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News & Events

Andrew Pearson to Preach and Teach this Sunday, His Last as Dean and Rector; Reception for the Pearsons at 12:15 p.m.

Dean Pearson will preach at both the 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. services this Sunday, May 16, his last as Dean and Rector of the Advent. He will also lead the Dean's Class at 10:15 a.m. in the Nave. We will have a reception for Andrew, Lauren, and their girls at 12:15 p.m. in the Rector's Garden.

Andrew came to the Advent as our Canon for Parish Life in 2011, before becoming our Dean and Rector in 2014. For nearly 10 years he has had a vibrant ministry here, as he has faithfully pastored us as our shepherd and leader. Lives have been changed by the gospel during Andrew's tenure. His preaching and teaching will be dearly missed.

Canon Craig Smalley has accepted the Vestry's call to serve as our Interim Dean and Rector.

All Advent members and friends are warmly invited to the reception in the Rector's Garden immediately following the 11:15 service, as we celebrate the ministry of the Pearson family and show our sincere gratitude for their servant leadership at the Advent.



A Word from the Dean

It has been my great joy and privilege to serve as your pastor for almost 10 years: a few years as an assistant and the last seven-and-a-half as your Dean and Rector. You are family to us, and saying goodbye is not easy. There is so much that could be said, but I leave you with this: Jesus is everything.

The apostle Paul told the church in Corinth that "[he] decided to know nothing among [them] except Jesus Christ and him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2). That too has been my aim at the Advent. At the end of the day, he is all that matters. Do you know Jesus and him crucified? Is Jesus at the center of who you are, and do you know his saving grace?

When Jesus is at our center, he becomes our ultimate consideration. There is a wonderful collect in the 1979 BCP that reminds us to "fear nothing but the loss of [God]" (p. 165). In all of our "faithless fears and worldly anxieties," is Jesus our first consideration? Are we casting our cares upon him? Do we fear being out of his will above all else?

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. - Ephesians 3:20-21

As we live out the Christian faith with Jesus at the center, we come to know him as our Good Shepherd. We are in a relationship with him: he abides in us and we in him. We seek to listen for his voice in his word, and when we recognize it, we follow after him. Throughout our lives we know what it is like to lie down in green pastures, be led beside still waters, but also to walk with him through the valley of the shadow of death, and even enjoy God's provision in the midst of our enemies. His promise is that he will dwell with us forever (Psalm 23).

Though he walks with us, it is easy to forget that he is there; we do not pray as we ought, and that is a neglected gift. Beware of the distractions that cause us to lose sight of Jesus and hear his words garbled. At the end of the day, he is everything.

As you continue to walk with Jesus, I am reminded that "We have scarcely begun to see all of God that the Scriptures give us to see, and what we have not yet seen is exceedingly glorious" (John Piper). For the Christian, what lies before us is infinitely greater than what lies behind.

Press On, Andrew

This Sunday:

May 16, 2021

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

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

Preacher: Dean Pearson

Registering to attend is necessary at AdventBirmingham.org/Worship.

We will livestream both services, at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Visit 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.

Recordings of classes are available at Audio.AdventBirmingham.org.

The Dean's Class (Nave) – *The Exodus of the People of God (Chapters 32-40)* – Dean Pearson

The Theology of the Acts of the Apostles (Living Room) – Osvaldo Padilla

Springtime Psalms (Assembly Hall) – Mark Gignilliat

Children's & Youth Education:

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 at AdventBirmingham.org/Worship.

Junior High and Senior High classes will meet 10:15-11:00 a.m., with 6th graders joining the Junior High in Lower Morton and Senior High meeting in the Undercroft.



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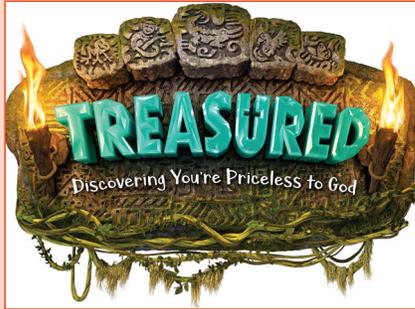
Vacation Bible School

VBS Set for June 7-10

We are excited to offer *Treasured* Vacation Bible School for current 3K-3rd grade children Monday-Thursday, June 7-10, 9:00 a.m.-noon at the Advent. At *Treasured* VBS, these children will learn that they are God's most priceless treasure!

In addition, we are offering a separate VBS for current 4th and 5th graders during the same time.

Cost is \$15. Register at AdventBirmingham.org/VBS. Contact Tara Davis (Tara@CathedralAdvent.com) with questions.

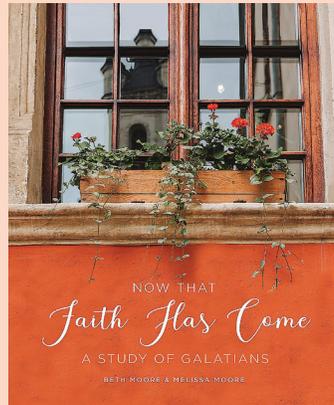


Summer Women's Bible Study

Now That Faith Has Come: Study of Galatians to Begin June 9

Grace permeates Galatians. This letter by the apostle Paul is about protecting the truth of the gospel, which declares what God has done in Christ for sinners.

