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News & Events

Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting October 3

Adventers are invited to a Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting Monday, October 3, 7:15 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Typically held the first Monday of each month, this hour-long meeting is set aside to pray for the Advent. Questions? Contact Margaret Pope (Margaret@CathedralAdvent.com).

Advent's 150th Anniversary Celebration Set for October 20

We will celebrate the Advent's 150th anniversary on Thursday, October 20, 6:00-9:00 p.m. at The Fennec (1630 2nd Avenue South, 35233). All Adventers are invited.

The event will include a welcome from Dean Smalley, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and live music. Please RSVP at AdventBirmingham.org/150 by October 10.

Our celebration will feature a slideshow of photos from Advent events and gatherings over the years. To contribute photos, upload them at AdventBirmingham.org/150 or bring them to the table in Clingman Commons Sunday morning. The deadline for submissions is this Sunday, October 2.



A Word from Michael Weeks

Jesus often talks about money throughout the Gospels. In one of our recent lectionary readings, we heard him say that we should be shrewd with our use of money, just as the world is. That same passage then finished with Jesus saying, "You cannot serve God and wealth."

Money, and especially personal finances, is not an easy or comfortable topic to talk about. It is not a topic that is brought up at many dinner parties, as it often brings up feelings of guilt and shame, or pride and arrogance. The reason for this is money is so wrapped up in our sense of self, and far too often we make money into an idol.

We ask of money what we should be asking only of God. We ask it to provide for our daily needs. We ask it to protect us from danger or peril. We ask it to fulfill our desires. We put money in the place

that only God should take. But we also get caught in the trap of putting ourselves in the place of God – that we have to provide, through our money, for our families and our needs. We fail to trust that God loves us, and will graciously provide us with all that we need.

Paul reminds us in 1 Timothy 6 of the right ordering of our wealth. He reminds us that it is God "who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment." He provides us with daily bread. He provides all that we need for life, health, and happiness. This includes your spiritual and material needs.

The good news of God's grace is that we can truly trust him. In Jesus Christ, he has proven to be trustworthy. The one who provides for our daily needs is the same God who has sent his one and only Son to provide for our salvation. For, "He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?" (Romans 8:32)

- Michael

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

- 1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV)

This Sunday:

October 2, 2022

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Dean Smalley

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Nave. Preacher: Dean Smalley

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Refectory. Preacher: Wes Sharp

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Dean Smalley

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Preacher: Dean Smalley

We will livestream the 9:00 Nave, 11:00, and 5:00 services.

Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Live or Facebook Live to access our stream.

Adult Education (10:15-10:50 a.m.):

The Dean's Class (Refectory) – *This We Believe: The Bible Tells Us So* – Craig Smalley

Unloved, Unlucky, and Unlikely: Women of the Promise (Chapter Room) – *Ruth* – Mary Ann McCarty

What Every Christian Should Know About Church History and Why It Matters Today (Living Room) – *The Modern World* – Jason Wallace

Marriage: Two Shall Become One (Lower School Library) – Gil Kracke

Faith and Family (Assembly Hall) – *The Power of Parables: The Impact of Spiritual Conversations* – Cameron Cole

Children's & Youth Education:

Our 3s and 4s classes meet at 9:00 a.m. Children in Kindergarten-3rd grade start the 9:00 service in church before leaving during the children's dismissal to meet teachers in Clingman Commons. Children in 4th grade and higher and youth have classes between the 9:00 and 11:00 services (10:10-10:50 a.m.). See Sunday's service bulletin for details.

The Nursery opens for our Infants, Toddlers, and 2s classes at 8:45 a.m. The Nursery is open for ages 6 weeks-5 years during the 11:00 service.



GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!

Stewardship



Above: Patrick and Lindsey Druhan with their sons (l-r) Frank and Sam

"Thank You Jesus for Always Being Enough"

Being asked to write a short article about why I give to the Advent struck a familiar feeling. It's that guilty feeling I get during the offertory when the ushers are slowly making their way to my row in the Nave, left side about half way up, not too close for the preacher to see if my eyes have glazed over but just close enough to see if I'm nodding in agreement. It's that "who am I to tell other parishioners why they should give" feeling, when I question how intentionally I prayed about the figure I submitted. It's the all-too-familiar feeling of not enough.

If you too are a 9:00 a.m. left-side, middle-section sitter, I'll warn you that there is a guy in the area that is too frequently brought to tears, sometimes suddenly and irrationally. It's me. And a hymn that triggers this without fail goes as such:

*Should my tears for ever flow, should my zeal no weakness know,
all for sin could not atone: thou must save, and thou alone;
in my hand no price I bring; simply to thy cross I cling.*

At the Advent, I've had my heart filled beyond the brim with the Holy Spirit; I found a message of grace I never knew; and when I take time this year to discern with my wife, Lindsey, over our pledge card (likely several weeks late), I plan to say a brief prayer:

"Because we can't, thank you Jesus for always being enough."
2 Corinthians 9:12 - Patrick Druhan

Advent Trivia Questions

As the celebration of our 150th anniversary approaches, we will post some Advent trivia questions in the next several issues. *Answers are on page 3.*

1. True or false?: The Advent congregation held its services at various times in a grocery store, an amusement hall, and a piano shop.
2. Which Advent rectors had the shortest and longest tenures?

