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News & Events

Christ in the Christmas Crunch Set for December 7

Christ in the Christmas Crunch, our Women's Ministries annual tradition, will be Thursday, December 7, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in Clingman Commons. The event will include a delicious lunch, festive live music, a ministry market with items from a variety of ministries and fair-trade vendors, and a message from Leslie Housman. Register at AdventBirmingham.org/Women. See page 2 for more information.

Thanksgiving Closings

The Church Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The office will reopen on Monday, November 27.

Intercessory Prayer Available at Advent House

The Advent House Prayer Ministry welcomes you to come for prayer. Prayer intercessors will pray on your behalf, trusting in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. To schedule a prayer appointment at Advent House, contact Kathy Logue (205-410-4622, Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com). See page 2 for details.



A Word from Canon Young

Happy Thanksgiving! Not merely in the Hallmark way of sending greetings, but in the honest reminder that we all have much for which we are grateful. No matter our present circumstance or station in life, the givenness of things means we are all recipients of and participants in a life we neither created nor sustained individually. God's grace has been and always remains foundational to our existence and experience. Yet, I find gratitude a difficult thing to practice. Yesterday's goodness often gets replaced by today's anxiety and tomorrow's pressure. I am so forgetful when it comes to ways and times that I had enough and was cared for. My persistent cravings for comfort leave me often singing with Mick Jagger, "I can't get no satisfaction."

A pervasive pattern in the Old Testament consists of warning God's people not to

forget what the Lord their God has done for them. "Remember the Lord your God, who brought you out of slavery in Egypt" appears again and again. I need a reminder that my life is not my own because I was bought with a price. A reminder that in spite of my best efforts (as well as my failed ones), all that I have and all that I am is due to the grace, mercy, and benevolence of the God who loves me.

The Collect for Thanksgiving Day in our Prayer Book says it more beautifully and truly than I can:

"Almighty and gracious Father, we give thee thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we beseech thee, faithful stewards of thy great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen."

- Adam

"Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day." - Deuteronomy 8:17-18

This Sunday:

November 19, 2023

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Gardner

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Nave. Preacher: Canon Gardner

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Refectory. Preacher: Cameron Cole

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Gardner

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Preacher: Cameron Cole

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) – *The One Word by Which to Live and Die* – Jono Linebaugh
Inquirers' Class (Diocesan Conference Room) – *Fellowship and Gathering* – Stephen Greene

My God, My Life, My Holy Delight (Chapter Room) – *"What is this word?"* (Luke 4) – Gil Kracke

The Message of Isaiah and the World Today (Living Room) – Dennis Sansom
Understanding Israel as a Promise (Lower School Library) – Jason Wallace

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. 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.

(Adult Education, cont.)

Faith and Family (Assembly Hall) – *Kids, Tech, and Truth: Why We Don't Do Things Like Everybody Else* – Cameron Cole



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Women's Ministries

Join Us for *Christ in the Christmas Crunch*

"Waiting is the hardest part..." (Tom Petty, 1981). Waiting... we hate it, we're bad at it, we find every possible way to avoid it. But what if rather than being annoyed by it, we could find joy in waiting?

Kick off the Advent season at *Christ in the Christmas Crunch* on Thursday, December 7, from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in Clingman Commons. Festive live music will set the mood while you shop unique handmade gifts from a variety of ministries and fair-trade vendors (early bird shopping begins at 11:00 a.m.!), enjoy a delicious lunch, and visit with friends. Leslie Housman will give a talk that explores this season of waiting. Cost is \$15, and guests are welcome! Register at AdventBirmingham.org/Women, through your Realm account, or by contacting Janet Dozier (Janet@CathedralAdvent.com).



Photo above: Manufacture Good, one of the vendors who will be at *Christ in the Christmas Crunch*, helps young, unemployed men find purpose and passion through work, believing that all work can be redemptive and give glory to the One who first defined "good." Manufacture Good will have a variety of handcrafted wood products for sale, including monogramable cutting boards and coasters.

St. Mary's Guild to Gather November 30

All women in their 20s and 30s are invited to hear Dr. Gisela Kreglinger-Smith on Thursday, November 30, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the home of Susan Elliott (3895 Glencoe Drive, 35213). Gisela will speak on *Hearing God's Voice in Times of Confusion and Disorientation*.

