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News & Events

A Celebration of Epiphany Light: Service Set for January 11

In celebration of Epiphanytide, the Cathedral Choir will offer *A Celebration of Epiphany Light* on Thursday, January 11, 5:30 p.m. in the Nave. This service will feature lessons and Epiphany carols in a manner much like our lessons and carols services during Advent. See page 2 for more information.

Organist Kevin Kwan to Perform Following Epiphany Service

On January 11 at 6:30 p.m., following the *A Celebration of Epiphany Light* service, Kevin Kwan will perform an organ recital as part of the Cathedral Concert Series. See page 2 for details.

Register Now for Women's Gathering with Gisela Kreglinger-Smith

Sign up now (if you haven't already) for the Women's Gathering on Thursday, January 11, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Cranmer House. Dr. Gisela Kreglinger-Smith will share *Being Consumed*. Register at AdventBirmingham.org/Women, through your Realm account, or by contacting Janet Dozier (Janet@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3503). See page 2 for more information.



A Word from the Vice Dean

I have always loved the Epiphany season which follows the 12 days of Christmas, beginning with the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6. It can last between four to nine weeks, depending on the date of Easter (which is always the Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox). My love for the season originated in my home church, where one of my favorite liturgies growing up was an annual Epiphany service that celebrated not only the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles, but also the call for each of us to shine the light of Jesus into this otherwise darkened world.

It was only after I began to mature in faith, paying more attention to some of the dynamics the Apostle Paul was addressing in the early Church, that I began to truly appreciate the significance of Jesus' inclusion of everyone into God's family. Put simply, the Incarnation reveals that the long-awaited Messiah has come; the Epiphany reveals

that the hope he brings is not only for the house of Israel, but to all who receive him and believe in his name (John 1:9-13).

On Thursday, January 11, we will have an inaugural worship service entitled *A Celebration of Epiphany Light*. More details about this liturgy can be found on this page (left) and on page 2. Two things in particular are intended to 'shine through' in this liturgy. First, that Jesus Christ is "the true light that enlightens all people." As he said, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

Second, that Jesus came not only to redeem, but transform. In fact, he intends for us, in the power of his Spirit, to continue his "ministry of reconciliation" in this broken world (2 Corinthians 5:16-21), to let our light so shine before others that God may be glorified through us (Matthew 5:16). We hope to see you on January 11, and pray that you and those you love have a blessed and fruitful Epiphany season this year!

- Tom

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- John 8:12

This Sunday:

January 7, 2024

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Young

9:00 a.m. Holy Baptism

In the Nave. Preacher: Canon Young

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Refectory. Preacher: Dean Smalley

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Young

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Preacher: Dean Smalley

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) – *Truth and Love in the Church (2 John)* – Gerald Bray

Salt and Light: Faith Working Through Love – Evangelism and Discipleship in Birmingham

(Living Room) – Adam Young and Wes Sharp

Faith and Family (Assembly Hall) – *What Your Child Really Needs From You* – 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.



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worship

A Celebration of Epiphany Light

Lessons and Epiphany Carols January 11

In celebration of Epiphanytide, the Cathedral Choir will offer *A Celebration of Epiphany Light* on Thursday, January 11, 5:30 p.m. in the Nave. This special service will feature lessons and Epiphany carols in a manner much like our lessons and carols services during Advent season. 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.

The service will be livestreamed at AdventBirmingham.org/Live for those unable to attend.

At 6:30 p.m., following the service, organist Kevin Kwan will present a recital as part of our Concert Series. *See story below.*



making music

Concert Series

Organist Kevin Kwan to Perform Following Epiphany Service

Kevin Kwan will perform an organ recital as part of the Cathedral Concert Series on Thursday, January 11, 6:30 p.m. following the *A Celebration of Epiphany Light* service. Kevin (*right*) is Organist and Director of Music at Christ and St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Norfolk, Virginia, and previously served on staff with our own Director of Music, Frederick Teardo, at Saint Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue in New York. His program will include music of J.S. Bach, Dietrich Buxtehude, Robert Schumann, and Carl Haywood.

The concert will be livestreamed from our website at AdventBirmingham.org/Live.



spiritual growth & fellowship

Women's Ministries

Last Call to Sign Up for Gathering January 11

Advent women are invited to join us Thursday, January 11, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209) as Dr. Gisela Kreglinger-Smith shares *Being Consumed*. We live in a click-to-buy, same-day delivery, binge-watching society. But our freedom in the gospel means we can view consumption differently – less as getting and more as receiving with joy and celebration, rather than as slaves to “stuff.”



Gisela (*right*) will help us understand how we can “consume redemptively” through three teachings delivered in between courses of a delicious, well-sourced meal.

Gisela is a university professor, speaker, and author whose passion is to lead Christians to recognize how our faith informs every part of our lives.

Please register soon so we can plan for space and food. Registration is available at AdventBirmingham.org/Women, through your Realm account, or by contacting Janet Dozier (Janet@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3503).

Caregivers Support Group

Lunch Gathering Set for January 12

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, January 12, 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).

