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News & Events

Annual Parish Meeting Is this Sunday

The 150th annual Parish Meeting of the Cathedral Church of the Advent will be held this Sunday, January 22, 10:00 a.m. in the Nave. The meeting will include Dean Smalley's address to the parish, a report from the Treasurer, and a word from the Senior Warden. Also, parishioners will elect 10 persons to serve on the Advent's Vestry. See the insert for profiles of the Vestry nominees.

Women's Retreat: Last Call to Register

The deadline to sign up for the Women's Retreat is Monday, January 23. The retreat is set for Friday-Sunday, February 3-5, at Children's Harbor on Lake Martin. The retreat will be led by Lisa Wheeler, Deacon and Assistant to the Rector at Church of the Apostles in Columbia, South Carolina, and a former Advent staff member. Register at AdventBirmingham.org/Women. See page 2 for more information.

Organist Matthew Brown in Concert January 26

Our Concert Series will continue Thursday, January 26, 7:00 p.m. in the Nave with a performance by organist Matthew Brown. Admission is free. See page 3 for details.



A Word from Wes Sharp

Ready or not, 2023 has come barreling in, forcing us to ask the question, "Lord, what does this year hold?"

If you had to answer the question, "What do you want life to look like in five years?", what would be the answer? It's a hard question, especially if you are hoping to answer it with details. Everyone wants to thrive at something. The good news is that the Lord wants us to thrive as well as he does his entire church. I realize "thrive" looks different for different people, but let me point you to something I believe we can all agree on, the inherent word of God.

At the end of the book of Revelation, an image is seen that gives the reader a great sense of external comfort and internal joy. There is a great feast that happens in Revelation 19 where the bride is adorned in white and met by Jesus the ultimate bridegroom. The bride in this wedding image is the church who has stood strong

and sought the Lord through all ups and downs. The best part of that text to me is what the church is instructed to do in that moment. Worship the Lord!

If you were to ask me what I want to see in five years, it would be a mirror image of that scene: that the church would focus our hearts' affection and our minds' attention on Jesus; that in everything we do, Jesus is worshipped; to know that the worship of Jesus may look different for each of us, but the motivation and the heart are the same when our eyes are on him.

If you didn't make a New Year's resolution, here's one you can use: that our eyes would be on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. That means we turn from our selfishness, take our eyes away from looking at how others might do it, and fix our gaze on the Bridegroom who longs to bring us into his presence.

Oh, that we would turn our eyes upon Jesus, look full into his wonderful face, for the things of this earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

- Wes

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

- Matthew 6:33

This Sunday:

January 22, 2023

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Wes Sharp

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Nave. Preacher: Wes Sharp

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Refectory. Preacher: Canon Gardner

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Preacher: Wes Sharp

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Gardner

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:

Adult classes will not meet this Sunday, January 22, due to the annual Parish Meeting.

Regular adult classes will resume on Sunday, January 29.

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!

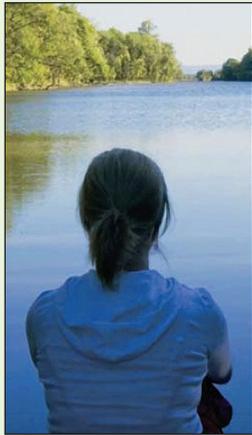


spiritual growth & fellowship

Women's Ministries

Last Call to Register for Women's Retreat – Deadline to Sign Up Is January 23

"When we doubt God's love, we'll do all we can to control the circumstances and the people in our lives. When we know we are loved, we can surrender to anything. For this reason, we might say that the greatest battle of the Christian life is to believe that we are loved... and that the greatest question is, 'What keeps me from fully believing this?'"



Do you ever struggle to fully believe you are truly loved? Join us Friday evening, February 3, through Sunday morning, February 5, for a wonderful weekend of rest and renewal with Lisa Wheeler, Deacon and Assistant to the Rector at Church of the Apostles in Columbia, South Carolina, and a former Advent staff member. Lisa will take us through 1 and 2 Samuel, leading us to see how our confidence in God's love carries us through seasons of vulnerability, prosperity, and personal failure and helping us enter more deeply into the knowledge that we are cherished daughters of the King.

The deadline to sign up for the retreat at Children's Harbor is Monday, January 23. The cost covers lodging, all five meals, snacks, programming, and materials. To register or for more details, visit AdventBirmingham.org/Women. Questions? Contact Leslie Housman (Leslie@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3511).

