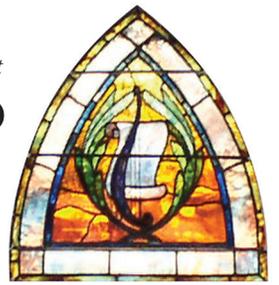


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## News & Events

### Advent to Commemorate 150th Anniversary at Services this Sunday

We hope you will join us this Sunday, December 4, as we give thanks and praise to God, celebrating the 150th anniversary of our founding as a church. It will be a special day.

At the 9:00 a.m. service, the Advent Episcopal School Choral Ensemble will lead us in worship, joined by members of the Cathedral Choir and the Ambassador Brass Quintet. All of the children (3K through 6th Grade) will have a special offering for us as a part of the service. (There will not be a service in the Refectory this Sunday.)

At the 11:00 a.m. service, our Cathedral Choir will be accompanied by the Ambassador Brass Quintet, leading us in a special celebration of the Lord's faithful work among us.

After the Five O'Clock service, please join us for a potluck dinner in Clingman Commons.

*Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!* (from Psalm 150)



## A Word from Canon DeHart

*"Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself..."*

- Collect for Advent IV

1. What does God's "daily visitation" look like?
2. In what way does God "purify our conscience?"

My initial answer to question 1 was to equate God's "daily visitation" with the moments when we're alone with God. Meeting God in his word is important. It helps shape who we become.

But I don't think that quiet times are what this Collect is all about – otherwise our relationship with God might be exclusively individualistic. The "daily visitation" of God includes what Jesus mentions in the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats. In it, we're told that in welcoming our needy neighbor we are welcoming God.

So more than encountering God in Scripture and prayer, we also meet him in the stranger. And if God's "daily visitation" is often in the form of other people, he also "purifies our conscience" not simply in meeting us in Bible

reading, but in and through the other.

In *Advent*, Fleming Rutledge writes that she once decided to be altruistic in Grand Central Station. She felt good about herself for buying a sandwich to give away to one of the many homeless folks there. She asked a man if he'd like the sandwich, but he declined. She then asked a second and third, and they too refused. She began to feel foolish and angry. "To hell with them," she thought, and began to leave the station, until an unkempt woman walked up to her and said, "I'll take the sandwich."

When she got home that night, Fleming realized she'd been given a gift that day. In the end, it wasn't she who'd been generous, but a "helpless" homeless person had been altruistic to her. Fleming's heart had very nearly closed until she was saved by God's visitation in the form of this "needy neighbor." She'd been purified by a person she'd regularly ignore.

Fleming's story is an illustration of God meeting us by his "daily visitation," "purifying our conscience" to create a "mansion" within us. This openness to our neighbor is the abundant life that Jesus came to bring. May he have his way in us, so that we might no longer be turned in on ourselves, but opened up to the world.

- Ben

## This Sunday:

December 4, 2022

**7:30 a.m. Holy Communion**

Preacher: Dean Smalley

**9:00 a.m. Holy Communion**

*In the Nave.* Preacher: Dean Smalley

**11:00 a.m. Holy Communion**

Preacher: Dean Smalley

**5:00 p.m. Holy Communion**

Preacher: Canon Gardner

*We will not hold the 9:00 a.m.*

*Refectory service this Sunday.*

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

*Visit [AdventBirmingham.org/Live](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Live), Facebook Live, or YouTube to access our stream.*

### Adult Education:

Adult classes will not meet this Sunday, December 4, due to the celebration of the 150th anniversary of our founding as a church. Classes will resume next Sunday, December 11.



### Children's & Youth Education:

Our 3K-6th grade classes will participate in our 150th anniversary celebration at the 9:00 a.m. service and will not have regular classes. *See page 2 for details.* Youth in 7th-12th grades will not have classes this Sunday.

The Nursery will open 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!



## education

### Children's Ministries

#### 3K-6th Graders to Participate in Celebration this Sunday

We are excited to celebrate our 150th year in the Children's Ministry. 3K-6th grade will participate in the 9:00 a.m. service this Sunday, December 4, by entering in by grade and singing a special hymn. After exiting, we will continue the celebration with cake and cookies!