Join Jane Menendez at her home (4221 Sharpsburg Drive, 35213) on Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m. beginning June 9 for this seven-week women's study by Beth and Melissa Moore. (There will be a make-up evening session on June 9 at 7:00 p.m. for VBS volunteers.) Workbooks can be ordered from Amazon or ChristianBook.com. Register by contacting Fontaine Pope (205-443-8562, Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com).



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Youth Ministry

Jr. High Mystery Trip 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. Contact Tucker Fleming (Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

Sr. High Mystery Trip July 20-22

All current 9th-12th graders are invited on this journey July 20-22, when we will travel together to a mystery location. This trip is always a ton of fun and is a great community builder in our youth group. Cost is \$275, and financial assistance is available. Register at AdventBirmingham.org/Youth. Contact Rebecca (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com) for details.

Interested in Adult Confirmation?

Glenda Curry, Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama, will be with us for Confirmation on Sunday, May 23. She will witness the Confirmation of our 6th-grade confirmands during the 9:15 a.m. service and several adults during the 11:15 a.m. service. Confirmation is the formal way of joining the church and is usually offered once a year. Adults who have attended the Inquirers' Class are invited to participate in this Confirmation service. If you are interested, please contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-443-8562).



serving & outreach

Advent Inreach

Opportunity to Assist Fellow Parishioners with Transportation

Often times one of our parishioners needs a ride for a doctor's appointment, an errand, or to church. Would you like to be part of a "team" which would provide help with transportation on occasion? There are opportunities to serve on weekdays and weekends.

For some this is a crucial need; for many it offers a wonderful way to meet and connect with members you may not know! If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please contact Stella Schreiber (Stella@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-443-8558).

Tuesday-Morning Outreach

Prayer Walk Followed by Bible Study

Our Tuesday-morning service is on hold for the next few months as we seek the Lord through prayer walking around our neighborhood. As attendance at the service has decreased because of COVID-19, we have a wonderful opportunity to meet our neighbors where they are – literally! For the past few weeks a small group of people has been gathering on the steps outside the Nave at 8:00 a.m., splitting into groups of two or three, and walking around the streets surrounding the church. After walking for 30 minutes, the group then moves into a Discovery Bible Study in the Living Room, beginning at 8:45 a.m.

If you have a heart for our city and a little free time, we invite you to join us on Tuesdays for the prayer walk, Bible study, or both! Please pray that the Lord will give us clarity in how we can best care for those in our midst. Contact Bethany Rushing (Bethany@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. - Philippians 4:5b-6

(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



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Young Adults' Ministry

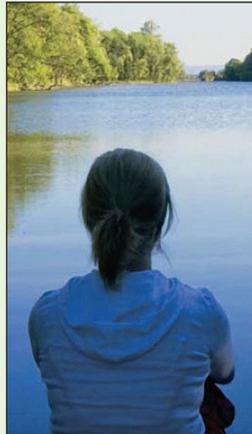
Gathering Set for May 25

If you're in your 20s or 30s, please join us for a young adults' gathering on Tuesday, May 25, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Habitat Feed and Social in the Grand Bohemian Hotel in Mountain Brook Village (2655 Lane Park Road, 35223). Find out more by contacting Michael Weeks (Weeks@CathedralAdvent.com).

Women's Ministry

Mark Your Calendars for the Women's Retreat, August 27-29

Women of the Advent: Mark your calendars now for our annual Women's Retreat set for Friday-Sunday, August 27-29, at Lake Martin. Susan Yates will be our speaker. More details will follow, and registration will begin soon, but please plan on attending this wonderful weekend. If you would like to help with the details, please contact Carolyn Lankford (Carolyn@CathedralAdvent.com).



Advent House Prayer Ministry



Intercessory Prayer Is Ongoing at Advent House

Turning 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 this 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).



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Lectionary

Sunday, May 16: Psalm 1
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19



bookstore

Thinking About a Confirmation Gift?

Bishop Curry will be with us for Confirmation on Sunday, May 23, at the 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. services. The Bookstore has gift items and books suitable for youth and adult confirmands. Stop by to see our selection.

Store hours are Sunday, 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; and Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Contact Ann Campbell (Ann@CathedralAdvent.com) with questions, or call the store at 205-323-2959.

If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

- 1 John 5:9-13

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.

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Ann Turner Hull: (Endowment Fund) by Mary Catherine Crowe

- (Mission and Outreach) by Mary Smith

Jane Kaul Wilson: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Mrs. John Forney

Richard H. McManus: (Music Discretionary Fund) by J. Allen Schreiber

In Honor of the Baptism of Caroline Byerley Goodman: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Lyn Lanier and Bobbi Lecznar

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The Very Rev. Andrew C. Pearson, Jr., Dean and Rector

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

The Rev. Canon Katherine P. Jacob, Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Michael Weeks, Assisting Clergy

The Rev. Wes Sharp, Clergy Associate

transitions:

Birth: Harper Quinn Scanlan, daughter of Ryan and Quinn, on May 1

Baptism: Christopher Wells Weingartner, son of Christopher and Rachel, on May 2

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Robin Adair Wade, Jr.: (Pastoral Care) by Donald and Katharine Patton

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