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News & Events

Lenten Preaching this Week: Bryan White, Alton Hardy, and Tal Prince

Bryan White, Senior Pastor of St. Peter's Anglican Church in Mountain Brook, Alabama, will preach Monday, March 22, at 12:05 p.m. Alton Hardy, Senior Pastor of Urban Hope Community Church in Fairfield, Alabama, will be in the pulpit Tuesday-Wednesday, March 23-24. Tal Prince, Director of Insights Counseling Center in Birmingham, Alabama, will preach Thursday-Friday, March 25-26. Those attending in person must wear a mask and observe social distancing. You can also join the services via livestream. *See page 2 for more information.*

Holy Week and Easter Services Scheduled

The Advent will hold a Holy Communion service on Maundy Thursday, April 1, at 6:00 p.m. The Liturgy for Good Friday will begin at noon on April 2. We will hold five services of Holy Communion on Easter Day, Sunday, April 4. Services at 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. will be choir led; services at 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. will be band led. To attend a service in person, you must register at AdventBirmingham.org/HolyWeekAndEaster. Registration will open on Monday, March 29, at 9:00 a.m. *See page 2 for details.*

A Word from the Dean

A friend challenged me recently, saying, "Faith is not static," meaning that we all have moved in some way when it comes to our faith. Hebrews 2:1 speaks to this from the negative side: drifting away from Bible truths. Places like Isaiah 55:6 encourage us to move closer to the Lord. This conversation prompted me to ask myself where I had moved.

The warning in Hebrews is like our experience swimming at the beach. I would always look for a fixed point to give me my position, and after swimming for about 10 minutes, I would find that I had moved down the beach. Without my fixed point, I would have no idea that I had drifted.

The same is true for the Christian life: if we aren't looking to God's word for the truth about who Jesus is, we will drift, and worse yet, we will think we are not in danger. When we see that we have moved, we make it our goal to repent and move back to the fixed point.

In my own life, where I have drifted, I have sought to repent and return to the Lord. Alternatively, here are some areas where I have moved closer to the Lord as a result of my deepening faith.

Sin. At one point, I believed that sin was

just the bad choices I made in life. If I tried hard enough and prayed hard enough, I could overcome my propensity to sin. In reading the Bible, I now understand how I had misunderstood sin and, therefore, human nature. Sin is an inherent condition. It taints every part of who we are and everything we do. Overcoming sin is not about behavioral modification, but repentance and throwing ourselves solely upon the mercy and merits of Jesus Christ.

My identity is in Christ. As I have gotten older, being a Christian becomes increasingly difficult. In this ever-changing world, there are issues that cause my flesh to ask, "Does faithfulness really matter?"

My coming to terms with the difference that my faith makes in my life came by understanding who I am in Jesus. My relationship to him reminds me that I am his and what he thinks is of ultimate importance. It is not this world or anyone in this world who will serve as my judge one day, but the Lord Jesus Christ. What good would it do for me to gain the world and forfeit my soul?

Are you moving toward the Lord Jesus as measured by his word or away from him? Look up and look to Jesus.

- Andrew

This Sunday:

March 21, 2021

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

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

Preacher: Canon Smalley
Registering to attend is necessary at AdventBirmingham.org/Worship.

We will livestream both services, at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Visit 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. Recordings of classes are available at Audio.AdventBirmingham.org.

The Dean's Class (Refectory) – *The Exodus of the People of God (Chapters 13-14)* – Dean Pearson

Walking With Jesus Through the Gospel of Mark (Living Room) – *Who Are You Calling a Dog? (Chapters 7-8)* – Canon Smalley

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. Classes for 4th and 5th graders will be held at the church, 10:15-11:00 a.m. Confirmation class for 6th graders will meet at Cranmer House, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Please ensure that you sign up your child through the Signup Genius link sent by Tara Davis as we have limited spaces.

Children's Sunday School video lessons continue to be available online each week at AdventBirmingham.org/Worship.

Junior High and Senior High classes will not meet this Sunday. Watch for information about future classes.