St. Mary's is a fellowship group for the youngest women of the church – single, student, married... in any stage of life. St. Mary's gathers twice a year to share life together and hear a renewing word about God's ever-present love for his children.

Register through your Realm account or contact co-chairs Mary Jane McAllister (256-872-0785) or Kathryn Maxwell (205-393-4484) with questions, to RSVP, or to volunteer to bring a snack to share.



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Lenten Lunches

Ticket Presales Happening Sundays in Clingman

Ticket presales for Lenten Lunches 2024 are underway on Sundays in Clingman Commons. We'll be there this Sunday, November 19, as well as Sundays, December 3, 10, and 17. Tickets make great stocking-stuffers. Be sure to stop by our table to purchase tickets and to volunteer for Lenten Lunches.

Advent House Prayer Ministry



Come to Advent House for Intercessory Prayer

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light do we see light.

-Psalm 36:7-9

The Advent House Prayer Ministry welcomes you to come for prayer, whatever your need may be. Come when you are seeking God's healing of an illness or broken relationship in your life, God's comfort amid hardship or loss in your life, or God's guidance when looking for direction in your life. Come and bring your prayer request to God. Prayer intercessors will pray on your behalf, trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship – the presence, the guidance, and the power – of the Holy Spirit.

If you would like to schedule a prayer appointment at Advent House (2317 Arlington Avenue South, 35205), please contact Kathy Logue (205-410-4622, Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com).

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.

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



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Youth Ministry



The Advent Bowl: Touch-Football Tournament November 26

All 7th-12th graders are invited to play in the Advent Bowl, our annual two-hand-touch football tournament, on Sunday, November 26, 2:00 p.m. at the Mountain Brook Elementary School field. We hope to see you for a fun afternoon of friendly competition!

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



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Local Outreach



Trunk or Treat at Park Place

Thanks to the Adventers who took part in Trunk or Treat on October 30. Gathering in the parking lot on 6th Avenue North across from Marconi Park, we brought treats to our friends and neighbors at Park Place.



education

Women's Bible Study



Women at Work Study Taking a Break Until Spring

The Women at Work Bible study has wrapped up for the fall. For the past seven weeks, it has been a gift to walk through Proverbs 31, looking at this often challenging portion of Scripture through a gospel lens. Through thoughtful teaching and open discussion, we discovered the freedom in these verses when we realize our identity in Christ precedes all that we do. Rather than feeling burdened by a checklist for perfectionism, we finished this study encouraged and refreshed by God's incredible plan, purpose, and love for women. Thank you to our facilitators, Mary Bradley Anderson, Caroline Daw, Julie Ogard, and Pam Simpson and to all of our dinner hosts, who graciously provided dinner each week for our participants.

Women at Work is a weekly evening Bible study for all women (because all women work!). The group will resume in the spring with the study *Busy vs. Hurry*, a look at Jesus' ministry, which was always busy but never hurried. Contact Leslie Housman (Leslie@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3511) for more information.



worship

Lectionary: Sunday, November 19

Psalm 123 or Psalm 90:1-8 (9-11) 12

Judges 4:1-7

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.

- Psalm 65:12-13

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

The Rev. Canon Thomas P. Murray, Vice Dean

The Rev. Canon Jay Gardner, Canon Pastor

The Rev. Canon Adam Young, Canon Missioner

transitions:

Baptisms: Evelyn Wynell Brooks, daughter of John and Lindsey, on November 5; Anne McCants Hurt, daughter of Tucker and Frances, on November 5

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Mary K Wilson: (Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Billy and Allison Pritchard

Rebecca Vann Woo: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Randy and Rosemary Ham

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 19 Regular worship schedule	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day Church Office closed	24 Church Office closed	25
Nov 26 Regular worship schedule The Advent Bowl - Mountain Brook Elementary Field - 2:00 p.m.	27	28	29	30	Dec 1	2

Monday-Friday (No meeting November 23 and 24): AA – Coe Conference Room, noon

Bible Studies: We have more Bible studies meeting than we can list on the calendar! Please join us in praising God for this blessing and visit AdventBirmingham.org/BibleStudies for a list of options available to you. If you have any questions, please contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-443-8562).