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## News & Events

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## A Word from Wes Sharp

trust in things that the world has to offer us.

The Lord speaks throughout Scripture about anxiety and trust. In Proverbs 12:25, the writer says that "Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad." This anxiety is referenced later by Jesus in Matthew 6, when he calls the listener not to be anxious about food, drink, clothing, or even tomorrow because our Heavenly Father knows what is best for us and values us. This type of anxiety is not believed to be defined as the medical community or even the common dictionary defines it. (Jesus is actually speaking in regards to a trust in him that surpasses all the things of the world – a belief in a sovereign God who is in control and not lacking in knowledge of what is best for us.)

Several recent conversations have led to the topic of anxiety and fear – those moments when we begin to take our eyes off the vision and call of Jesus and put our

I know, personally, that this is an easy concept to believe but more difficult to live by, especially when things are not going as planned. It's easy to believe God is in control when our jobs are a guarantee, the stock market is doing well, and our families are all healthy. It's a bit harder when those things are out of sorts, but it doesn't make it any less true. The Lord has a way of drawing us to him in our times of need, to trust and rely on him.

Most have experienced times of plenty, and most have experienced times of little, wondering how that bill or those groceries are going to be paid for. The Scriptures do not promise that it will always work the way we hope and desire. But they do promise God will never leave us or forsake us and that he is worthy of trusting. Jesus says in Matthew 6:33 to "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these other things, *all the needed things*, will be added unto you." I pray this promise will ring true in your heart as assurance today – the promise that if we fix our eyes on Christ, he will give us our next step and draw near to us as we seek after him. - Wes

**Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.**

- 1 Chronicles 16:11

## This Sunday:

May 2, 2021

### 9:15 a.m. Holy Communion

(Band led)

### 11:15 a.m. Holy Communion

(Organ and Choir led)

Preacher: Dean Pearson

Registering to attend is necessary at [AdventBirmingham.org/Worship](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Worship).

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

### 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 [Audio.AdventBirmingham.org](http://Audio.AdventBirmingham.org).

**The Dean's Class** (Refectory) – *The Exodus of the People of God (Chapters 18-24)* – Dean Pearson

**Beginning at the Beginning** (Chapter Room) – *Father Abraham (Genesis 12-25)* – Doug Webster

**Prayer and Praying** (Living Room) – Gil Kracke  
**Springtime Psalms** (Assembly Hall) – Mark Gignilliat

### Children's & Youth Education:

With the start of Phase II this week, Sunday School for 3K through 5th graders will be held at the church, 10:15-11:00 a.m. We will offer children's programming for 3K-3rd grade during the 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. services. 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](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Worship).

Junior High and Senior High classes will resume this Sunday, 10:15-11:00 a.m., with 6th graders joining the Junior High in Lower Morton and Senior High meeting in the Undercroft. See page 2.



# GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!

## Phase II of Sunday Transition Plan Begins this Week

We are excited to move into Phase II this Sunday. As we are increasing the attendance capacity in the Nave for both of our morning services, we are also widening the reach of our Nursery, children's, and youth classes on Sunday mornings. Here are some notable aspects of Phase II as well as Phase III, which we hope will begin later this summer at a date to be determined:

### Phase II (begins this Sunday, May 2)

- Nave seating in every pew at both the 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. services.
- We suggest that no more than seven people sit in a pew, allowing people to stagger themselves. (Full seating capacity is 14 people per pew.)
- Overflow seating in the Refectory continues.
- Registration limits increase to 325 in the Nave and 75 in the Refectory. Sign up to attend at [AdventBirmingham.org/Worship](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Worship).
- The age threshold for the Nursery is lowered to include infants. Each room (the Infants, Toddlers, and Twos) will be open for up to eight children.
- All children's and youth classes are on campus.
- Fuller compliment of adult education classes.
- Coffee is available in Clingman Commons.
- Masks will be required until further notice.

