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News & Events



Dean Pinter to Join Advent Clergy Staff

In mid-January, the Rev. Dr. Dean Pinter and his wife Darlene (*above*) will join our community. Dean will serve on our clergy staff as Canon Theologian.

For the past 11 years, Dean has served as the Rector of St. Aidan's Anglican Church in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada. Previously he served in college chaplaincy, as an academic dean, and as professor of New Testament. His depth of knowledge is combined with warmth, humor, and humility.

Darlene has served in the mission field in Lithuania and the Indian subcontinent, and she is a writer and spiritual director. Darlene and Dean have three adult children.

Join me in thanking God and praying for the Pinters during this time of transition.

- Craig



A Word from Canon Gardner

The Psalter never ceases to amaze me. Can we simply appreciate the depth and diversity of this collection for a moment? Many psalms are ever timely, memorable, and they speak directly to my current situation; at the same time other psalms can be obscure, foreign, and completely unintelligible based on my circumstances. In those cases I am encouraged to know that Jesus prayed these psalms and prays them for me; I am glad to know that my understanding alone is not the litmus test of truth. Thanks be to God!

But there is almost always something beautifully poignant and applicable to us from any given psalm, if we would simply have the ears to hear. I love praying the psalms and hearing them read and sung in worship, because they do speak powerfully. Recently I was struck by the refrain found at the end of both Psalms 42 and 43: "Why are you cast down, O my soul,

and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God." Psalms are largely prayers addressed to God, but here we have two instances of the Psalmist talking to himself. Maybe I am not so crazy for talking to myself after all!

Self-talk, our inner voice, is a reality for all of us. And sadly, like everything tainted by sin, our self-talk is often negative or pessimistic (especially and somewhat comically for me on the golf course!). I beat myself up based on mistakes I have made and regrets that I have. The Psalmist does not stop there though. Instead, his negative self-talk turns to a gospel promise: that God is his hope and his salvation. We all need someone to preach Christ to us in our darkest moments. Even when we are alone, the Word of God by the power of the Holy Spirit is with us. The Spirit of God groans deeply within us, even in our self-talk, pointing us outside of ourselves to a good and gracious God, who tenderly revives us in hope.

- Jay

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

- Psalm 42:11

This Sunday:

November 26, 2023

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Cameron Cole

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Nave. Preacher: Cameron Cole

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Refectory. Preacher: Will Fagan

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Preacher: Cameron Cole

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Will Fagan

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) – *Understanding Israel as a People* – Jason Wallace

My God, My Life, My Holy Delight (Chapter Room) – *"I say to you, arise."* (Luke 7) – Gil Kracke

The Message of Isaiah and the World Today (Living Room) – Dennis Sansom

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.



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Women's Ministries

Register Soon for *Christ in the Christmas Crunch*

Join us for food, fellowship, and fun as we kick off the season with our annual *Christ in the Christmas Crunch* celebration on Thursday, December 7, in Clingman Commons. The event will begin with early bird shopping at 11:00 a.m. Shop for unique, handmade gifts from a variety of vendors, knowing all proceeds go right back into the communities represented by each ministry. Enjoy a delicious lunch and beautiful live music. Leslie Housman, Director of Women's Ministries, will share a message entitled "What Are You Waiting For?" We will wrap up by 1:00 p.m.

Short on time away from your work day? Plan to join us for lunch at 11:45, and the program from noon until 12:45, leaving you a few minutes to shop if you're able! Register at AdventBirmingham.org/Women, through your Realm account, or by contacting Janet Dozier (Janet@CathedralAdvent.com 205-226-3503). Cost is \$15, and guests are welcome.



Above: A King's Home resident crafts beautiful handmade pottery, available through Prodigal Pottery, one of the vendors who will be at *Christ in the Christmas Crunch*.

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 Guild 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.

Youth Ministry

The Advent Bowl Kicks Off this Sunday

All 7th-12th graders are invited to play in the Advent Bowl, our annual two-hand-touch football tournament, this 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. And all are welcome to come watch the festivities between the youth teams!

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



Caregivers Support Group

Lunch Gathering Set for December 8

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 8, 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, 205-443-8558).

