are so very grateful for the Advent as our church home and family; I want that to continue.”

**WARREN BAKER** – Member five years • Director of Operations,



EdiPhy Advisors • Wife: Laura • Welcome Team, Usher • “I’d like to see a robust return to in-person worship as soon as feasible! It’s also my hope that participation in small group Bible study continues to grow and be a tool to strengthen faith so that others can see the Holy Spirit at work in our lives and be drawn in to hear the gospel.”

**RUSS CHAMBLISS** – Member 22 years • Retired Business Owner



• Wife: Ann • Former Vestry Member, Finance Committee, Five O’Clock Service Committee, Garden Committee, Small Groups Member, Cursillo, Usher, Sunday School Teacher • “I would hope that the Advent would remain a place where the gospel is proclaimed and lived, the word of God is studied and obeyed, and people would find a real relationship with the living Christ. I also hope that the Advent would continue

to be a vibrant vessel through which God works. Our church has been richly blessed, and I pray that we would use our blessings to be a blessing to others.”

**JIM DIXON** – Member 20+ years • Real Estate – Arlington Properties



• Wife: Marilyn • Usher, Small Groups, Five O’Clock Band • “My hope for the Advent is that it continues to serve its members, warmly welcomes and embraces newcomers and, by preaching the gospel, is a shining light of hope and promise in our outreach ministries. I hope, once COVID becomes an unfond memory, the Advent continues to expand its diversity of services, and can integrate attendees from these various services

so more members experience the joy of getting to know, worship, and work with folks they might otherwise never know. The Advent should continue its focus on being a part of the downtown Birmingham community by continuing and furthering its outreach and ministries in this area. The city needs Adventers and the Advent in Birmingham’s daily life. We give hope to many and should continue being that hope.”

**BING EDWARDS** – Member 17 years • Attorney • Lector, Chalice Bearer, Usher



• “My prayer is that the Advent will be a shelter for us all during these turbulent times.”

**CARDWELL FEAGIN** – Member three years • Chief Operating



Officer (COO), VIVA Health • Wife: Elizabeth • Men’s Discipleship Training, Men’s Discipleship Retreat Leader, Shepherd, Usher, Small Groups, Confirmation Table Parent • “My hope is that we are a true witness to the gospel of Christ. It is imperative that the Advent strives to be faithful to the gospel when making decisions and discipling others in such a divisive and broken world, even when these decisions do not receive the world’s approval. Through my training in men’s discipleship and being a shepherd, I believe strongly that we should continue to focus on our discipleship ministry. At the Advent, I have been taught that centering your life on Jesus and giving up control with the Holy Spirit’s power leads to a peace that the world is not capable of giving. This power of God’s grace has led to a rebirth in my faith that I would like to share. With isolation and division prevalent in our world, shepherding and discipling others should be of utmost importance.”

**DAVID FLEMING** – Member six years • CEO of Economic



Development Organization • Wife: Brooke • Cathedral Choir Member, Stewardship Captain, Advent Episcopal School Board of Trustees, Home Group Co-Leader • “My family and I reside in the city, and I have felt called to a career where I work on the development, vibrancy, and growth of Birmingham’s downtown commercial areas. Therefore, my hopes for the Advent are, first, to be a place in our City Center where faith seekers encounter Jesus; second, that we influence our city by proclaiming the gospel; third, to be a place where people in need of spiritual and emotional healing find it in our worship, teaching, and community. Finally, we join God in the restoration and redemption of our city through mission partnerships and initiatives. We need to come out of the pandemic restoring the things we treasure about our church while innovating in ways true to our character and seeking relevance for today.”

**RON FLOWERS** – Member 12 years • Attorney • Wife: Beth



• Former Vestry Member, Small Groups, Welcome Team, Usher Captain, Stewardship Captain • “I hope and pray that the Advent will continue to be a refuge for sinners, devoted to a cross-centered theology and justification by faith alone in Christ alone, where the gospel is preached every Sunday.”

**ALFRED GOINGS** – Member 10 years • Sr. Manager of Digital



Commerce at O’Neal Steel • Wife: Sally • Five O’Clock Leadership Team, Usher • “The year of 2020 was one of unprecedented changes. My hope for the Advent is to expand upon the lessons learned in 2020, even though changes can be difficult and uncomfortable. It will be important for our church family to seek Jesus through his word, which unifies us, and follow him as he leads. Proverbs 3:5-6 says ‘Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.’”

**DAVID GREEN** – Member 18 years • General Contractor • Wife:



Alison • Usher, Building Committee, Welcome Team, Stewardship Captain and Caller • “Continue to follow and spread the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.”

