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News & Events



Welcome Dean and Darlene Pinter

Dean Pinter's first Sunday on our clergy staff will be this Sunday, January 28; he will serve as our Canon Theologian. Dean and his wife Darlene (*above*) come to us from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada, where he has been the Rector of St. Aidan's Anglican Church for the past 11 years.

Previously Dean served in college chaplaincy and as professor of New Testament. Darlene has served in the international mission field and is a writer and spiritual director. They have three adult children.

Join us in thanking God for his provision and welcoming the Pinters to the Advent.

Parish Elects New Vestry Members

Parishioners elected 10 persons to serve on the Advent's Vestry at the Parish Meeting on January 21. *See who was elected on page 2.*



A Word from the Dean

It's surprising the things that remain with you. One example is a story from my freshman year of college. In some ways it's not a shock as that is a formative time of significant life change, whether remembered positively or negatively. Memories from freshman year at The Citadel tend to be formative, not fond. However, as time rolls on our memories can warm, as when I look at pictures of when our children were little. I remember it with such fondness it hurts, because wonderfully the exhaustion and feelings of being overwhelmed have faded and the feelings of love and gratitude have grown.

The moment was late in the evening when two Junior-year Sergeants called me into their room. Toomey and Morris, Marine Corps guys, people you sought to avoid, but they happened to be my neighbors on the 4th division. As I entered their room, they began to yell: "Get on the corner of the rug!" I did, but they continued,

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."

"Get on the corner of the rug!" Well, one starts to second guess, there are four corners..., but I was done, stayed where I was, and they said, "Good." The life lesson I did not ask for was about to be unfolded: "Smalley, you need to learn to decide and execute. Someone will always yell at you, regardless, so decide and execute. Now get out of here." It's funny *now*.

Fair question: What does this have to do with the gospel? A decision? A formative moment when life shifts? No. After freshman year I would get to know them as substantive guys. They cared about us, they had depth, backstories, they were multi-faceted people.

Over the next few months, we'll spend time in Mark's Gospel, and Mark announces that the content of the gospel is found in the person of Jesus. There will be encounters, decisions, misunderstandings, as the disciples spend time with Jesus, and in the cross there will be revelation. Jesus is the inbreaking of God's kingdom: often hidden, surprising, unfolding, not controllable, but good. I invite us to spend time with this Jesus, the gospel.

- Craig

- Mark 1:14-15

This Sunday:

January 28, 2024

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Gardner

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Nave. Preacher: Canon Gardner

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Refectory. Preacher: Dean Smalley

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Preacher: Canon Gardner

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

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) – *Pilgrims on a Journey* – Dean Pinter

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

We Don't Talk About Amos: Why We Can't Endure His Words Without Jesus (Living Room) – Kristen Padilla

Missio Dei: In the Beginning, God (Lower School Library) – Adam Young

Faith and Family (Assembly Hall) – *What Your Child Really Needs From You: Repentance and Confession* – Jay Gardner

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!

Parish Elects New Vestry Members

The following were elected to a three-year term on the Vestry of the Cathedral Church of the Advent at the annual Parish Meeting on January 21:

Mary Bradley Anderson
Ricky Bromberg
Margot Cooney
Fred Elliott
Parker Evans
Sam Everette
Julia King
Bailey Knight
Thomas Nelson
Drew Wright

The Advent is grateful to all who accepted nomination.

Wardens for 2024

Edmund Doss and Craig Brady Begin Year of Service



Edmund Doss (*left*) began service as Senior Warden as of the Parish Meeting on January 21, while Craig Brady (*right*) began service as Junior Warden.

Edmund served as Junior Warden during 2023. A lifelong member of the Advent, he has served in the church in a number of areas, including work on Stewardship campaigns and as a Sunday School teacher and usher.



Craig is in the second year of a three-year term on the Vestry, and has been a member of the parish for 36 years. His service includes work on Stewardship campaigns and Children's Chapel and as an usher.

Jack Sharman retires as Senior Warden, taking with him the gratitude of the parish for his faithful service.

Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting February 5

Adventers are invited to a Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting on Monday, February 5, 7:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Typically held the first Monday of the 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).



serving & outreach

Lenten Lunches

Opportunities to Serve Our Church and City

Lenten Lunches 2024 is right around the corner! We will start on Ash Wednesday, February 14, and continue serving lunches each weekday, 12:05-1:00 p.m., through Maundy Thursday, March 28.

There are still plenty of volunteer opportunities available, and we hope you will join us as we work together to prepare and serve delicious hot lunches to our church and to our community. Please contact LaVonda Keel (LaVondaKeel@gmail.com) or Miriam Morris (JcmMbm@gmail.com) to inquire about available volunteer jobs and to sign up!