K-6th grade will *not* start off in the service as usual but should be dropped off in the Refectory to assemble by grade. Parents should pick up their children after the service as there will be no adult education or children's Sunday School. 3K, 4K, 5th, and 6th graders should be picked up in their usual classrooms. K-2nd graders should be picked up in the gym. 3rd and 4th graders should be picked up in the Refectory. Thanks be to God for 150 years of ministry at the Advent! Questions? Contact Tara Davis ([Tara@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Tara@CathedralAdvent.com), 205-226-3547).



## spiritual growth & fellowship

### Youth Ministry

**Jr. High:** There will be no Junior High Youth Group this Sunday, December 4. Plan to join us Sunday, December 11, 6:00-8:00 p.m. for the Junior High Progressive Dinner beginning at Cranmer House.

**Sr. High:** It's time for our annual Senior High Progressive Dinner! Meet this Sunday, December 4, 6:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209) to start our food tour. Please bring a \$5 gift to share as we will end the night with a game of Dirty Santa. Please let us know you're coming at [AdventBirmingham.org/Youth](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Youth).

For more information, contact Mary Ann McCarty ([MaryAnn@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:MaryAnn@CathedralAdvent.com), 601-513-2122) or Will Fagan ([Fagan@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Fagan@CathedralAdvent.com), 205-382-3293).

### Ageless Adventers

#### Third Wednesday Luncheon Is Early this Month: December 14

Please join us for our Ageless Adventers Third Wednesday luncheon on December 14, a week earlier than usual. We will gather at noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209) for a holiday meal cooked by our own Barbara Partridge. Katherine Jacob, the Advent's Deacon, will be our speaker.

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](mailto:Stella@CathedralAdvent.com), 205-443-8558).



## worship

### Lighting the Advent Wreath

This Sunday, November 27, the Green family, Alison and David, Sara (9th grade) and George (7th grade), will lead the lighting of the second candle on our Advent wreath at the beginning of the 9:00 a.m. service in the Nave.

We will not hold a service in the Refectory this Sunday.

### Service of Advent Lessons and Carols

#### Annual Services Set for December 11

Every year, the Cathedral Choir prepares music for our Advent Lessons and Carols services, which will take place on the Third Sunday of Advent, December 11, at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. in the Nave. These services include prayers, lessons, and carol-anthems that celebrate the Advent season, as we prepare our hearts for the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We hope you will join us for these services, and if you like the music you hear, we encourage you to purchase the choir's recent recording, *A Service of Advent Lessons and Carols*, available on CD in the Advent Bookstore, as well as online at Apple Music.

### A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols



#### Traditional Service to Be Offered December 15

On Thursday, December 15, at 5:30 p.m., the Cathedral Choir will offer A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, modeled after the service held annually at King's College, Cambridge. The Christmas narrative is told through Scripture and song – a wonderful way to celebrate the Advent and Christmas seasons. Whether you are on your way home from working downtown, or simply looking for an opportunity to hear some seasonal music and the gospel, all are warmly invited to attend this weeknight service.

### Lectionary this Sunday, December 4

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19  
Isaiah 11:1-10  
Romans 15:4-13  
Matthew 3:1-12

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.  
- Titus 2:11-13

## Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting December 5

All Adventers are invited to a Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting on Monday, December 5, 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. Contact Margaret Pope ([Margaret@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Margaret@CathedralAdvent.com)) with questions.

## Caregivers Support Group

### Next Lunch Gathering Set for December 9

Caregivers are invited to a monthly lunch with others who have been impacted by the increasing demands of caring for a loved one. The next gathering will be Friday, December 9, noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). You are welcome whether you are a full-time caregiver or you are just beginning to experience changes in your life due to the health of a family member. To RSVP for lunch or for more information, contact Stella Schreiber ([Stella@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Stella@CathedralAdvent.com), 205-443-8558).



## making music

### Midday Music

#### Trio to Offer Seasonal Music December 16

Our Midday Music Series will continue on Friday, December 16, 12:30 p.m. in the Nave with a free, 30-minute concert of seasonal music by Daniel Szasz and Serghei Tanas, violin, and Frederick Teardo, organ. Szasz is Concertmaster of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra, and Tanas is a longtime member of the second violin section of the ASO.

The concert will be livestreamed on [AdventBirmingham.org/Live](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Live) and the Advent's associated digital platforms, for anyone unable to attend, and be made available for later listening at any time. Please do not miss the opportunity to enjoy a half-hour of beautiful music!



