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## News & Events

### Heidi Kinner to Preach and Teach at the Advent Through Mid-July

Heidi Kinner, a longtime friend and former Vice Dean of the Advent, will be with us through July 13. While here she will preach on June 13 and 27, teach the Dean's Class for four weeks, assist in pastoral care, and generally be engaged around the parish. See page 2 for more on Heidi and the teachings she has scheduled for the Women's Ministry.

### Sign Up for Parish-Wide Emails

On rare occasions, we will write parish-wide emails, to spread the word quickly about something of critical importance (as we did in the first days of the pandemic, or to inform the parish of Andrew's resignation). We use the *Adventurer's* email distribution list for these occasional emails. If you would like to register to receive these emails, please email [Communications@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Communications@CathedralAdvent.com).

### New Members Confirmed

Twenty-four youth and 11 adults were confirmed as members of the Advent on May 23. Please join us in welcoming them, as we give thanks for their being a part of our parish family. See page 2 for the list of our new members.



## A Word from Canon Hicks

I've recently made a friend on the pickleball courts in Crestwood. He's not a Christian, but he's been interested in and open to regularly hanging out, sharing how life is going,

and talking about the Bible. He is open-minded, generous of spirit, deeply thoughtful, and understandably skeptical. He asks great questions about the text, about God, about Jesus, and about how Christianity maps (or doesn't map) onto culture. Reading the Bible with him is refreshing and stimulating, and he's given me a new appreciation for the stories of Jesus.

In another season of life, I might have called my times with him an "evangelistic relationship." Now, I just call it friendship, where faith-conversations come naturally because I am who I am and he is who he is. When I was a younger Christian and had my feet planted in a different context, I would have felt a lot of pressure to "convert" him, and there would have been a considerable amount of anxiety pressed into every interaction with him. I've come to realize, though,

**For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.**

that while my friend *does* need to be "born again of the Spirit" (John 3:5), there's a pressure relieved for both me *and* him when I remember those last three words: "...of the Spirit." Faith is the work of God.

And so when sharing faith and dialoguing about the Bible, I'm learning what it's like not to inject my anxious need to "convert him" into this precious and life-giving friendship. I can simultaneously be bold, truthful, and loving about Jesus and what he's done, and yet in a non-anxious way entrust the faith business to God. I can let God be God.

I think in the past, part of my problem was that I felt God's pleasure in *me* was wrapped up in whether I could actually lead someone all the way to faith... what a horrible thought, isn't it? And funny enough, that whole problem is a gospel-issue with *me* – a kind of self-salvation project where, in evangelism, I was trying to earn God's favor. So twisted. There's a freedom to be found in sharing Jesus openly with others, and really for the first time in a long time, I'm finding joy in it. Here's to hoping and praying that the Advent can be a context where that kind of freedom abounds!

- Zac

- John 3:17

## This Sunday:

June 13, 2021

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

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

Preacher: Heidi Kinner

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).

**June 13: The Dean's Class** (Refectory) – *A Season in the Psalms* – Mark Gignilliat

**The Good News for Millennials** (Living Room) – *Work* – Michael Weeks

**Heaven-Consciousness** (Assembly Hall) – *Future Heaven* – Cameron Cole

**June 20: The Dean's Class** (Refectory) – *The Geography of Faith: The Land of the Bible* – Heidi Kinner

## Next Sunday:

June 20, 2021

**9:15 a.m. Holy Communion**  
(Band led)

**11:15 a.m. Holy Communion**  
(Organ and Choir led)

Preacher: Cameron Cole

(Adult Education June 20, cont.)

**The Good News for Millennials** (Living Room) – *Relationships* – Michael Weeks

**Heaven-Consciousness** (Assembly Hall) – *Heaven on Earth* – Cameron Cole



# GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!

## Heidi Kinner in Residency at the Advent

Heidi Kinner (*right*) will be with us to preach, teach, and be engaged generally around the parish through July 13.

A longtime friend of the Advent, Heidi is Associate Chaplain at Christ Memorial Chapel in Hobe Sound, Florida. She served at the Advent from 2005 to 2011, first as Canon Missioner and Chaplain to the Advent Episcopal School, and then as Vice Dean. In 2011 she answered a call to be Dean of St. Peter's Cathedral in Helena, Montana.



Born in Colorado, Heidi grew up in England before returning to the United States. After graduating from Colorado State University, she served in the U.S. Marine Corps, including a tour as a Company Commander with the Women's Recruit Training Battalion at Parris Island, South Carolina. While there she felt the call to ordained ministry, leading to her attending Nashotah House Seminary.

Heidi loves Biblical Historical Geography, and during a recent sabbatical year she lived and studied in Israel, walking the land with the Bible in her hands. She is married to Scott.