20s & 30s Ministry



Above (on the court, l-r): Fallon and Fraser Humphreys face off against Ashton Holt and Mary Ann McCarty.

Adventers in their 20s and 30s gathered for the Pickleball Classic on November 9 at Cranmer House. For more information on our 20s & 30s Ministry, visit AdventBirmingham.org/20s30s.

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



worship

Service of Advent Lessons and Carols



Annual Services Set for December 3

Each year, the Cathedral Choir prepares music for our Advent Lessons and Carols services, which will take place on the First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 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 recording, *A Service of Advent Lessons and Carols*, available on CD in the Advent Bookstore as well as online at Apple Music.



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Children's Ministry



Club 456 Is Meeting Monthly

Club 456 is a monthly gathering for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders led by Margot Cooney and Haley Yearout. During their time together they engage in a Bible study, eat dinner, and have fellowship. It is a wonderful opportunity for this age group to gather with their peers to build relationships and study God's word together.

The club meets one Sunday per month from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Upcoming dates are December 3, January 28, and February 25.

Pray for the Advent December 4

Adventers are invited to a Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting on Monday, December 4, 7:00 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. For details, contact Carol Ann Collier (CarolC1118@gmail.com, 205-478-8081).



education

Thursday Morning Moms

Bible Study Taking a Break During December

We will take a break for the month of December, resuming on Thursday, January 11. Thursday Morning Moms is a Bible study for moms of young children that meets weekly from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Living Room at the church for fellowship, study, and prayer. New members are welcome to join any time. Contact Leslie Housman (Leslie@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3511) with questions.

Messy Discipleship: Chad Bird at the Advent

Thanks to Chad Bird (*right*) for such an enriching weekend November 10-12, "limping" through the end of Genesis and the Psalms, reminding us of the countless ways God seeks after us and the boldness with which we can approach him.

If you missed any of Chad's talks or want to hear them again, you can listen at Audio.AdventBirmingham.org.



worship

Lectionary: Sunday, November 26

Psalm 100 or Psalm 95:1-7a
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Katherine Gaillard Sharp: (Endowment Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. Miller Gorrie; Betty and John McMahon; Friedman, Dazzio and Zulanis; Paul M. Pankey, Jr.; Dr. and Mrs. Roger Smith; Richard Mooney; Anna and Richard Cook; Charles and Kate Simpson; Noelle Boyd; Elveree Tyndal • (Cathedral Choir Fund) by Nancy and Ricky Bromberg • (Mission and Outreach) by Nancy Poynor

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 Thomas P. Murray, Vice Dean

The Rev. Canon Jay Gardner, Canon Pastor

The Rev. Canon Adam Young, Canon Missioner

transitions:

Birth: Samuel Claude Natta, son of Andre Natta and Betsy Pate, on November 7

Marriage: Margaret Tutwiler Priester and Wilson Warren, on November 11

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

John Jamison: (Endowment Fund) by Robert and Susan Pruitt

Virginia "Din" Johnson: (Endowment Fund) by Frances Blount; Tink Milnor

Robert Earle Moore: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Margie and Coffee Colvin

Mary K Wilson: (Endowment Fund) by Elveree Tyn-dal; Peggy and Michael Balliet; Reynolds Shook and Lee Shook; Philippa Bainbridge; Gray and Lee Thuston • (Garden Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. John N. Morris, II • (Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Donny and Katharine Patton; Kathleen and Edmund Doss • (Music Discretionary Fund) by Robert Schuler

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 26 Regular worship schedule The Advent Bowl - Mountain Brook Elementary Field - 2:00 p.m.	27	28	29	30	Dec 1	2
Dec 3 Regular worship schedule Advent Lessons and Carols - Nave - 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Youth Progressive Dinner - Cranmer House - 6:00 p.m.	4 Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting - Cranmer House - 7:00 p.m.	5	6	7 <i>Christ in the Christmas Crunch</i> - Clingman Commons - 11:30 a.m.	8 Caregivers Group Luncheon - Cranmer House - noon	9

Monday-Friday: AA – Coe Conference Room, noon

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 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.