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**KENAN LUCAS** – Member 12 years • Fund Manager, Harbert Management Corporation • Wife: Catherine • Usher, Stewardship Caller, Small Groups • “Catherine and I are members of the Advent because we believe the Advent does a great job of balancing the dual messages that our need for the Lord is greater than we can understand and his love for us is deeper than we can comprehend. My hope for the Advent in the immediate future is that we successfully transition back to in-person learning and fellowship while continuing to leverage and expand upon the technology we have been forced to utilize during the pandemic. While the disruption to our worship services was extremely challenging, the Advent responded admirably. I believe there are ways we can apply what we learned during the pandemic in order to magnify the gospel message in our community and beyond in the future.”



**GINGER MAYFIELD** – Member 11 years • College Advisor • Husband: Tommy • Women's Discipleship Class Teacher, VBS Volunteer, Five O'Clock Altar Guild • “My prayer is that every church member is involved in some form of small group fellowship or short-term Bible study over the next year. I also hope that the Advent continues to grow the men's and women's discipleship programs.”



**KRISTEN PADILLA** – Member five years • Manager of Marketing and Communications, Director of Women in Ministry Initiative at Beeson Divinity School • Husband: Osvaldo • Adult Sunday School Teacher, Guest Speaker at Women's Ministry Events, Small Groups, Substitute Sunday School Teacher for Children's Ministry • “My hope for the Advent is that it continues to shine the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ in our city and beyond. My prayer is that the Advent, as an orthodox Protestant church, will remain strong in its Anglican roots, committed to Holy Scripture, and shaped by the gospel it proclaims – a vibrant community of faith!”



**DONNY PATTON** – Member five years • President, John R. White Co., Inc. • Wife Katharine • Stewardship Parish Caller, Usher • “My hope for the immediate future of the Advent is that we continue to equip the congregation, the community, and the world to share the gospel message of Jesus Christ. From Psalm 43, I pray that God will send forth his light and his truth to guide us.”



**MARY BERKELEY PRITCHARD** – Member 23 years • Office Administrator • Husband: Pete • Advent House Guild Member, Lenten Lunch Volunteer, Shepherds Ministry, Discipleship Class Teacher, Bible Blog Copy Editor, Outreach Planning Committee • “My hope for the Advent is that God will continue to transform each of our lives through the grace of Jesus Christ and that, in response, we will grow in our love for, trust in, and dependence on God and in our service to others. As God often works through adversity, I hope and trust that he will use and is using this particularly challenging season to knit us together as a community of believers who encourage and support one another in our faith and that as we persevere in our preaching, teaching, music, youth ministry, small groups, and outreach, he will bring many to Christ.”



**JACK SHARMAN** – Member 25 years • Attorney, Partner at Lightfoot, Franklin, & White LLC • Wife: Elizabeth • Former Vestry Member, Stewardship Chair, Junior High Christian Education Teacher, Adult Christian Education Teacher, Usher Chair, Discernment Committee, Stewardship Caller, Men's Ministry Chair, Advent Bible-in-A-Year Blog Contributor, Cursillo, Small Groups, Confirmation Table Leader • “I hope that the Advent continues to be a grace-filled, biblically based, gospel-centered beacon for all people in a broken world.”



**LAURA STEELE** – Member 18 years • Owner of Steele Style Consulting, Levy's Fine Jewelry at Gus Mayer • Husband: Parker • VBS, Lenten Lunches, Confirmation Group Leader, Discipleship Group, Small Groups, Advent Women's Ministry Leader • “My hopes for the Advent are for our parish to collectively continue to spread the gospel through its many resources, community outreach, and Christian education. It is further my hope that we prayerfully support an active and inclusive parish life and small group program. I also hope and pray for the wonderful clergy in their leadership, teachings, and continued growth with our parish and in our church.”



**ROBIN WADE** – Member 20 years • Executive • Wife: Net • Former Vestry Member, Small Groups, Usher, Stewardship Committee, Children's Sunday School Teacher • “Mostly, I look forward to coming back to the Advent with the rest of the church to pray and worship and even sing (!) again together as we did before the pandemic. I look forward to social distancing and masks being a bad memory in a few more months. And I look forward to our small group gathering in person again. Having served on the Vestry in the past, I understand the administration and business side of running this magnificent place, but what is most important is worshipping together in person as a community again. The Advent clergy gave us a strong foundation by their preaching, teaching, and worshipping to endure many tough times last year. It would be an honor to serve again on the Vestry and help continue the rich and vital traditions of our spiritual lives here.”



**ANN BAILEY WHITE** – Lifelong Member • Interiors • Husband: Craig • Sunday School Teacher, Lenten Lunch Sponsorship Chair and Waitress, St. Amelia's Guild Co-Chair, Stewardship Caller, Atrium Catechism, VBS • “I pray that we continue to be a gospel-centered church especially focusing on our youth and our youth ministries.”

