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News & Events



A Memorable Anniversary Celebration

Adventers filled The Fennec on October 20 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Cathedral Church of the Advent. Join us in praising God for a memorable evening. See page 3 for more photos and a list of thank-yous.

Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting November 7

All Adventers are invited to a Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting on Monday, November 7, 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.

Time Change this Weekend: Fall Back

Standard Time will resume at 2:00 a.m. this Sunday, November 6. Remember to turn back your clocks one hour before going to bed Saturday night.



A Word from the Dean

As I write to you, we are a week past our 150th Celebration at The Fennec, and I continue to give thanks for our time together. It was joyful, inspirational, a reminder of the hopeful confidence available to us, a reminder of our continued mission.

Every detail was magnificent, and I am grateful for those who coordinated and the vast number of people who came together, over a long period of time, through many days and hours, to make this event memorable. It was a gift to see faces we had not seen in a while as we gathered to give thanks together. We remain incredibly fortunate.

Not surprisingly, it reminds me of Paul's letter to the Philippians. An oft-quoted (by me and others) passage comes to mind: "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first

day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart..." (Philippians 1:3-7).

The rejoicing and gratitude that permeate Philippians, and the acknowledgment of challenges, were present at our gathering on October 20. More, the substance of their strength and hope is the same as ours. Our fluctuating history reminded us of God's provision in times of plenty and want. Regardless of circumstance, we are secure.

It did not feel personally victorious, thankfully, but reminded us that we live in and in light of God's victory. We have a living Word, Jesus, to offer to a lost, hurting, needy world, a living Word we may share with one another on a daily basis. Troubles will remain (John 16:33), yet the gracious pursuit, redemption, and hope of God in Christ is our reality. That was voiced and experienced at our celebration, and I thank God that we live together in that greater reality. - Craig

"Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing; were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing; dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth his Name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle."
- A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, verse 2

This Sunday:

November 6, 2022

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Dean Smalley

9:00 a.m. Holy Baptism

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: Wes Sharp

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

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

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

The Dean's Class (Refectory) – *Profiles in Failure: John Mark* – Craig Smalley

The Inquirers' Class (Diocesan Conference Room) – *Baptism* – Jay Gardner

The Need for Something More (Living Room) – *Where Epicureanism Fails* – Dennis Sansom

The DNA of the Bible (Chapter Room) – *The Now and the Not Yet* – Wes Sharp

Faith and Family (Assembly Hall) – *The Bible and Parenting: Trusting Our Kids to God (Abraham and Isaac)* – 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. 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!



worship

Choral Evensong

Service to Celebrate the Advent's 150th Anniversary

The Cathedral Choir will sing a special city-wide Choral Evensong service on Thursday, November 17, 5:30 p.m. in the Nave, in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of our parish. Among the music to be sung will be works composed by two Birmingham composers, K. Lee Scott and the late Allen Orton Gibbs, who have written numerous anthems for the Cathedral Choir, as well as Edward Bairstow's *Blessed City, Heavenly Salem*. Please join us for this special service of celebration marking our 150th anniversary!

Children's Ministries

3K, 4K, and Kindergarten Singing at Baptism this Sunday

Our 3K, 4K, and Kindergarten classes will sing this Sunday, November 6, when we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Baptism during the 9:00 service in the Nave. Please drop off your 3K and 4K children in the Chapter Room between 8:45 and 9:00 a.m. Please have your Kindergarten walk to the front of the Nave when 3K and 4K stand up to sing. We look forward to this special tradition! Contact Tara Davis (Tara@CathedralAdvent.com) with questions.



spiritual growth & fellowship

Ageless Adventers

Third Wednesday Luncheon Set for November 16

Please join us for our Ageless Adventers Third Wednesday luncheon on November 16. We will meet at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209) at noon for a delicious hot lunch. Our featured guest will be Ty Williams, Director of Development at Restoration Academy. Come for fellowship and to learn more about Restoration Academy and the impact it is having on its students.

As we continue to partner this year with the first grade class at RA, we will collect Christmas ornaments for the students to share with them at the beginning of Advent. If you would like to participate, bring one ornament from your collection or a new one! Please RSVP to Stella Schreiber (Stella@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-443-8558).

Caregivers Support Group

Next Lunch Gathering Set for November 11

The Caregivers Support Group will have its next lunch gathering on Friday, November 11, noon-1:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). To RSVP or for more information, contact Stella Schreiber (Stella@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-443-8558).



making music

Concert Series

On November 10:

The Complete Organ Works of César Franck, Part 3

Director of Music and Organist Frederick Tear-do (*right*) will play the final recital in our series presenting the complete organ works of César Franck on Thursday, November 10, 7:00 p.m. in the Nave. The series is in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the French composer's birth. The program will include the *Trois Chorals* (three Chorales), the very last works that Franck composed before his death in 1890. Admission is free. Please join us for an evening of beautiful music, the culmination of this special series!



Midday Music

Music for Voice and Piano November 18

Our Midday Music Series will continue on Friday, November 18, at 12:30 p.m. with a recital in Clingman Commons by Kristine Hurst-Wajszczuk, soprano, and Yakov Kasman, piano. Their program is entitled "Refugees and Immigrants: *Music by and about those who left their homeland.*" It will feature two song cycles by American composer Alan Louis Smith and Czech composer Antonín Dvořák. Both Hurst-Wajszczuk and Kasman are professors of music at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

The concert will also be livestreamed on AdventBirmingham.org/Live. All are invited to this free, 30-minute concert.