## education

### Bible Study

#### Sunrise Sinners to Take a Year-End Break

Sunrise Sinners, our Bible study led by Dean Smalley on Thursdays at 7:00 a.m., will meet for the last time this year on December 15. The study will take a break starting December 22, and will resume meeting in the Refectory on Thursday, January 12, 2023.

**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.

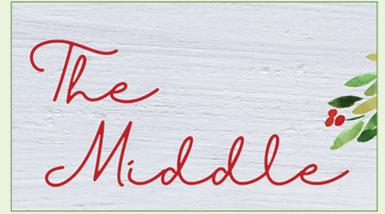


## spiritual growth & fellowship

### Women's Ministries

#### Meet in "The Middle" December 8

Calvin Klein's, Duran Duran, Add-a-Bead... if those made your Wish List once upon a time, don't miss out on gathering with the rest of your friends in The Middle on Thursday, December 8,



from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the home of Christine Denniston (505 Pine Ridge Trail, 35213). Nan Broughton will share, *This Isn't What I Ordered: Jesus Meets Us in the Unexpected*. Come casual! Please let Janet Dozier know you're coming ([Janet@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Janet@CathedralAdvent.com)). Contact Leslie Housman for more information ([Leslie@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Leslie@CathedralAdvent.com)).

#### Women's Ministries 2023: Mark Your Calendars

- Thursday, January 12: *Winter Gathering with Julie Sparkman*, Cranmer House, 6:30 p.m. Contact Melinda King to help ([HKing2005@aol.com](mailto:HKing2005@aol.com)).
- Friday, February 3–Sunday, February 5: *Women's Retreat at Children's Harbor*. Contact Gretchen Williams to help ([JimAndGretchen@charter.net](mailto:JimAndGretchen@charter.net)).
- Wednesday, February 22–Thursday, April 6: *Lenten Preaching and Lunches series*. Contact Nancy Canada ([NancyCanada5@gmail.com](mailto:NancyCanada5@gmail.com)) or Christine Denniston ([CDenniston@bellsouth.net](mailto:CDenniston@bellsouth.net)) to help.

Visit [AdventBirmingham.org/Women](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Women) to see a complete listing of all the opportunities available to you!

#### Womens Retreat: What's Love Got to Do With It?

Before your "save-the-date" gets lost in Tupperware and wrapping paper, mark your calendars for our annual retreat, Friday-Sunday, February 3-5, 2023 at Children's Harbor, located less than two hours away on scenic Lake Martin.

Our speaker will be former Advent Co-Director of Christian Education and 2021 Lenten preacher Lisa Wheeler. Lisa currently serves as Deacon and Assistant to the Dean at Church of the Apostles in Columbia, South Carolina. About her teaching for the weekend, titled *What's Love Got To Do With It?*, Lisa writes, "In our time together, we'll consider this question through a panoramic study of 1 and 2 Samuel, using Israel's first two kings as a mirror. In Saul, we'll see how our skepticism of God's love leads to self-destruction. In David – whose very name means beloved – we'll see how our confidence in God's love carries us through seasons of vulnerability, prosperity, and personal failure. We'll see how David foreshadows the Beloved Son, whose trust in God's love led him to the cross on our behalf."

Visit [AdventBirmingham.org/Women](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Women) for all the details. Want to help? Contact Gretchen Williams ([JimAndGretchen@charter.net](mailto:JimAndGretchen@charter.net)). Hope to see you there!

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

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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

## memorials:

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## calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 4 Regular worship schedule (No Re- fectory service) 150th Anniversary Commemoration at services Sr. High Progressive Dinner - 6:00 p.m.	5 Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting - Cranmer House - 7:15 p.m.	6	7	8 Women's Ministries "The Middle" - 505 Pine Ridge Trail - 6:30 p.m.	9 Caregivers Support Group - Cranmer House - noon	10
Dec 11 Regular worship schedule Advent Lessons and Carols at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. - Nave Jr. High Progressive Dinner - Cranmer House - 6:00 p.m.	12	13	14 Ageless Adventers Third Wednesday - Cranmer House - noon	15 A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols - Nave - 5:30 p.m.	16 Midday Music - Nave - 12:30 p.m.	17

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 un-  
able to attend church, please call the Pastoral Care Of-  
fice at 205-226-3500.