Men's Ministry

Texas Hold 'Em Poker Night January 26

Men of the Advent and their friends are invited to Texas Hold 'Em Poker Night on Thursday, January 26, 6:00-8:30 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Please bring \$10 cash for your buy-in. All winnings will go the Advent ministry of the winner's choice.



Registration is \$10 per person, which includes pizza and a seat at the table. Bring your own beverage to share. The deadline to register is 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 24. Sign up at AdventBirmingham.org/Men. For more information, contact Wes Sharp (Wes@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3519).

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.

Advent Sets Trip to Israel in January 2024

We hope you will prayerfully consider joining other Adventers on an 11-day trip to Israel, January 3-13, 2024.

We had two exceptional trips to Israel in 2022. We will again use Imagine Travel and Tours as our trip coordinators (ITTWorld.com). Imagine will handle all of the registrations as well as the arrangements for our airfare, ground transportation, a local guide, hotels, meals, etc. Craig Smalley, Gil Kracke, and Jono Linebaugh will lead the trip for the Advent.

Registration opened to Advent members on Tuesday, January 17. If space still remains after February 14, non-Adventers may also register and join us.

For more information, including details on how to register and costs, you may download a brochure at AdventBirmingham.org/Israel2024. If you have questions, please call or email Margaret Pope (205-226-3510, Margaret@CathedralAdvent.com).

Youth Ministry

Jr. High: Youth Group is happening this Sunday, January 22, 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Join us for Bible study, pizza, and games!

Sr. High: We are celebrating the Lunar New Year at Family Dinner this Sunday, January 22, 7:17 p.m. at Cranmer House. Can't wait to see you there!

For more information on our Youth Ministry, contact Mary Ann McCarty (MaryAnn@CathedralAdvent.com, 601-513-2122) or Will Fagan (Fagan@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-382-3293).

Five O'Clock Service Dinner

Potluck Meal to Follow Service January 29

We will hold another Post-Five potluck dinner in Clingman Commons on Sunday, January 29, immediately following the Five O'Clock Service. Please bring a dish to share. Email Kelly Hulsey (KellyHulsey27@gmail.com) to sign up to bring a side or dessert. Contact Michael Weeks (Weeks@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information. Hope to see you there!

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. - Isaiah 9:2-3

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. - 1 Corinthians 1:17-18

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



making music

Concert Series

Organist Matthew Brown to Perform January 26

Matthew Brown will play an organ recital in our Cathedral Concert Series on Thursday, January 26, 7:00 p.m. in the Nave.

Mr. Brown (*right*) currently serves as Director of Music at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Atlanta, Georgia. He has concertized throughout the United States and abroad, including performances in Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral, London; Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue, New York; and Trinity Church, Copley Square, Boston. He earned degrees in organ performance from the North Carolina School of the Arts and the Eastman School of Music. Every summer he manages the Royal School of Church Music Carolina Course at Duke University.



Admission is free. Please join us for what will be an exciting and beautiful performance.



serving & outreach

Local Outreach

SOUPer Bowl Sunday – Help Support Pathways

Do you have a go-to soup recipe that's always a hit? On Sunday, February 12, you can help Women's Ministries raise money for Pathways Shelter for Women and Children. Volunteers (men are welcome!) are needed to prepare and freeze hearty soups in one-quart containers. For details or to volunteer, please contact Nancy McColloch (NDLMcColloch@gmail.com).



Lenten Lunches

Hot Lunches Are Back – Sign Up Now to Help

The Lenten Preaching and Lunches Series is a tremendous outreach effort that allows our parish and our neighbors throughout the area to prioritize their spiritual growth midweek. The homemade lunches that follow each service provide an opportunity for continued discussion and fellowship among participants. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22, and as usual the lineup of preachers is outstanding.

Please help us have another successful year by volunteering to help as your schedule will allow. There are a variety of ways to serve no matter your level of expertise in the kitchen. Serving on a Lenten Lunches team is not only a terrific way to serve your church and community, it's also a great way to build relationships with your fellow parishioners. For details or to volunteer, contact Shannon Lisenby (205-586-6186).



worship

Lectionary this Sunday, January 22

Psalms 27:1, 5-13

Isaiah 9:1-4

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Jesse Ann Yarbrough Jemison: (Endowment Fund) by Scott and Cameron Vowell; Haydn Trechsel

Robert Sherrill and Jackie Boggan: (Garden Fund) by Lannette C. Sherrill

Frank Edward Lankford, Jr.: (Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Billy and Allison Pritchard • (Mission and Outreach) by Laura and Richard Abernethy • (Music Discretionary Fund) by Deborah Fisher; Virginia Hollingsworth; Alice Bowsher; Ginny and Richard Anthony; Judith Harrington; Dana and Tony Davis; Mike and Gillian Goodrich; Louise and Jimmie Wright; Gray and Lee Thuston; Bill and Sallie Pradat; Advent Episcopal School; Vulcan Materials (Brett McAnally); Anne Burke; Amy Ager; Jan and Art Sandy; Robert and Katherine Tracy

Regarding Offering Envelopes

If you requested offering envelopes on your 2023 pledge card, you can pick them up in Clingman Commons. Please note that you have been assigned a new envelope number.