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Holy Week and Easter Services

Services Set for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Day

Here is the schedule:

Maundy Thursday, April 1

6:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Michael Weeks • Music led by the Cathedral Choir and organ • Service livestreamed on AdventBirmingham.org/Live • Nursery for ages 18 months-4K

Good Friday, April 2

12:00 noon The Liturgy for Good Friday

Preacher: Dean Pearson • Music led by the Cathedral Choir and organ • Service livestreamed on AdventBirmingham.org/Live • Nursery for ages 18 months-4K • Children's Program for kindergarten-3rd grade

Easter Day, Sunday, April 4

7:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Dean Pearson • Music led by the Cathedral Choir and organ • No Nursery

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Dean Pearson • Music led by the Cathedral Choir and organ • Service livestreamed on AdventBirmingham.org/Live • Nursery for ages 18 months-2 years • Children's Program for 3K and 4K

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Dean Pearson • Music led by the Cathedral Choir and organ • Nursery for ages 18 months-4K

3:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Dean Pearson • Music led by the Advent Birmingham band • Nursery for ages 18 months-4K

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Dean Pearson • Music led by the Advent Birmingham band • Service livestreamed on AdventBirmingham.org/Live • Nursery for ages 18 months-4K

You must register to attend any of these services in person; sign up at AdventBirmingham.org/HolyWeekAndEaster. Registration will open on Monday, March 29, at 9:00 a.m. Please wear a mask and observe social distancing.

Registration for the Nursery as well as the Good Friday and Easter Children's Programs will be required through a link emailed by Tara Davis. Sign-up emails will be sent on Monday, March 29, at 9:00 a.m. Contact Tara (Tara@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

On Easter, we encourage children to bring flowers to adorn the cross on 20th Street near the steps into the Nave. We ask that parents assist their children in flowering the cross before or after the services.

You can see a list of FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) at AdventBirmingham.org/HolyWeekAndEaster.

Lenten Preaching Series

The Lenten Preaching service is held 12:05-12:30 p.m. every weekday during Lent. Our series looks different this year, but we hope you will join us as often as you are able. Join us in person, via livestream (AdventBirmingham.org/Live, Facebook Live, or YouTube), or by listening to the audio posted online (Audio.AdventBirmingham.org). Those attending in person must wear a mask and observe social distancing.

Lenten Preachers this Week

Bryan White to Preach Monday



Bryan White became the Senior Pastor of St. Peter's Anglican Church in Mountain Brook, Alabama, in January 2019. A native of Virginia Beach, Virginia, he attended the University of Virginia, where he majored in religious studies and was mentored by former Advent Canon Paul Walker. He completed The Fellows Program at The Falls Church Anglican before going on to earn an M.Div. degree at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in 2011.

Before his call to St. Peter's, Mr. White served Anglican churches in Oxford, England; Washington, D.C.; and Houston, Texas. He is married to Laurin, and they have one son.

Alton Hardy in the Pulpit Wednesday and Thursday



Alton Hardy is the Senior Pastor and founder of Urban Hope Community Church in Fairfield, Alabama. He is also the cofounder of Urban Hope Development in Fairfield. A native of Selma, Alabama, he lived in Kentucky and Michigan for many years before returning to Alabama. He holds degrees from Alpena Community College, Reformed Bible College, and Calvin Seminary, as well as a Certificate of Completion in Reformed Preaching from Antioch Leadership Training.

An ordained teaching elder of the Presbyterian Church in America, Mr. Hardy is passionate about addressing the conditions facing urban communities. In his free time, he enjoys reading and watching sports. He and his wife Sandra have five children.

Lectionary

Sunday, March 21: Psalm 51:1-13 or Psalm 119:9-16
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

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.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!
- Psalm 25:7



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Lenten Preachers this Week

Tal Prince Returns to Preach Thursday and Friday

Tal Prince is the Director of Insights Counseling Center in Birmingham, Alabama. After careers in international business, ministry, broadcasting, and speaking, he now uses his life experience, education, and personal experience with addiction to help individuals and couples at Insights Counseling.