Women's Ministries

Christ in the Christmas Crunch Set for December 1

Advent women are invited to Christ in the Christmas Crunch on *Thursday (note change of day)*, December 1, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in Clingman Commons. Accompanied by festive music from Melanie Rodgers, we will enjoy a delicious meal, a Christmas message from Leslie Housman, and a Ministry Market featuring five vendors representing ministries and fair-trade organizations that seek to improve the lives of impoverished and vulnerable people groups.

Early-bird shopping will begin at 11:00 a.m., with lunch and the program starting at 11:30. A nursery will be available. Register at AdventBirmingham.org/Women.

Youth Ministry

Jr. High: Join us for youth group this Sunday, November 6, 6:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). We'll have dinner, Bible study, and a good time together!

Sr. High: The Family Dinner theme is "Cowboy Night" this Sunday, November 6, 7:17 p.m. at Cranmer House. Bring your best cowboy hats and join us for games, worship and the word, and dinner together.

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

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

150th Anniversary Celebration



Special Thanks for a Memorable Night at The Fennec

Thanks to so many of you who helped to make our anniversary celebration at The Fennec on October 20 such a memorable evening. At the risk of leaving many out, special thanks to those who put in hours, weeks, and even months of preparation and planning:

To Emily Curran and Elizabeth Sharman, for sitting at the top of the pyramid, overseeing the entire evening with grace, selflessness, humor, and tremendous care;

To Robin Anderson and Virginia Hornsby, who worked to make the space exquisitely beautiful, alongside so many others who shared their tireless labors of love;

To Catherine Kirpalani, Margaret Aderholt, Rebecca Campagna, Sue Ellen Lucas, Hallie Rawls, and Glenda Sparacio, for sharing their incredible gifts with flowers and arrangements;

To Miriam Morris, for organizing the information table in Clingman Commons on Sundays, and to everyone who took turns manning the table;

To Elizabeth Fitzpatrick and Lisa O'Neal, for designing our invitation;

To James Bradford, for his creativity in developing the Advent Trivia in the weeks before the celebration;

To Margot Cooney and David Fleming, for serving as readers, and to Fred and Carrie Teardo, for leading us in song;

To Alice Bowsher, for serving for so many years as our *de facto* historian, and for writing our history with a rare combination of grace, precision, and devotion;

To Ann Haas and Sarah Catherine Nesbitt, for putting together the slideshow, giving us the gift of seeing the height, breadth, and depth of our life together across decades;

To Dr. Jonathan Linebaugh, for sharing so movingly of the love of God and the grace of our Lord which meets each of us at our points of need and at the places of our trouble;

To Ron Flowers and everyone who served us as ushers as we were arriving and leaving;

To the Welcome Team members who welcomed us all with joy;

To Margaret Pope, Will Sledge, and our communications team who kept everything together;

To everyone at The Fennec who worked with us to make it all happen;

To our anonymous benefactor, who underwrote most of the expenses, freeing us to spread the invitation far and wide;

And to each and every one who came to make the night a special, memorable evening.

We give thanks always and for everything to God our Father in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen and amen!

Last Call for Vestry Nominee Suggestions

The Nominations Committee of the Vestry invites parishioners to suggest names for consideration for next year's Vestry class slate. Please complete a Nomination Suggestion Form if you know someone who would contribute to our parish's leadership. The forms are available at the Ushers' Stations on Sunday and at our receptionist's desk at the Church Office during the week. Forms also can be submitted digitally on our website; visit AdventBirmingham.org/Nominations or scan the QR code (right). Forms must be returned to Margaret Pope in the Church Office by Monday, November 7.

It is recommended that you do *not* notify the person that his/her name has been suggested.

The final slate of 20 candidates will be presented to the Vestry at the December meeting, and thereafter will be announced to the parish. Elections will take place during the annual Parish Meeting on January 22, 2023.



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The Rev. Wes Sharp, Clergy Associate

The Rev. Canon Ben DeHart, Canon for Parish Life

The Rev. Canon Jay Gardner, Canon Pastor

transitions:

Marriage: Nina Carolyn Brown and Daniel Mark Coady, on October 22

Death: Emmett Theodore Kohler, on October 23



worship

Lectionary this Sunday, November 6

Psalm 145:1-5, 18-22 or Psalm 98 or Psalm 17:1-9

Haggai 1:15b-2:9 • Job 19:23-27a

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38



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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 6 Regular worship schedule Daylight Saving Time ends (Fall back) - 2:00 a.m. Youth Dinners: Jr. High at 6:00 p.m. Sr. High at 7:17 p.m.	7 Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting - Cranmer House - 7:15 p.m.	8	9	10 Concert Series: Organ Works of César Franck - Nave - 7:00 p.m.	11 Caregivers Support Group - Cranmer House - noon	12
13 Regular worship schedule	14	15	16 Ageless Adventers Third Wednesday - Cranmer House - noon	17 Choral Evensong - Nave - 5:30 p.m.	18 Midday Music - Clingman Commons - 12:30 p.m.	19

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.

Intercessory Prayer Available at Advent House: Anyone desiring to seek God in prayer may reach out to the Advent House Prayer Ministry. We offer prayer sessions at the Advent House (2317 Arlington Avenue South, 35205). Please contact Kathy Logue (205-410-4622, Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com) to make an appointment or for more information.