New envelopes requested after the start of the new year will take some extra time to process, and should be on the table in Clingman by the end of January. Please look for them then!

Contact Beth Anne Maier with questions (BethAnne@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3517).

Emmett Theodore Kohler: (Pastoral Care) by Ricky and Cindy May

Thomas G. Amason, Jr.: (Endowment Fund) by Charlotte Murdock

In Honor of Dr. Derrill and Cameron Crowe: (Endowment Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. Carey Bryan Shelfer, II

In Thanksgiving for Samuel E. Urmev: (St. Cecilia Fund) by Jane Gibbs

In Honor of Stella Schreiber: (Pastoral Care) by Frank and Laura Jones

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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: Cate Teresa McKee, daughter of Mary Catherine and Austin, on December 10

Baptisms: James Thornton Fisher, son of Reid and Maggie, on January 8; Hampton Morris Hemrick, son of Matt and Rebecca, on January 8

Marriage: Emily Elizabeth Schreiber and Robert Earl Pendley, on December 31

Death: Reta Mudd, on October 20

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Lathrop W. Smith: (Mission and Outreach) by Alice Meriwether Bowsher

Juliet "JuJu" Miller Beale: (Mission and Outreach) by Dan and Shannon Price

Janet Hill: (Garden Fund) by Bama and David Mills

Joseph Beaird: (Garden Fund) by Bama and David Mills



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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 22 Regular worship schedule Parish Meeting - Nave - 10:00 a.m. Jr. High Youth Group - Cranmer House - 6:00 p.m. Sr. High Family Dinner - 7:17 p.m.	23	24	25	26 Men's Ministry Poker Night - Cranmer House - 6:00 p.m. Concert Series: Matthew Brown, organ - Nave - 7:00 p.m.	27	28
Jan 29 Regular worship schedule Five O'Clock Service Dinner - Clingman Commons - 6:00 p.m.	30	31	Feb 1	2	3 Women's Retreat - Children's Harbor	4

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.

NOMINEES FOR THE VESTRY

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Each profile contains the answer to the question,

“What are your hopes for the Cathedral Church of the Advent for the immediate future?”

CRAIG BRADY - 35 years • Retired former CPA and CFO • Wife: Lessie • Small Groups, Lenten Lunches, Children's Chapel, Usher, Stewardship • “Romans 15:13 says, ‘May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.’ Our church has flourished for 150 years, which I believe is because we have always done our best to trust the Lord, follow the path he set for us, and to boldly proclaim the gospel. My hope for our church is that we never waiver in placing our trust and hope in the Lord, that we experience the joy and peace that only he can provide, and that others hear us proclaim the gospel and are drawn by the power of the Holy Spirit.”



RICHARD COOK - Member 21 years • Finance • Wife: Anna • Advent Appointee to the Diocesan Commission on Ministry, Audit Committee, Former Vestry Member, Stewardship Caller, Usher • “I hope that the Advent will proclaim justification by faith alone, and thereby be a comfort to sinners like me.”



LINDSEY DRUHAN - Lifelong Member • Attorney • Husband: Patrick • Children's Sunday School Teacher, Stewardship Volunteer • “The Small Groups ministry at the Advent is one of the ways a large church like ours provides a stronger connection to each other. It is an opportunity to share our knowledge and love of Christ in a more intimate setting. I am truly thankful for the love and grace my small group has shown during times of joy and sadness over the years. My hope for the Advent in the future is for the Small Groups ministry to continue to grow, creating a stronger community within our church.”



RACHEL FRY - 21 years • Consulting Psychologist • Husband: Charles • Women's Ministry, Former Vestry Member, Sunday School, Mission and Outreach • “My hopes for the Advent are that we focus on strengthening our church family while continuing to share the gospel with others.”