### Phase III (TBD)

We hope to move to Phase III later this summer, as vaccination availability and other markers continue to improve. The exact date is to be determined.

- No seating restrictions in the Nave.
- No overflow seating in the Refectory.
- No registration or masks required.
- All three Nursery room (Infants, Toddlers, and Twos) are open, with no registration required.
- Kindergarten through 3rd grade children will begin each service in the Nave.
- Breakfast will resume.

## Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting Via Zoom May 3

All parishioners are invited to a prayer gathering to take place via the Zoom video app on Monday, May 3, at 7:15 p.m. Typically held the first Monday of each month, this hour-long meeting is set aside to pray for the Advent. As Dean Pearson wrote about these gatherings, "If we are not on our knees, we are trying to do ministry in our own strength. We know that apart from the Lord Jesus we can do nothing."

Visit [AdventBirmingham.org/News](http://AdventBirmingham.org/News) to get the Zoom link, and contact Margaret Pope ([Margaret@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Margaret@CathedralAdvent.com)) for more information. We hope you can join us.



## education

### Children's Sunday School

#### Phase II of Transition Plan Brings Changes this Sunday

The age threshold for our Nursery will be lowered to include infants this Sunday, May 2, and the Nursery now will be open to infants, toddlers, and 2-year-olds.

Throughout this school year, 3K-3rd grade children's Sunday School was held during the 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. worship services, but as Phase II begins this Sunday, the main Sunday School time for these age groups will be from 10:15-11:00 a.m., when youth and adults are also in classes. This is the time your children are immersed in weekly Bible lessons and theology. Therefore, we highly encourage families to sign up and attend during this hour. Children's programming for 3K-3rd grade will be offered during the 9:15 and 11:15 worship services and will consist of constructive reinforcement of Christian education through games, fellowship, and grade-level goals. 3K-3rd grade children will participate in a portion of the worship service at a later phase.

Classes for 4th and 5th grade will continue to meet from 10:15-11:00 a.m. Students in 6th grade will join the Junior High classes, meeting in Lower Morton, 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Registration is still required for the Nursery and children's classes and programming. Sign-ups are emailed by Tara Davis on Monday mornings. Contact Tara ([Tara@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Tara@CathedralAdvent.com)) with questions.

### Youth Sunday School

#### Jr. and Sr. High Classes Are Back this Sunday

We are so excited to offer weekly Junior and Senior High Sunday School starting this Sunday, May 2. We are back and better than ever! Sixth graders will join 7th and 8th grade students for Junior High class in the Lower Morton Meeting Room from 10:15-11:00 a.m. All 9-12th graders will meet for Senior High class in the Undercroft at the same time. Registration is not necessary to attend youth classes, but masks are required.



## spiritual growth & fellowship

### Youth Ministry

#### Senior Night 2021 Is May 3

All graduating high school seniors of the Advent are invited to a celebratory dinner on Monday, May 3, 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Cranmer House. The evening will include a panel answering questions about spiritual life in college. We hope all can join us so we can celebrate and send off our seniors well! Please RSVP to Rebecca ([Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com)).

Jesus said, "Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

- John 15:5b

(Jesus prayed to the Father) "As you sent me into the world, so I have sent (those you have given me) into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth." - John 17:18-19



## making music

### Concert Series

#### Zachary Banks and Fred Teardo to Perform May 6

The Cathedral Concert Series will present "Songs of Travel" and Spirituals with bass-baritone Zachary Banks (*above right*) and pianist Fred Teardo (*below right*) on Thursday, May 6, 6:00 p.m. in Clingman Commons. Taken from Robert Louis Stevenson's collection of poetry of the same name, Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Songs of Travel* is a cycle of nine songs for baritone and piano. Mr. Banks will sing the cycle as well as a selection of spirituals.



A member of our Cathedral Choir, Mr. Banks earned Bachelor of Arts in Voice and Bachelor of Music in Choral Education degrees from the University of Montevallo. He serves as Choir Director at his high-school alma mater, Birmingham's Ramsay High School. Dr. Teardo is the Advent's Director of Music and Organist.



