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Week of January 14, 2024



## News & Events

### 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. The meeting will include Dean Smalley's address to the Parish, a report from the Treasurer, and a word from the Senior Warden.

Also at the meeting, parishioners will elect 10 persons to serve a three-year term 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

### Who's Preaching During Lent?

The Advent's Lenten Preaching and Lunches Series will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14, and continue each weekday through Maundy Thursday, March 28. See the [preaching schedule on page 2](#).



## A Word from Canon Young

"This feels like both too much and also not enough." This is from a new show my wife and I have been watching recently. What a provocative line! Coming off the holidays and barreling into a new year, it feels like an apt way to describe this life. The festive Advent and Christmas blitz flips another page on the calendar and we return to the routines of regularly scheduled programming. Whether it was a pleasant or painful end to 2023, most of us can affirm the Both/And reality of our lived experience. Some of us may rejoice in gratitude for highlights in the year that is past. Some may be limping forward with heartache and grief. Others may be anxious, afraid, or apathetic about tomorrow. Most of us have a twinge of all of the above. Such is the doubleness of our human condition!

Thankfully, the Christian hope is not

based in human circumstance, but in the sure and trustworthy promise and presence of a holy God. Scripture reminds us that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). God incarnate has identified with sinners and sufferers like you and me, coming among us, dying an atoning sacrificial death for us, and rising from the grave to sit at the right hand of the Father. Christ "bore our sins in his body on the tree" (1 Peter 2:24) so that "in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21). He also "ever lives to make intercession" (Hebrews 7:25) for us. For those weary and heartsick as well as the invigorated and encouraged, ours is a Story with a very good ending. In the meanwhile, when life overwhelms or disappoints, when we groan with a cry of "this feels like too much and also not enough," we have a gracious and compassionate Savior and Advocate to whom we may entrust ourselves anew. Thanks be to God!

- Adam

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.**

- 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

## This Sunday:

January 14, 2024

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

Preacher: Canon Young

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

In the Nave. Preacher: Canon Young

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

In the Refectory. Preacher: Canon Gardner

### 11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Preacher: Canon Young

### 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](https://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 Christian* (3 John) – Gerald Bray

**Remembering That We Are But Dust** (Chapter Room) Gil Kracke

**Mission in Christ's Way** (Lower School Library) – Adam Young and Jim Truesdell

**Faith and Family** (Assembly Hall) – *What Your Child Really Needs From You: Self-Awareness of Your Story and Idols* – 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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## spiritual growth & fellowship

### Ageless Adventers

#### Third Wednesday Luncheon with Adam Young 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](mailto:Stella@CathedralAdvent.com)).

### Youth Ministry

#### Small Groups Resume this Week

Weekly youth small groups will get underway this week! Check [AdventBirmingham.org/Youth](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Youth) for meeting times and locations for each grade. Friends are always welcome at this good time of Bible study before school.

Family Dinner will resume bi-weekly on Sunday, January 21, 6:00 p.m. at Cranmer House.

For more information on our Youth Ministry, contact Mary Ann McCarty ([MaryAnn@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:MaryAnn@CathedralAdvent.com)) or Will Fagan ([Fagan@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Fagan@CathedralAdvent.com)).

### Advent House Prayer Ministry



#### Intercessory Prayer Available at Advent House

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](mailto:Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com)). The Advent House is located at 2317 Arlington Avenue South, 35205.



## making music

### James O'Donnell at the Advent

#### Acclaimed Musician to Conduct Cathedral Choir February 11

The Advent is honored to welcome James O'Donnell, LVO, for our morning choral services on February 11, the Last Sunday after the Epiphany. He will conduct the Cathedral Choir at Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m., and at Choral Matins, a special service of Morning Prayer, at 11:00 a.m.

One of the most celebrated concert organists, choral conductors, and liturgical musicians of our time, James O'Donnell (*right*) served for more than two decades as Organist and Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey. We hope you will make plans to attend and welcome Mr. O'Donnell to the Advent.

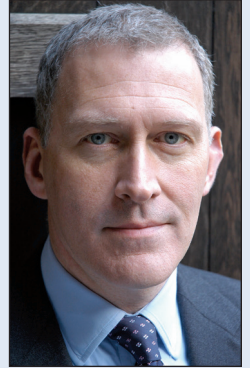


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## serving & outreach

### Lenten Lunches

#### Help to Make Our Series Happen

Lenten Lunches will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14, and continue every weekday, 12:05-1:00 p.m., through Maundy Thursday, March 28. Lenten Lunches teams are assembling now – contact Miriam Morris ([JcMMbM@gmail.com](mailto:JcMMbM@gmail.com)) or LaVonda Keel ([LaVondaKeel@gmail.com](mailto: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!

### Holiday Closings

The Church Office and the Advent Bookstore will be closed on Monday, January 15, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Both will reopen on Tuesday, January 16.