CHARLES GASTON - Member 22 years • Retired Naval Officer • Cathedral Choir, Cursillo, Small Groups, Habitat for Humanity, Men's Ministry, Lector, Former Special Lay Eucharistic Minister, Chalice Bearer, Usher, Advent Staff Member 17 years (2002-2019) • “I hope to see our in-person church attendance return to pre-pandemic levels and even to grow beyond that; to build on our already good levels of participation in small groups and similar ministries; to give our new Dean and Rector all the support he needs to continue filling any remaining clergy and lay staff vacancies; to support the diocese in ways that would please God; to nurture our great relationship with Beeson Divinity School; and to support our wonderful music ministry. None of these things is an end in itself, but they are all desirable only to the extent that they support the spread of the gospel and Christian discipleship.”



JEN GREEN - Member 8 years • Clinical Psychologist • Husband: Robert • Co-Chair of the Welcoming Committee, Small Groups, Women's Ministries Advisory Team, Lenten Lunches • “We are a congregation blessed with diverse talents and abilities. It is my hope that we continue to form and deepen existing partnerships that allow the Advent to interact with our community in impactful, gospel-centered ways, remembering that ‘each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms’ (1 Peter 4:10).”



KELLY HULSEY - Member 21 years • Landscape Designer • Husband: Duncan • Chalice Bearer, Altar Guild, Lector, Small Groups, Alpha Course Leader at the Lovelady Center, President of Amistad Mission • “We are already a gospel-centered and gifted church in teaching. My prayer has been that we would challenge ourselves as parishioners to look outside the doors of the Advent and have a strong, authentic ministry of hands-on outreach, developing close relationships in our city and internationally with our outreach partners. Along the same line, I hope that the men from Brother Bryan would continue to grow in number at the evening service, and that they would be naturally integrated into our community, developing relationships with families and individuals for a support system as they try to live life off of the streets and drug free – and that as members, we would find common ground with these men. And a broad hope and prayer is that we would be a family of Believers at the Advent which ‘bears with one another’... being patient with our differences... respectful listeners as we walk through our modern culture.”



KATHRYN KEITH - Member 11 years • Retired • Advent House Prayer Ministry • “Using the words of Paul in his prayer for the saints in Ephesus, those faithful in Christ Jesus: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to us, the saints in this church, the spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowing of him; that our eyes be enlightened to know what is the hope to which he has called us; that we know the riches of his power towards us that we might walk by faith in the good works which he has prepared beforehand for us.”



JOSH MENENDEZ - Member 37 years • Physician • Wife: Ginger • Sunday School Teacher, Usher, Stewardship Caller, Small Group Leader, Confirmation Table Leader • “I pray that Christ may increase and we as individuals may decrease.”



BART MOORE - Member 14 years • Commercial Real Estate – Ironvest Partners • Wife: Dede • Sound Volunteer, Usher, Stewardship Call Committee (Caller and Captain), Youth Sunday School Teacher, Confirmation Table Leader, Small Groups, Discernment Committee, Holiday Flower Delivery • “My hope is for the Advent to continue to develop and strengthen our Christian faith through the gospel. The Advent is a welcoming, loving, and serving congregation, and we need to continue adapting our practices to respond to the growth and changing needs of our community.”



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CLAIBORNE MORRIS - Lifelong Member • Member, Warren Averett, LLC • Wife: Courtney • Advent Funds Review Committee, Advent Audit Committee, Sunday School Teacher (3K), Usher, Small Groups • “My hope for the Advent is that we remain rooted in Scripture amid these turbulent times, and that we continue to boldly preach and teach the Good News of our Savior’s finished work on the cross and his mighty resurrection.”



THOMAS NELSON - Member 12 years • Chief Financial Officer • Wife: Katie • Sunday School Teacher, Usher, Stewardship Campaign Caller, Small Groups • “My hope for the Advent is to see the church continue to spread the gospel and good news of God’s unconditional love and continued pursuit of each believer to reconcile and restore the relationship that God has for each of us. Strengthening the connection that each member has with the Advent is important while also welcoming all visitors and potential new members. Being a parent with elementary-age children and a Sunday School teacher, I am personally invested in supporting and serving the Advent’s phenomenal children’s and youth ministries. I am also hopeful that we have entered into a new era of stability under the leadership of Dean Smalley and the staff, and would be honored to support them as they shepherd the Advent’s flock into this next chapter.”



EMILY PRUET - Member 19 years • Pharmacist • Husband: Chips • Former Vestry Member, ECW Secretary, Women’s Retreat Kitchen Team, Lenten Lunches, St. Amelia’s Guild, Sunday School Teacher, VBS Volunteer, Small Groups • “The Advent has been a great blessing to my family and me for almost two decades now. The Advent’s firm commitment to proclaiming the gospel forms the basis for all preaching and teaching. This good news of God’s unconditional love and irresistible grace has changed my heart and affected every aspect of my life. In my small group, we have talked about how not only do we believe in God, but also we believe God. We believe that he leads each one of us and leads our church. I pray that the Advent continues to focus on the word of the Lord, so that we may know him more intimately; believe him and love him completely, as he first loved us; and serve him as he intends.”