Ageless Adventers

Next Third Wednesday Lunch Is January 17

The next Ageless Adventers Third Wednesday luncheon will be Wednesday, January 17, noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Adam Young, the Advent's Canon Missioner, will speak.

Whether you are still active, newly retired, or have been enjoying flexibility for decades, you are welcome! So that we may have an accurate count for lunch, *please RSVP by Friday, January 12*, to Stella Schreiber (205-443-8558, Stella@CathedralAdvent.com).



worship

Lectionary: Sunday, January 7

Psalms 29 • Genesis 1:1-5

Acts 19:1-7 • Mark 1:4-11

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.

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

Pray for the Advent January 8

Adventers are invited to a Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting on Monday, January 8, 7:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). This hour-long meeting is set aside to pray for the Advent. Usually held the first Monday of the month, the gathering will be held on January 8 because of the New Year's Day holiday on January 1. For details, contact Carol Ann Collier (CarolC1118@gmail.com, 205-478-8081).

Parish Meeting Set for January 21

The annual Parish Meeting of the Cathedral Church of the Advent will be held Sunday, January 21, 10:00 a.m. in the Nave. At the meeting, parishioners will elect 10 persons to serve on the Vestry of the Advent. The nominees are as follows:

Mary Bradley Anderson	Connor Herfurth
Din Blankenship	Lee Hoerner
Ricky Bromberg	Julia King
Tara Bryant	Catherine Kirpalani
Crawford Bumgarner	Bailey Knight
Beaty Coleman	Thomas Nelson
Margot Cooney	Taylor Pursell
Fred Elliott	Stacy Townsend
Parker Evans	Drew Wright
Sam Everette	Haley Yearout

The meeting will also include Dean Smalley's address to the Parish, a report from the Treasurer, and a word from the Senior Warden. Watch for more information to come about the Parish Meeting.

Offering Envelopes Available

If you requested offering envelopes on your 2024 pledge card, you can pick them up in Clingman Commons. Please note that you have been assigned a new envelope number. Contact Beth Anne Maier with questions (BethAnne@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3517).

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

- Mark 1:4-11



serving & outreach

Lenten Lunches

Help Needed to Make Our Series Happen

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14, but Lenten Lunches teams are assembling now – contact Miriam Morris (JcMMbM@gmail.com) or LaVonda Keel (LaVondaKeel@gmail.com) if you'd like to help. No experience necessary. All training provided. Variety of schedules available. Join the team for a great opportunity to make new friends while serving your church and community! Can't make it up to the church each week to work? We have opportunities for you to serve from home, too!



education

Class for Parents

"Closer to God" Class to Begin January 8

Starting January 8, Cameron Cole will lead a class for parents on Mondays, 11:00 a.m.-noon at Cranmer House, called *Closer to God*. This class breaks down the Christian life into four sectors: relationship with God, others, self, and creation. The class helps people to have broad structure in how they think about their spiritual life, but also provides framework and direction on how to have meaningful conversations within a family. This is a great class to bring a friend to. Cranmer House is located at 2814 Linden Avenue, 35209. You can sign up at AdventBirmingham.org/Family. Contact Cameron for more information (Cameron@CathedralAdvent.com).



spiritual growth & fellowship

Advent House Prayer Ministry

Come to Advent House for Intercessory Prayer



God prepared a way for us to come to him through the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ. He gives us a promise in Scripture:

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them" (Matthew 18:20).

The ministry of prayer at Advent House is for men, women, and couples who would like to take their need to God in prayer. We will gather to pray for you as we trust in the redemptive, restorative, healing, life-giving power of Christ Jesus.

If you would like to schedule a prayer appointment or inquire further about this prayer ministry, please contact Kathy Logue (205-410-4622, Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com). The Advent House is located at 2317 Arlington Avenue South, 35205.

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memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Eve Wilkinson Holloway: (Mission and Outreach) by Virginia S. Shepherd

Lynn Hobbie Andrews: (Mission and Outreach) by Lynn Andrews

George Edward Cassady, II: (Mission and Outreach) by Mary and Victor Hanson

Jane Leatherbury Newman: (Pastoral Care) by Kate Kiefer

Mary K Wilson: (Garden Fund) by Amy Baddour • (Endowment Fund) by Elizabeth and James Outland

Katherine Gaillard Sharp: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Kate Kiefer; Elna Brendel

In Thanksgiving for Samuel E. Urmey: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Jane Watwood Gibbs

In Honor of the Birthdays of Mary Lynne Morris, Karen Arant, and Lynn Smith: (Garden Fund) by Amy Baddour



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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 7 Regular worship schedule Youth Family Dinner - Cranmer House - 6:00 p.m.	8 Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting - Cranmer House - 7:00 p.m.	9	10	11 A Celebration of Epiphany Light - Nave - 5:30 p.m. Concert Series: Kevin Kwan, organ - Nave - 6:30 p.m. Women's Gathering - Cranmer House - 6:30 p.m.	12 Caregivers Support Luncheon - Cranmer House - noon	13
Jan 14 Regular worship schedule	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Church Office closed	16	17 Ageless Adventers Third Wednesday - Cranmer House - noon	18	19	20

Monday-Friday: 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).