A veteran of our Lenten Preaching series, Mr. Prince holds a Master of Divinity degree from Beeson Divinity School and a Master of Clinical Mental Health degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He previously served as Pastor of Tapestry of Hope church in Birmingham, and hosted his own show on Sirius Satellite Radio. He and his wife Teresa have two teenage daughters and two dogs.



Nursery Provided on Thursdays During Lent

We offer a nursery for children ages 18 months-4k on Thursdays during Lent, from 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Parents need to register their children beforehand. Sign-ups will be emailed to parents by Tara Davis (Tara@CathedralAdvent.com).



bookstore

Bookstore Open Six Days a Week During Lent

During Lent, the Advent Bookstore is open Sunday mornings, 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Mondays and Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; and Thursdays and Fridays, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Masks are required, and we maintain social distancing. Contact Ann Campbell (Ann@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

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Lenten Lunches

To-Go Boxed Lunches Offered this Year

Boxed lunches are available to-go each weekday of Lent (except Good Friday) from 12:30-1:00 p.m. and include a sandwich (Advent pimento cheese, Advent chicken salad, and a third sandwich or entree salad option), side items, dessert, and bottled water. The cost is \$10.00. Lunches may be picked up and paid for in Clingman Commons, and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Carolyn Lankford (Carolyn@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

Young Adults' Ministry

Gathering Set for March 30

If you're in your 20s or 30s, please join us for a young adults' gathering Tuesday, March 30, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Pies and Pints (125 20th Street South, 35233). We'll be sitting outdoors. Contact Michael Weeks (Weeks@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

Advent House Prayer Ministry

Intercessory Prayer Is Available In Person or Via Zoom

So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep."

- John 10:7-11



As we turn to God, we pray on behalf of everyone who comes to the Advent House Prayer Ministry. Putting our trust and hope in the saving grace of Jesus Christ, we pray together for Jesus' perfect healing – in his way and in his timing – that gives the light of life to all who come to him, whatever our circumstances or wherever we are in our Christian journey.

We are offering prayer sessions at the Advent House (2317 Arlington Avenue South, 35205) and virtually via Zoom. At the present time a safety protocol of wearing face masks and physical distancing is in place. If you would like to schedule a prayer appointment, please contact Kathy Logue (205-410-4622, Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com).

Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

- Psalm 51:11-12

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transitions:

Births: James David Mills, son of Elliott and Taylor, on February 28; Caroline Grace Clapp, daughter of Brandon and LeeAshford, on March 1

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 21 Morning Prayer - Nave - 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Adult Education - 10:15 a.m.	22 Lenten Preaching - Bryan White - 12:05 p.m. Bookstore Open - 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	23 Praise Service - Nave - 8:00 a.m. Lenten Preaching - Alton Hardy - 12:05 p.m. Bookstore Open - 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	24 Lenten Preaching - Alton Hardy - 12:05 p.m. Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	25 Lenten Preaching - Tal Prince - 12:05 p.m. Bookstore Open - 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	26 Lenten Preaching - Tal Prince - 12:05 p.m. Bookstore Open - 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	27
Mar 28 Palm Sunday Ante-Communion - Nave - 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Adult Education - 10:15 a.m. Jr. High Dinner at 5:45 p.m.; Sr. High Dinner at 6:57 p.m.	29 Lenten Preaching - Ken Jones - 12:05 p.m. Bookstore Open - 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	30 Praise Service - Nave - 8:00 a.m. Lenten Preaching - Ken Jones - 12:05 p.m. Bookstore Open - 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Young Adults' Gathering - 7:00 p.m.	31 Lenten Preaching - Ken Jones - 12:05 p.m. Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Apr 1 Maundy Thursday Lenten Preaching - Joel Brooks - 12:05 p.m. Bookstore Open - 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Holy Communion - 6:00 p.m.	2 Good Friday The Liturgy for Good Friday - noon Church Office and Bookstore closed	3

Monday-Friday (No Lunch April 2): Lenten Lunches – Clingman Commons, 12:30 p.m.

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