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News & Events

Lenten Preaching this Week:

**Aaron Zimmerman, Kelsi Klembara,
and Robert Smith**

Aaron Zimmerman, Rector of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Waco, Texas, will preach Monday and Tuesday, March 11 and 12, at 12:05 p.m. Kelsi Klembara, writer and podcaster for 1517 in Dallas, Texas, will be our noonday preacher Wednesday and Thursday, March 13 and 14. Robert Smith, Professor of Christian Preaching at Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, Alabama, will return to preach Friday, March 15.

Lenten Lunches will be served Monday-Friday, 12:05-1:00 p.m.

See page 2 for more information.

Choral Evensong for Lent March 14

We will hold a service of Choral Evensong on Thursday, March 14, at 5:30 p.m. All are invited to come and worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, and find rest in the gospel message. *See page 3 for details.*

Bus to Run to Lenten Preaching March 11

Join the Ageless Adventers to ride the bus from Cranmer House to Lenten Preaching and Lunches on Monday, March 11. *See page 2 for more information.*



A Word from the Vice Dean

I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to those who have reached out in recent days to express their condolences. The love and support from many of you has deepened my already strong appreciation for this church family. My mother's death is something I continue to process, and I've felt led to share some of my reflections with you.

My father died on Ash Wednesday two years ago, and it was an extraordinary thing to process when I received the phone call with that news. His health had been in sharp decline, and I had therefore just traveled from Florida to North Carolina to be with him. Once back in Florida, the phone call came as I was leaving church after our evening Ash Wednesday service. Although expected, it was still a shock. And then it suddenly occurred to me that, as my Dad was transitioning from this reality to glory, I was administering ashes with the words, *"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."*

Fast forward a couple of years... I re-

cently traveled to North Carolina to visit my mother, whose health had been in sharp decline. The timing was such that I was able to spend a few days with family before traveling back to Birmingham to be here for Ash Wednesday. The thought had crossed my mind, "Wouldn't it be something if Mom also went on Ash Wednesday," but it didn't appear as though she would go that quickly, and the thought therefore left about as quickly as it came. But, sure enough, shortly after I got home after our evening Ash Wednesday service, the call came. I instantly thought, "Wow, what are the odds of that," but immediately after thought, "Lord, you're so amazing."

I'm still processing it all, but the recurring realization is that the "fingerprints of God" are everywhere when we are "tuned in" to perceive them. Sometimes they are simply unmistakable, other times far more subtle, but either way they bring enormous reassurance that the Lord is near. My prayer for all of us as we continue our Lenten journey is that we would have *the eyes of our hearts enlightened, that we may know what is the hope to which he has called us.*

- Tom

...having the eyes of [our] hearts enlightened....

- Ephesians 1:18a

This Sunday:

March 10, 2024

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Dean Smalley

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Nave. Preacher: Dean Smalley

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Assembly Hall. Preacher: Canon Pinter

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Preacher: Dean Smalley

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Pinter

We will livestream the 9:00 Nave service and rebroadcast it at 11:00 a.m.

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) – *God's Story and Our Story: Snapshots From Acts* – Dean Pinter

The Inquirers' Class (Diocesan Conference Room) – *Fellowship and Gathering* – Stephen Greene

The Message of Isaiah for Today (Living Room) – Dennis Sansom

What's in a Name?: The Names of Christ (Lower School Library) – Gil Kracke

Faith and Family (Assembly Hall) – *Freedom From the Tyranny of Hurrying and Busyness: Solitude, Silence, and Prayer* – 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. 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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Lenten Preaching Series

The Lenten Preaching service runs from 12:05-12:30 p.m. each weekday of Lent except Good Friday. 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) or listen later on our audio pages (Audio.AdventBirmingham.org). Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Lent to see the full preacher schedule.

Lenten Preachers this Week

Aaron Zimmerman to Preach Monday and Tuesday

Aaron Zimmerman has served as Rector of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Waco, Texas, since 2013. His childhood took him to several cities around the world before he settled in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. After graduating from Harvard University, he spent two years teaching with an educational non-profit in Kazakhstan, and later worked at the Harvard Business School and H.J. Heinz.

Mr. Zimmerman graduated from Trinity School for Ministry in 2008, and served churches in Pittsburgh and Houston before his call to St. Alban's. He is a contributor to the Mockingbird blog and magazine, and co-hosts *Same Old Song*, the weekly lectionary podcast of Mockingbird Ministries. He and his wife Andrea have three children.



Kelsi Klembara is the Noonday Preacher Wednesday and Thursday

Kelsi Klembara is a writer and podcaster for 1517, working from her home in Dallas, Texas. She works as the online content manager for 1517. A graduate of Abilene Christian University and Concordia University Irvine, she hosts a videocast called *Outside Ourselves*, which features conversations about God's gift of faith and what it means for a saving faith to stand outside of our abilities and works.

Ms. Klembara is co-editor of *Theology of the Cross: Luther's Heidelberg Disputation & Reflections on Its 28 Theses*. She speaks regularly on topics of assurance, the theology of the body, and Christian confession and absolution. She and her husband Doug have three children.



Lectionary: Sunday, March 10

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 • Numbers 21:4-9
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

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.

