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News & Events

Advent's 150th Anniversary Celebration Is October 20

We are looking forward to being with so many of you, as we celebrate our founding as a church in 1872. The celebration of the Advent's 150th anniversary is Thursday, October 20, 6:00-9:00 p.m. at The Fennec (1630 Second Avenue South, 35233). We can't wait!

Stewardship Make-Up Sunday: Making Your Pledge for 2023

This Sunday, October 16, is Make-Up Sunday, another opportunity to turn in your Pledge Card in response to Christ's grace and in support of the ministries of the Advent in 2023. The pledges of parishioners fund 90 percent of the Advent's operating budget. You may return your Pledge Card by mail, in-person at the Church Office, at the Stewardship Table in Clingman Commons, or by placing it in the offering plate. You may also complete your pledge online: AdventBirmingham.org/Pledge. If you need a new Pledge Card or have any questions, please call Dorothy White at 205-226-3515.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. - Ephesians 2:8



A Word from the Dean

These are questions I've grappled with over the years in Christian life. Even as a Christian, it's a lot easier to be a cynic, but cynicism, in the end, is not compatible with Christianity. If that sounds like a condemnation, I say this as one who can easily and regularly tilt in that direction. In response to optimism, it's easy to be prepared with a "yes, but." The repeated evidence of our shared human condition makes it easy to respond in this way.

But Christianity does not offer optimism, it offers truth; and in truth, hope; and in hope, life; and in life, grace. Christianity is initially harsher in the light it shines yet more glorious in the grace it provides. Do we act in self-interest? Absolutely. Are there patterns in our life that seem unbreakable?

What brings about change? How much can someone or something change? Is fundamental change possible? Is it different for individuals than structures?

No doubt. Will this continue? Yes, but in a moment of time something beyond time, from everlasting and for everlasting happened.

"But God..." (Ephesians 2:4). These are the glorious words of Paul to the Ephesians and down through time to you and me. The final word is a greater, truer word, and it is God's Word, Jesus. "But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus..." (Ephesians 2:4-6).

Our life is in God's plan – God's, not ours – of displaying his immeasurable riches in reconciling us through Jesus. This is the means of change; and even more, in an ongoing way, we are given the Holy Spirit as the guarantor and means of ongoing change. Not an act of our will, but God's. What do we bring in faith? Need. And what does God bring? Mercy.

Thanks be to God, Craig

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.

- Ephesians 2:8-9

This Sunday:

October 16, 2022

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Wes Sharp

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Nave. Preacher: Wes Sharp

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Refectory. Preacher: Canon Gardner

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Wes Sharp

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Preacher: Canon Gardner

We will livestream the 9:00 Nave, 11:00, and 5:00 services on AdventBirmingham.org/Live.

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

The Dean's Class (Refectory) – *Profiles in Failure: Jonah* – Jay Gardner

The Inquirers' Class (Diocesan Conference Room) – *The Gospel* – Craig Smalley

Unloved, Unlucky, and Unlikely: Women of the Promise (Chapter Room) – *Mary* – Kristen Padilla

What Every Christian Should Know About Church History and Why It Matters Today (Living Room) – *The 21st Century* – Jason Wallace

Marriage (Lower School Library) – *This Is a Profound Mystery* – Gil Kracke

Faith and Family (Assembly Hall) – *The Bible and Parenting: The Centrality of Intimate Connection (Genesis 1-2)* – 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.

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!



servicing & outreach

Women's Ministries

Coat Drive for Outreach Partner Pathways this Sunday

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 this 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.

Welcome Team

Welcome Team Volunteers Needed

Paul writes in his letter to the Romans, "Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God" (Romans 15:7). Recognizing this call on all Christians, we are seeking volunteers to undergo a brief training and serve as welcomeers prior to the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. The time commitment is small, but the impact can be great. So, if you are a friendly type who has been blessed with the "spiritual gift" of navigating our building with ease as you make polite conversation with newcomers (or are at least willing to learn), please contact Jen Green (Jwsnwu@gmail.com) or Stacey McElrath (StaceyHMcElrath@gmail.com).

Advent Trivia Questions

As the celebration of our 150th anniversary approaches, we are publishing some Advent trivia questions. *Answers are on page 3.*

1. How many Advent rectors went on to serve as bishops and what dioceses did they serve?
2. True or false: The Advent sponsored the first Boy Scout Troop in Birmingham.



worship

Lectionary this Sunday, October 16

Psalm 119:97-104 or Psalm 121 • Jeremiah 31:27-34
Genesis 32:22-31 • 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 • Luke 18:1-8



education

Inquirers' Class

Our Six-Week Series Begins this Sunday

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 this 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).



spiritual growth & fellowship

Ageless Adventers

Jay Gardner to Speak at Third Wednesday Lunch October 19

Please join the Ageless Adventers for lunch on Wednesday, October 19, noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Our speaker will be Jay Gardner (*right*), the Advent's Canon Pastor. Whether you are still actively working, newly retired, or have been enjoying flexibility for decades, you are welcome! To RSVP or for more information, contact Stella Schreiber (Stella@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-443-8558).



Men's Ministry

Next Luncheon Is October 27

Advent men are invited to our October luncheon on Thursday, October 27, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. in Clingman Commons. The meal will be from Hattie B's Chicken, and you can select regular or spicy chicken.

Our guest speaker will be Kevin Moore. Kevin is Area Director of Mission Increase (MI) Central Alabama, a community of Christian ministries working to implement a biblical approach to fundraising to more fully achieve their God-given missions. Kevin and the Mission Increase team offer teaching, coaching, consulting, and even matching grants, all at no cost to ministries as they look to collaborate for the sake of the gospel.

Please register to attend at AdventBirmingham.org/Men. The deadline to register is 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 25. Cost is \$13. Contact Wes Sharp (Wes@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3519) for more information.