KATE RAY - Member 24 years • Retired Regional HR Director, Synovus Bank • Husband: Mike • Women’s Ministries Advisory Team, Altar Guild, St. Catherine’s Guild, Lenten Lunches, Stewardship Call Volunteer, Women’s Retreat Volunteer, Bible Study Luncheon Coordinator, Discipleship Program Participant, Bible Studies, Small Groups, Cursillo • “I hope that the Advent will remain steadfast in its mission to provide gospel-centered worship following the teachings of Jesus Christ. I pray that we will all support the church’s mission by word and deed. My hope is that we will continue to focus on strengthening relationships within the community and serving those in need. ‘Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest’ (Mathew 11:28).”



CHARLIE SHARP - Member 50 years • Obstetrician and Gynecologist • Wife: Jane • Usher, Former Vestry Member, Sunday School Teacher, Confirmation Teacher, Sex Education Leader, Alpha Course Leader, Search Committee for Dean Zahl, Cursillo Leader, Small Groups, Stewardship • “My hope for the Advent is that we will continue to lean into being a parish with a heart for the gospel. I hope we will do this by continuing excellent preaching, teaching, and increased outreach, especially to our local community.”



BRITT THAMES - Member 15 years • Entrepreneur, Small Business Owner • Wife: Amanda • 6th Grade Confirmation Table Leader, Children’s Sunday School Teacher, Small Groups, Inquirers’ Class Shepherd, Usher, Stewardship, Children’s Walk to the Cross Narrator, Men’s Bible Study Group • “My hope and prayer for the immediate future is to support Craig as our new Dean in the ministry and stewardship of our church as we move forward in striving to be a pillar of hope and truth for the City of Birmingham. In keeping with our mission statement, I support the Advent’s continued focus on the gospel of Jesus Christ, the cross, and his resurrection in our preaching and teaching to adults, youth, and children, equipping them to truly know and love Jesus and become lifelong disciples.”



STACY TOWNSEND - Member 9 years • Homemaker • Husband: Jacob • Children’s Sunday School Teacher, VBS Group Leader and Chair, St. Amelia’s Guild Co-Chair, Women’s Retreat Co-Chair, Lenten Lunches, Small Groups, Women’s Discipleship Group Participant, Stewardship, Confirmation Table Leader • “My hope for the Advent is to be a community of people drawing others in by reflecting the peace and joy of Christ and sharing the gospel to bring about personal and cultural change.”



JASON WALLACE - Member 13 years • Professor of History, Samford University • Wife: Meg • Adult Education, Discernment Committee for Ministerial Candidates, Advent Ministries Strategic Planning Committee, Stewardship • “My hope is for the Advent to continue its witness in the Birmingham community as a communion dedicated to the gospel message of truth and love in the person and work of Christ. Christianity teaches us that truth and love are not antagonists, and that both find their realization in the whole counsel of God mediated to us through the word of God. The Advent remains a unique fellowship amongst Episcopal churches in its commitment to the authority of Scripture, faithful preaching, meaningful worship, and Anglican doctrine. This commitment requires careful and thoughtful reflection and prayer. Likewise, it must be intentionally cultivated by clergy, vestry, and staff. I hope, and I believe, that despite the various cultural pressures confronting the contemporary church, the Advent will continue to hold forth the promises of Christ by boldly preaching the word and faithfully administering the sacraments. The Advent best serves our community by remaining a church that encourages honest appraisal of the human condition and human need according to Scripture and God’s faithfulness to us in Christ.”



CHRIS WEINGARTNER - Member 5 years • Managing Director - Founders Advisors • Wife: Rachel • Small Groups, Stewardship Campaign, Youth Sunday School Teacher, Inquirers’ Class Shepherd • “Whether someone is young or old, beginning to explore or firmly rooted in faith in Christ, from an Episcopal background or not, I hope the Advent continues to be a church that welcomes people with programs, preaching, and curriculum that grow their living and daring confidence in God’s grace.”



FORSYTH WHITE - Lifelong Member • Sales • Sunday School Teacher, Advent House Prayer Intercessor, Stewardship • “I hope that the Advent will always be a safe place to worship and praise Jesus. I trust that the Advent will continue to proclaim the gospel in truth and love, and that the word of God is preached, studied and celebrated!”