Local Outreach

SOUPer Bowl Soup Sale – Help Support Pathways

On Sunday, February 11, the women of the Advent will sell soup to benefit the work of Pathways (Pathwayshome.org). Here's how you can help:

1. Make some delicious, hearty soup!
2. Divide it up in one-quart containers.
3. Label the containers with the type of soup.
4. Freeze the soup.
5. Bring the soup (still frozen!) to Clingman Commons on Sunday, February 11, by 9:00 a.m.
6. Tell all of your friends to buy your yummy soup to enjoy during the Super Bowl!

Can't make soup this time? Here's how you can help:

1. Buy some yummy soup and tell all your friends!

Thank you for your support of Pathways, a ministry to women and children seeking a path out of homelessness. Questions? Contact Nancy McColloch (NdlMcColloch@gmail.com).



worship

Lectionary: Sunday, January 28

Psalm 111
Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

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.



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 served for more than two decades as Organist and Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey.

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- Mark 1:14-15



spiritual growth & fellowship

Women's Ministries

Join The Middle for "Being Mom to Your Young Adult"

"Oh, thanks for making all my favorite dishes, but I only eat things that are green now."

"I'm going to spend part of the holiday with her family, and part of it with my fraternity friends, but I'll see you guys, um, sometime..."

"I can take care of myself. Can you put some money in my account?"

If any of this sounds familiar, you should join The Middle on Thursday, February 8, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the home of Elizabeth Outland (2901 Southwood Road, 35223). Advent Youth Directors Will Fagan and Mary Ann McCarty will join us for a conversation about *Being Mom to Your Young Adult*.

The Middle is a fellowship group for women in the middle stages of life. Register through your Realm account or at AdventBirmingham.org/Women. Contact Elizabeth Fitzpatrick (EFitzPat9511@gmail.com) or Leigh Whatley (LeighHWhatley@gmail.com) if you'd like to bring a snack.

Gisela Kreglinger-Smith on Consumption



Above: Advent women and guests gathered at Cranmer House on January 11 to savor a three-course meal and hear Dr. Gisela Kreglinger-Smith address how God's intention for his people to joyfully and freely consume his good gifts has been distorted as a result of the Fall – turning shopping, eating, drinking, and viewing media into areas often fraught with difficulty and dysfunction. Referencing Scripture and our liturgy, Gisela invited us to rethink our relationship with consumption in light of the freedom we have in the gospel of Jesus Christ. For more information about Women's Ministries at the Advent, contact Leslie Housman (Leslie@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3511).

For us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

- 1 Corinthians 8:6



education

Inquirers' Class Series

Interested in Membership? Join Us Beginning February 4

Are you trying to decide whether to make the Advent your church home? The Inquirers' Class will help you make that decision. It's a seven-week series that will give you an idea of what the Advent believes and why.

Our next series will begin Sunday, February 4, 10:15-10:50 a.m. in the Diocesan Conference Room (entrance near the middle of the garden). For more information, fill out the Interest Form at AdventBirmingham.org/Membership.

Children's Ministry

Club 456 to Meet this Sunday

Club 456 will get together this Sunday, January 28, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the home of Margot and Patrick Cooney (2808 Cherokee Road, 35223). 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's a great opportunity for this age group to gather with their peers to build relationships and study God's word together. Questions? Contact Tara Davis (Tara@CathedralAdvent.com).

Youth Ministry

Weekly Small Groups Are Back!

Weekly small groups for guys and girls have resumed. Check AdventBirmingham.org/Youth for all the meeting times and locations. Friends are always welcome.

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

Caregivers Support Group

Lunch Gathering Set for February 9

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, February 9, noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). To RSVP for lunch or for more information, contact Stella Schreiber (Stella@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-443-8558).

Regarding Offering Envelopes

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.

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).

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The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda S. Curry, Bishop of Alabama

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The Rev. Canon Thomas P. Murray, Vice Dean

The Rev. Canon Jay Gardner, Canon Pastor

The Rev. Canon Adam Young, Canon Missioner

The Rev. Canon Dean Pinter, Canon Theologian

transitions:

Birth: Sophie Kate Corey, daughter of Bethany and Allen, on January 15

Deaths: Leighton Clyde Wilson, on January 10; Richard Rex Harris, on January 13; William Mayfield Slaughter, on January 14

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Elizabeth D. Eshelman: (Garden Fund) by Vail E. Jeavons

Ben Carroll: (Endowment Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Rawls

Katherine P. Jacob: (Endowment Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Rawls

Virginia "Din" Goodall Johnson: (Endowment Fund) by Charlotte S. Murdock; Virginia Scruggs

In Honor of Randy and Rosemary Ham: (Music Discretionary Fund) by William McElwee

In Honor of Amanda Schilling Adams: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Wilson F. Green



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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 28 Regular worship schedule Club 456 - 2808 Cherokee Road - 4:00 p.m.	29	30	31	Feb 1	2	3
Feb 4 Regular worship schedule Confirmation Kick- off Meeting - Cran- mer House - 1:00 p.m.	5 Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting - Cranmer House - 7:00 p.m.	6	7	8 Women's "The Middle" - 2901 Southwood Road - 6:30 p.m.	9 Caregivers Support Lunch - Cranmer House - noon	10

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.