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.

Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."
- Mark 1:14-15



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Women's Ministries

St. Mary's Guild Is Back!

The guild that originally began Pathways (see "Serving & Outreach" on page 2) 40 years ago is back! Mary Jane McAllister will serve as coordinator of this fellowship group for the youngest women in our church. St. Mary's first meeting will be Tuesday, October 18, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the home of Tanya Cooper (806 Sims Avenue, 35213). The theme will be "Share the Fare," as some of our more mature women bring their favorite, easiest weeknight entrées for St. Mary's members to sample and take home the recipes for their families. Contact Mary Jane McAllister (MaryJaneCarney@gmail.com) to say you can come.

Art and the Gospel

Over the past few years, I've been fascinated by the idea of art finding beauty in brokenness, which of course speaks directly of the gospel as we understand it: God takes the brokenness of his people and turns us into something beautiful through the brokenness of his Son on the cross and in the beauty of Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

Join Women's Ministries on Thursday, November 3, to hear from a panel of Advent artists in a variety of media about where art and the gospel of grace intersect and how that understanding informs their art. There are two opportunities to attend: a morning session, from 9:30-11:00 a.m., at the church with coffee and light refreshments; and an evening session, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209), with heavier fare.

Want to show off your own artistic flair? When you register, sign up to create and bring a charcuterie board to the evening event. This is *not* required or expected for attendance! Just an option for those who enjoy being creative in this way. Register at AdventBirmingham.org/Women or by contacting Janet Dozier (Janet@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3503).
- Leslie Housman

Youth Ministry

Jr. High: Join us for youth group and a pizza dinner this Sunday, October 16, 6:16 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209).

Sr. High: It's Tailgate Night at Family Dinner this Sunday, October 16, 7:17 p.m. at Cranmer House. Bring your favorite tailgate food to share!

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

Young Adults' Ministry

"Friendsgiving" Set for November 3

All Advent Young Adults are invited to our annual "Friendsgiving," on Thursday, November 3, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the home of Miriam and Clay Morris (2312 Highland Crest South, 35205). Please bring a side dish to share. Friends are welcome! Contact Rebecca Lankford (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

Take Our Volunteer Survey to Express Your Interests

The Advent has created a volunteer survey form to help members of the church communicate their interests and gifts. You can find this survey form at AdventBirmingham.org/VolunteerSurvey. The form includes a diverse inventory where parishioners can list their ministry interests, professional skills that could be used for kingdom purposes, mission passions, etc.

Filling this out does not obligate you to do anything. It is not a commitment, just an expression of your interests. In addition, just because you express an interest does not mean that we will immediately call you to help in that area. We may not have a need in that area right now. Also, your responses will not be published and will be kept confidential within the church staff. You can fill out the form at our website today.

Advent Trivia Answers

1. Five. In alphabetical order, they are:
Middleton Barnwell (Idaho)
Charles C.J. Carpenter (Alabama)
Charles Clingman (Kentucky)
C. Brinkley Morton (San Diego)
John J. Murray (Maryland)
2. True: In the 1920s, the Advent Men's Club sponsored Boy Scout Troop 1.

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Elizabeth Locke Schuler: (Endowment Fund) by Jeff and Patty Adams • (Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Janet R. Hill

Robert Bradford: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Kate Kiefer

Roger Morrison: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Kate Kiefer

Nita Blackburn: (Endowment Fund) by Bama and David Mills

Thomas J. Dillon: (Cathedral Choir Fund) by Nancy and Ricky Bromberg

Lynn Otey Tutwiler: (Cathedral Choir Fund) by Nancy and Ricky Bromberg

Bill Ayers: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Kate Kiefer

Craig White: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Kate Kiefer

Terry Lynn Sansom: (Mission and Outreach) by Mary and Victor Hanson

Wilda Collins: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Lyn Lanier and Bobbi Lecznar

Louise Hawkins Mingus: (Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Dr. and Mrs. William DeWitt

In Thanksgiving for the Very Rev. Richard Craig Smalley: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Deenie Culver

diocesan staff

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

The Rt. Rev. Brian Prior, Assisting Bishop of Alabama

advent staff

The Very Rev. R. Craig Smalley, Dean and Rector

The Rev. Canon Katherine P. Jacob, Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Michael Weeks, Assisting Clergy

The Rev. Wes Sharp, Clergy Associate

The Rev. Canon Ben DeHart, Canon for Parish Life

The Rev. Canon Jay Gardner, Canon Pastor

transitions:

Birth: Sawyer Patrick Bryant, son of Patrick and Kat, on September 28

Baptisms: Virginia Reeves Lewis, daughter of Blake and Carlee, on September 16; Hobart Amory King, Jr., son of Hobie and Cecil, on September 18; James "Bain" McKinney, son of Daniel and Amy, on October 2

Marriage: Paget Pizitz and Chris Taylor, on October 2

Death: Jesse Ann Yarbrough Jemison, on October 1

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Carolyn Sloss: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Stephen Schaeffer

William H. Cole, Jr.: (Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Dr. and Mrs. Robert S. Naftel

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 16 Stewardship Make-Up Sunday Regular worship schedule Pathways Coat Drive - Advent Youth Dinners: Jr. High at 6:16 p.m. Sr. High at 7:17 p.m.	17	18	19 Ageless Adventers Third Wednesday - Cranmer House - noon	20 Advent's 150th Anniversary Celebration - The Fennec - 6:00 p.m.	21	22
Oct 23 Regular worship schedule	24	25	26	27 Men's Luncheon - Clingman Commons - 11:30 a.m. Choral Evensong Nave - 5:30 p.m.	28 Midday Music - Clingman Commons - 12:30 p.m.	29

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.