Advent House: Intercessory prayer is on-going through the Advent House Prayer Ministry. To schedule a prayer session at Advent House, call Kathy Logue at 205-410-4622.



spiritual growth & fellowship

Men's Ministry

Fellowship and Training for Ushers October 3

All current ushers and those desiring to join the usher team are invited to come for an after-work beverage and a great time of fellowship on Tuesday, October 3, 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Back Forty Birmingham (3201 First Avenue North, 35222). We'll also take some time to share some updates to our ushering policies that will be in place moving forward. If you have considered ushering and not joined the team yet, this would be a great time to get to know other men involved and learn about the role of ushers at the Advent each week. Please register to attend at AdventBirmingham.org/Men. Contact Wes Sharp (Wes@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

Youth Ministry

Jr. High: Junior High youth will gather for dinner this Sunday, October 2, 6:16 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209).

Sr. High: Our next Family Dinner will be this Sunday, October 2, 7:17 p.m. at Cranmer House. Come ready for a pickleball tournament!

For more information on our Youth Ministry, contact Will Fagan (Fagan@CathedralAdvent.com) or Mary Ann McCarty (MaryAnn@CathedralAdvent.com).

Young Adults' Ministry

Social Set for October 12

Adventers in their 20 and 30s are invited to the Young Adults' October social on Wednesday, October 12, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Tommy Kitsmiller (3214 Cliff Road South #8, 35205). For more information, contact Rebecca Lankford (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com).

Caregivers Support Group

Lunch Gatherings Moving to Cranmer House

The Caregivers Support Group will have its next lunch gathering on Friday, October 14, noon-1:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209 - *note location change*). To RSVP or for more information, contact Stella Schreiber (Stella@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-443-8558).



worship

Lectionary this Sunday, October 2

Psalm 137 or Psalm 37:1-10
Lamentations 3:19-26 or Lamentations 1:1-6
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4-7 • 2 Timothy 1:1-14 • Luke 17:5-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.
- Ephesians 2:8-9



making music

Concert Series

Advent Organists to Perform the Complete Organ Works of César Franck

Our Advent organists together will present a series in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of French composer César Franck's birth, performing his complete works for organ over the course of three recitals.

Associate Director of Music and Organist Charles Kennedy will perform the first of these recitals on Thursday, October 13, 7:00 p.m. in the Nave. The second recital, performed by both Dr. Kennedy and Director of Music and Organist Frederick Teardo, will take place on Thursday, November 3, at 7:00 p.m.; and Dr. Teardo will perform the final recital on Thursday, November 10, at 7:00 p.m.

Admission is free. Please join us for what promises to be three evenings of beautiful and much-beloved music!



servicing & outreach

Women's Ministries

Coat Drive for Outreach Partner Pathways October 16

As you are putting away your summer clothes and preparing for fall and winter, please set aside any coats or jackets you can spare for the women of Pathways, a nonprofit dedicated to helping unhoused women and children on their way to stable housing. We will collect coats in all sizes at church on Sunday, October 16. While Pathways serves women and children, Pathways leadership was clear that their clients would be glad to receive men's coats, too. Please contact Madison Nye (PeaceMadisonV@gmail.com) with questions.

The Women of the Advent are thrilled to partner with Pathways (PathwaysHome.org). Women's Ministries volunteers Shirley Elliott, Madison Nye, Hallett Ruzic, and Kaitlyn Thomas are coordinating our efforts under the direction of Pathways leadership. Stay tuned here and on the women's webpage, AdventBirmingham.org/Women, for more ways to get involved. You can sign up to volunteer with Pathways on our interest form which can be accessed from the red "interest form" button on our webpage.



education

Inquirers' Class

Six-Week Series to Begin October 16

Are you trying to decide whether to make the Advent your church home? The Inquirers' Class will help you make that decision. It's a six-week series that will give you an idea of what the Advent believes and why we believe it. Our next series will begin Sunday, October 16, 10:15-10:50 a.m. in the Diocesan Conference Room (entrance near the middle of the garden). For more information, contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-443-8562).

Advent Trivia Answers

1. True. Before Elyton Land Company provided the property for a future church building, the congregation that would later become the Advent met in the grocery store of Jules Lockwood. While the first church building (a chapel) was being constructed on Sixth Avenue in 1872-73, the congregation held services in Sublett Hall, which was Birmingham's first "amusement hall." During the construction of the present church building on the corner of Sixth Avenue and 20th Street between 1887 and 1892, the chapel was damaged by fire and the congregation held services in Seals Piano Company's store.

2. The rector having the shortest tenure of seven months was Charles Morris, who served from May 1878 to December 1878. The rector having the longest tenure of 27 years was John C. Turner, who served from 1939 to 1966.



spiritual growth & fellowship



Parish Retreat

Approximately 130 Adventers had a great weekend of worship, preaching, teaching, and fellowship at the Parish Retreat at Camp Alpine in Mentone, September 16-18. If you couldn't make it, we hope you'll join us next year!

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 2 Regular worship schedule Jr. High Dinner - Cranmer House - 6:16 p.m. Sr. High Family Dinner - Cranmer House - 7:17 p.m.	3 Ushers Gathering - Back Forty Birmingham - 5:30 p.m. Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting - Cranmer House - 7:15 p.m.	4	5	6	7	8
Oct 9 Regular worship schedule Jr. High Small Groups - Cranmer House - 6:16 p.m. Sr. High Small Groups - 7:17 p.m.	10	11	12 Young Adults' Social - 3214 Cliff Road #8 - 6:00 p.m.	13 Concert Series: Charles Kennedy, organ - Nave - 7:00 p.m.	14 Caregivers Support Lunch - Cranmer House - noon	15

Monday-Friday: AA – Coe Conference Room, noon

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.