This concert will be open to a limited in-person audience. To register, please visit [AdventBirmingham.org/News](http://AdventBirmingham.org/News); registration will open on Monday, May 3. The concert will also be livestreamed on [AdventBirmingham.org/Live](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Live) and associated digital platforms, and be made available for later listening.

### Midday Music

#### ASO Musicians to Present Music for Flute and Clarinet April 30

Our 2020-2021 Midday Music series will conclude on Friday, April 30, 12:30 p.m. in the Nave with a free, 30-minute concert by Lisa Wienhold, flute, and Kathleen Costello, clarinet. Both are members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra, with Ms. Wienhold serving as principal flutist since 1997, and Ms. Costello as principal clarinetist since 2006. Their program will include music by Bach, Muczynski, Villa-Lobos, and Rutter.

We are pleased to be able to open this concert to a limited public audience. To sign up to attend, please visit [AdventBirmingham.org/News](http://AdventBirmingham.org/News). The performance will also be livestreamed on [AdventBirmingham.org/Live](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Live) and associated digital platforms for anyone unable to attend in person, and will be available for later listening.

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. - 1 John 4:10-11

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. - 1 John 4:18-19



## worship

### Holy Communion

#### Receiving Communion this Sunday

We will have services of Holy Communion at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. this Sunday, May 2. Upon arriving at a service, worshipers will receive an individualized package containing a wafer and wine. At the appropriate time, the Officiant will direct everyone to receive Communion at their seats. We will not be going forward for Communion.

### Choral Evensong

#### Service for Ascension Day Set for May 13

The Cathedral Choir will sing Choral Evensong for Ascension Day on Thursday, May 13, at 5:30 p.m. in the Nave. Evensong, a sung version of the Evening Prayer service, is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. Its primary purpose is to proclaim the wonderful works of God in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ through prayer and praise. Canon Smalley will preach.

To register for in-person attendance, please visit [AdventBirmingham.org/Worship](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Worship), starting Friday, May 7. The concert will also be livestreamed on [AdventBirmingham.org/Live](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Live) and associated digital platforms.

Come join us in celebration of the Ascension of our Lord, and worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

### Lectionary

Sunday, May 2: Psalm 22:24-30 • Acts 8:26-40  
1 John 4:7-21 • John 15:1-8



## spiritual growth & fellowship

### Youth Ministry

#### Jr. High Mystery Trip Set for July 13-15

All rising 7th-9th graders are invited to come July 13-15 when we will travel together to a place you'll find out about as soon as we get there! Cost is \$275, and financial help is available. Register at [AdventBirmingham.org/Youth](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Youth). Contact Tucker Fleming ([Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com)) for more information.

#### Sr. High Mystery Trip Returning July 20-22

The beloved Mystery Trip is back! All current 9th-12th graders are invited on this journey July 20-22. Where are we going? That's for us to know and you to find out. (We will let parents know our destination before we depart.) Cost is \$275, and financial assistance is available. Register at [AdventBirmingham.org/Youth](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Youth). Contact Rebecca ([Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com)) for details.

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The Rev. Wes Sharp, Clergy Associate

## transitions:

**Death:** Susan Holly Fitzgibbon,  
on April 15

## memorials:

### Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

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## calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>May 2</b> Holy Communion - Nave - 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.  Christian Education - 10:15 a.m.	<b>3</b> Youth Senior Night - Cranmer House - 5:30 p.m.  Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting via Zoom - 7:15 p.m.	<b>4</b> Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	<b>5</b> Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	<b>6</b> Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  Concert Series: Zachary Banks and Fred Teardo - Clingman Com- mons - 6:00 p.m.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>May 9</b> Morning Prayer - Nave - 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.  Christian Education - 10:15 a.m.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	<b>12</b> Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	<b>13</b> Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  Choral Evensong - Nave - 5:30 p.m.	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>

**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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