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## New Members Confirmed

Bishop Curry officiated as 24 youth and 11 adults were confirmed as members of the Advent on May 23. Please join us in welcoming them, as we give thanks for their being a part of our parish family.

Youth: Cate Axon, Meriwether Bowsher, Bill Bradford, John Bradford, Eddins Cain, William Cain, Charlie Denson, Jewel Evans, Elizabeth Ezelle, Jenna Flowers, Park Holley, Aoife Martin, Watkins McCullough, Frances Montgomery, Ellis Norwood, Sophia Petras, Emory Pounds, Frances Reynolds, Spencer South, Walker Springfield, Lucas Steinmehl, Jack Stokes, Browning Thornton, Carter Wilson

Adults: Doug Barr, Lee Mink-Barr, Allie Elliott, Hoyt Elliott, Key Hudson, Ben Nye, Madison Nye, Kerry O'Connor, Chris Phillips, Lawrence Pugliese, Sarah Pugliese

## Children's and Youth Education

### Classes the Next Two Sundays

On June 13 and 20, Sunday School classes 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 3K-3rd grade child through the Signup Genius link sent by Tara Davis. Children in 4th grade and older do not have to register in advance. Children remain in the same grade class during the summer.

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



## education

### Women's Ministry

#### Heidi Kinner to Teach at Two Women's Events

On Wednesday, June 16, at 7:00 p.m., Heidi Kinner will lead a teaching on *The Book of Ruth: The Geography of Second Chances* at Kelly Hargrove's home (4020 Old Leeds Circle, 35213). This short study of Ruth will look at the elements of exile and return, death and new life, despair and hope in the places and dates of this beloved book. We will see how God's promises never fail, even when all hope seems lost.

On Monday, July 12, at 10:00 a.m., Heidi will offer a teaching on *Re-Seeing Mary of Magdala* at Emily Curran's home (2 Pine Ridge Lane, 35213). Mary of Magdala, a.k.a. Mary Magdalene, has been portrayed as a prostitute for centuries because of the misreading and conflation of several Biblical passages. More recent scholarship has been unraveling the tangle and helping us see Mary more accurately as a woman of substance and a faithful disciple. This talk will look at Mary of Magdala in text, art, and archaeology so that we can better understand the woman who "announced to the disciples [on Easter morning], 'I have seen the Lord'" (John 20:18).

All women are warmly invited to attend these talks. Please email Carolyn Lankford ([Carolyn@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Carolyn@CathedralAdvent.com)) to register for one or both events.

### Inquirers' Class

#### Interested in Membership? Join Us Saturday, June 12

The Inquirers' Class is an adult education course that will give you an idea of what the Advent believes and why we believe it. It is open to anyone but is designed particularly for newcomers to the Advent. Our next class will be Saturday, June 12, 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at our off-site location, Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Register by contacting Fontaine Pope ([Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com), 205-443-8562).

### 20s and 30s Women's Bible Study

#### On Wednesday Evenings:

##### *Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted*

Dive into this DVD study of Jonah by Priscilla Shirer and discover that what you see as an interruption may truly be God's divine invitation to a life as much bigger than you imagine. Join Sally Goings and Gretchen Williams on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Sally's home (4404 Corinth Drive, 35213). Workbooks can be ordered from Lifeway or Amazon. For more information, contact Fontaine Pope ([Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com), 205-443-8562).

**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.



## spiritual growth & fellowship

### Youth Ministry

#### Six Flags Trip Set for June 22

It's time for our annual trip to Six Flags Over Georgia! All 7th-12th graders are invited to join us for this all-day adventure on Tuesday, June 22. Meet at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Ave, 35209) at 7:30 a.m.; pick-up will be at 7:00 p.m. that evening. Bring your own bag lunch and some spending money if desired. Buy your discounted ticket online and bring the printed confirmation with you, or buy a ticket at the park for \$65. Register at [AdventBirmingham.org/Youth](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Youth).

#### Jr. High Gathering on Wednesdays

All rising 7th-9th graders are invited to meet each Wednesday this summer, 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). We'll have Bible study, play some games, and then go somewhere in Homewood for dinner. All students need to bring is their mask and money for dinner. Contact Tucker Fleming ([Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com)) for more information.

#### Sr. High Around-the-World Supper Club Meets Wednesdays

All youth who have completed grades 9-12 are invited to join us every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. for the Around-the-World Supper Club at Cranmer (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). We will meet for a Bible Study and then go enjoy the cuisine at a different ethnic restaurant each week. Please bring some money for dinner. Contact Rebecca Lankford ([Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com)) for more information.

### Women's Ministry

#### Sign Up for the Women's Retreat, August 27-29

All women are warmly invited to attend the Women's Retreat Friday-Sunday, August 27-29, at Children's Harbor Conference Center at Lake Martin. Guest speaker Susan Yates will explore *Trusting in God in the Midst of Life's Transitions*.