### 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](mailto:BethAnne@CathedralAdvent.com), 205-226-3517).

**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.



## worship

### Lenten Preaching Series

#### Series to Begin February 14

The Lenten Preaching Series will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14, with services every weekday, 12:05-12:30 p.m., through Maundy Thursday, March 28. Join us in person as much as you are able, but when you can't we hope you will join us for the livestream ([AdventBirmingham.org/Live](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Live)) or listen later on our audio pages ([Audio.AdventBirmingham.org](https://Audio.AdventBirmingham.org)). Lenten Lunches also begin on February 14 (see story on page 2). Information about our Lenten Series can also be found at [AdventBirmingham.org/Lent2024](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Lent2024).

Here is the schedule of preachers:

*Ash Wednesday, February 14:* **Glenda Curry**, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Alabama; Birmingham, Alabama

*Thursday-Friday, February 15-16:* **Ken Jones**, Senior Pastor, Glendale Baptist Church; Miami, Florida

*Monday-Wednesday, February 19-21:* **Sam Bush**, Associate Rector, Christ Episcopal Church; Charlottesville, Virginia

*Thursday-Friday, February 22-23:* **Stu Shelby**, Rector, All Saints Episcopal Church; Winter Park, Florida

*Monday-Wednesday, February 26-28:* **Mark Mattes**, Professor of Theology and Philosophy, Grand View University; Des Moines, Iowa

*Thursday-Friday, February 29-March 1:* **Jennifer McNutt**, Associate Professor of Biblical and Theological Studies, Wheaton College; Wheaton, Illinois

*Monday-Tuesday, March 4-5:* **Malone Gilliam**, Rector, St. George's Episcopal Church; Nashville, Tennessee

*Wednesday-Friday, March 6-8:* **Tim Blackmon**, Senior Pastor, Second Christian Reformed Church; Grand Haven, Michigan

*Monday-Tuesday, March 11-12:* **Aaron Zimmerman**, Rector, St. Alban's Episcopal Church; Waco, Texas

*Wednesday-Thursday, March 13-14:* **Kelsi Klembara**, Writer and Podcaster, 1517; Dallas, Texas

*Friday, March 15:* **Robert Smith**, Professor of Christian Preaching, Beeson Divinity School; Birmingham, Alabama

*Monday-Tuesday, March 18-19:* **Anthony Bradley**, Research Fellow, The Acton Institute; Grand Rapids, Michigan

*Wednesday-Thursday, March 20-21:* **Paul Zahl**, Former Dean and Rector, Cathedral Church of the Advent; Birmingham, Alabama

*Friday, March 22:* **Julie Sparkman**, Co-Founder and Counselor, Restore Counseling Ministries; Birmingham, Alabama

*Monday, March 25:* **Josh Chatraw**, Billy Graham Chair for Evangelism and Cultural Engagement, Beeson Divinity School; Birmingham, Alabama

*Tuesday, March 26:* **Gordon Bals**, Associate Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling, Beeson Divinity School; Birmingham, Alabama

*Wednesday, March 27:* **Doug Sweeney**, Dean, Beeson Divinity School; Birmingham, Alabama

*Maundy Thursday, March 28:* **James Spann**, Chief Meteorologist, ABC 33/40; Birmingham, Alabama

*Good Friday, March 29 (One-hour service starts at noon.):* **Craig Smalley**, Dean and Rector, Cathedral Church of the Advent; Birmingham, Alabama

### Lectionary: Sunday, January 14

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51



## making music

### Midday Music

#### Samford String Quartet to Perform January 26

Our Midday Music series will continue on Friday, January 26, at 12:30 p.m. with a free, 30-minute concert in the Nave by the Samford String Quartet. Members of the quartet include Samford faculty members Jeffrey Flaniken, violin; Caroline Nordlund, violin; Angela Flaniken, viola; and Samuel Nordlund, cello. Their program will include music of Felix Mendelssohn, Maurice Ravel, and K. Lee Scott. This concert marks their return to the Advent for the first time since their most recent appearance in the Midday Music series in 2016.

The concert will be livestreamed on [AdventBirmingham.org/Live](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Live) and associated digital platforms for anyone unable to attend in person, and be made available for later listening at any time. All are cordially invited to what promises to be a beautiful half-hour of music!

For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I will thank you because I am marvelously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

- Psalm 139:12-13

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything... Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

- 1 Corinthians 6:12, 19-20



## 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:

**Marriage:** Jessica Smith and Griff Cooper, on December 31

**Death:** Adam Rockwell Owens, on December 21

## memorials:

### Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

**Virginia "Din" Goodall Johnson:** (Endowment Fund) by Ann Damon Haas • (Music Discretionary Fund) by Elna Brendel

**Brenda Smith Flynn:** (Music Discretionary Fund) by Kate Kiefer

**David H. Brewer:** (Music Discretionary Fund) by H. Mack Jolly

**In Honor of Millie and Billy Hulsey:** (Endowment Fund) by Betsy Dumas

**In Honor of Paul and Mary Zahl:** (Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Ron Flowers



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## calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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
Jan 21 Regular worship schedule Parish Meeting - Nave - 10:00 a.m. Youth Family Dinner - Cranmer House - 6:00 p.m.	22	23	24	25	26 Midday Music - Nave - 12:30 p.m.	27

Monday-Friday (No meeting January 15): 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](http://AdventBirmingham.org/BibleStudies) for a list of options available to you. If you have any questions, please contact Fontaine Pope ([Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com), 205-443-8562).