Room and Board is \$140 for a double room and \$280 for a single room. Meals only costs \$50. Scholarships are available. Registration is open and available on our website at [AdventBirmingham.org/Women](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Women). Questions? Contact Carolyn Lankford ([Carolyn@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Carolyn@CathedralAdvent.com)).



## serving & outreach

### The Foundry

#### Advent Collecting Supplies July 11-18

We will be collecting food and other items for the Foundry's Rescue Outreach Program July 11-18. Watch for more information, and contact Forsyth White ([Forsyth1202@gmail.com](mailto:Forsyth1202@gmail.com)) with questions.

## A Note from Canon Hicks on His Sabbatical

Dear Advent,

Given all that has happened the last few weeks at our church, I felt it important to share with you this brief word about my upcoming sabbatical and vacation, which will be taken from June 20 through all of July. This sabbatical has been in the works for almost two years. Just before the Covid shutdown, plans were approved for me to take a sabbatical after Easter of 2020. Given the pressing needs during the early months of Covid and travel restrictions, those plans had to be abandoned, and since then I had been looking for another opportunity.

In January of this year, the leadership and I agreed that we would aim for June and July, and it has come to fruition (praise God!). Though my sabbatical is much needed – this is the first I have had in nearly 20 years of ministry – I want to be able to name something that could be on people's minds: my taking a sabbatical has nothing to do with the present circumstances of the recent departure of Dean Pearson. As mentioned, it was delayed once and approved in early January.

I remain grateful for the prayers and support I have received from many of you in recent weeks. If I may ask, please continue to pray for me, particularly that I am able to disconnect, rest, and listen to the Lord during this time.

In Christ,

Zac

## Interns Serving Youth Ministry this Summer



The Youth Ministry is happy to welcome three interns this summer. They will assist our youth ministers with events, trips, and in leading Bible studies. Please welcome them!

Ashton Holt (*top left*) is a rising junior at Samford University, studying Christian



Ministry. She grew up just outside of Orlando, Florida, and has loved living in Birmingham the last two years. She is excited to get to know the youth, families, and staff of the Advent this summer.

Park Mendelsohn (*top right*) grew up attending the Advent. He is a rising junior at the University of Alabama, majoring in Accounting with plans to pursue a master's degree in Building Science. His response to the grace and mercy of Jesus is "to go into the harvest field and share the good news of the gospel!"



Gloria Roy (*bottom left*) is an international student from Kolkata, India. A graduate of Samford University, she is currently studying at Beeson Divinity School. She grew up in a Christian missionary family in Kolkata, where her parents have been serving for 30 years. She loves being with people, sharing and hearing stories, and enjoys coffee shops and going to the Botanical Gardens.

## diocesan staff

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda S. Curry, Bishop of Alabama

## advent staff

The Rev. Canon R. Craig Smalley, Interim Dean and Rector

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:

**Births:** Cary Gilbreth Beck, III, son of Carter and Cary, on May 17; Cecile Ines McAllister, daughter of Mary Jane and Sam, on May 18

**Baptism:** William McBride "Mac" Yandell, V, son of Sarah and Will, on May 23

**Marriage:** Alexandra Moore Rhett and William Clayton Sanders, on May 15

## memorials:

### Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

**Julia McWhorter Pope:** (Pastoral Care) by Bryan F. Helm • (Mission and Outreach) by Mary and Victor Hanson • (Endowment Fund) by Sandra Davis

**Blakelee Grace Goodwin:** (Music Discretionary Fund) by Deenie M. Culver

**Jim Garner:** (Music Discretionary Fund) by Chris, Neva, and Jay Garner

**In Honor of Those Who Sing the Offertory Each Week:** (Music Discretionary Fund) by Cornelia LaRussa



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## calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June 13 Morning Prayer - Nave - 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Christian Education - 10:15 a.m.	14	15 Prayer Walk - Nave - 8:00 a.m.	16 Jr. High Youth Group - 5:30 p.m. Sr. High Supper Club - 5:30 p.m. Heidi Kinner Teaching - 4020 Old Leeds Circle - 7:00 p.m.	17	18	19
June 20 Holy Communion - Nave - 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Christian Education - 10:15 a.m.	21	22 Youth Six Flags Trip - Cranmer House - 7:30 a.m. Prayer Walk - Nave - 8:00 a.m.	23 Jr. High Youth Group - Cranmer House - 5:30 p.m. Sr. High Supper Club - Cranmer House - 5:30 p.m.	24	25	26

**Lectionary this Sunday, June 13:** Psalm 20 or Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14; 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

**Lectionary next Sunday, June 20:** Psalm 9:9-20 or Psalm 133 or Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49; 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16; Job 38:1-11; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

**Intercessory Prayer Available at 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). Please contact Kathy Logue (205-410-4622, [Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com)) to make an appointment or for more information.