Bus to Run to Lenten Preaching and Lunches March 11 and 21

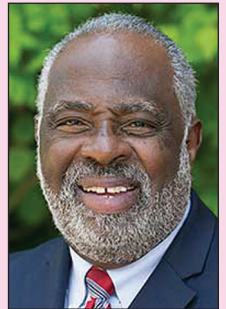
Please join the Ageless Adventers as we gather to ride the bus for Lenten Preaching and Lunches on Monday, March 11, and Thursday, March 21. The bus will leave Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209) promptly at 11:35 a.m., and return following lunch. You will have an opportunity to pre-order your lunch on the bus ride, and then join us as we sit together following the preaching. Questions? Contact Stella Schreiber, Pastoral Care Associate (205-443-8558, Stella@CathedralAdvent.com).

Time Change this Weekend: Spring Forward

Daylight Saving Time will resume at 2:00 a.m. this Sunday, March 10. Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

Beeson's Robert Smith to Preach Friday

Robert Smith is Professor of Christian Preaching at Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, Alabama, where he holds the Charles T. Carter Baptist Chair of Divinity. He served as Pastor of New Mission Missionary Baptist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, for 20 years. He taught at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary before his call to Beeson. He has won teaching awards at both schools, and he is the 2017 E.K. Bailey Expository Preaching Conference Living Legend.



A veteran of our Lenten series, Dr. Smith has spoken and taught at schools and churches around the world. He has authored several books, including the award-winning *Doctrine That Dances: Bringing Doctrinal Preaching and Teaching to Life*. In 2010, *Preaching* magazine named *Doctrine That Dances* one of the 25 most influential books in preaching in the last 25 years. His research interests include the place of passion in preaching and the literary history of African-American preaching. He and his wife Wanda are the parents of four adult children.



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Youth Ministry

Let's Play Pickleball this Sunday!

Advent youth will gather to play pickleball with the youth from St. Mary's this Sunday, March 10, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Mountain Brook Club (19 Beechwood Road, 35213). Bring a friend! For more information, contact Mary Ann McCarty (MaryAnn@CathedralAdvent.com) or Will Fagan (Fagan@CathedralAdvent.com).

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!
- Psalm 25:7



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Choral Evensong



Evensong for Lent March 14

The Cathedral Choir will sing Choral Evensong for Lent on Thursday, March 14, at 5:30 p.m. in the Nave. A sung version of the Evening Prayer service, Evensong is drawn almost entirely from the Bible.

Among the music to be sung will be the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in d minor by Thomas Attwood Walmisley, the Preces and Responses by Randall Svane, and William Byrd's motet *Civitas sancti tui*. Dean Smalley will be the officiant for the service. All are invited to come and worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, and find rest in the gospel message.



serving & outreach

Making Palm Crosses

Join in the Fellowship March 21

Adventers are invited to join in the fellowship and fun as we make palm crosses for Palm Sunday services. We'll gather on Thursday, March 21, 1:30-4:00 p.m. in Clingman Commons. No prior experience is needed! For more information, contact Stella Schreiber (Stella@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-443-8558).

Concert Series



Above: Choral ensemble VOCES8 (pictured with our own Carrie and Fred Teardo) performed in the Nave on February 22. Thanks to everyone who attended this joyful, packed-house concert!



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Women's Ministries

"Theology of the Body: How God Redeems All of Us" An Evening Event with Kelsi Klembara March 13

In a world that either glorifies or demeans our bodies, as Christians how are we meant to view our bodies in light of Christ's redemption? Lenten preacher Kelsi Klembara will explore what Scripture has to say about our physical forms and the good news that God's promises for us are tied to the embodiment of our Savior. Appropriate for women in every stage of life, this event would also be a great mother/daughter outing (for girls in high school and older).

Kelsi is the online content manager for 1517 and hosts the video podcast, *Outside Ourselves*, which features conversations about God's gift of faith and what it means for a saving faith to stand outside of our abilities and works. She and her husband Doug have three children and live in Dallas, Texas.

Join us Wednesday, March 13, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209) for Kelsi's talk followed by discussion and Q&A. Light snacks will be served. There is no charge, but please let us know you are coming so we have a good headcount for seating and refreshments. You can register at AdventBirmingham.org/Women, through your Realm account, or by contacting Janet Dozier (Janet@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3503).

Women in The Middle to Have Dinner Before Kelsi Klembara Talk

Women in The Middle fellowship group will gather for dinner Wednesday, March 13, 5:00 p.m. at Little Donkey in Homewood (2701 18th Street, Ste. 200, 35209) prior to the evening event with Kelsi Klembara at Cranmer House (see story above). Please let Elizabeth Fitzpatrick (EFitzpatrick9511@charter.net) or Leigh Whatley (LeighHWhatley@gmail.com) know that you can come by Monday, March 11.

20s & 30s Ministry



Above: Lenten preacher Sam Bush addressed our 20s & 30s group on February 20, speaking on *Sacrifice Significance: The Freedom of Being a Nobody*. If you missed it or want to listen again, you can hear Sam's talk at Audio.AdventBirmingham.org.

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Birth: Patrick Shealy Moore, Jr., son of Abbi and Patrick, on February 25

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Mar 17 Regular worship schedule Youth Family Dinner - Cranmer House - 6:00 p.m.	18 Lenten Preaching - Anthony Bradley - 12:05 p.m.	19 Lenten Preaching - Anthony Bradley - 12:05 p.m.	20 Lenten Preaching - Paul Zahl - 12:05 p.m.	21 Bus to Lenten Preaching - Cranmer House - 11:35 a.m. Lenten Preaching - Paul Zahl - 12:05 p.m. Making Palm Crosses - Clingman Commons - 1:30 p.m.	22 Lenten Preaching - Julie Sparkman - 12:05 p.m.	23

Every Sunday: Breakfast – Refectory, 8:00 a.m.
Monday-Friday: AA – Coe Conference Room, noon

Monday-Friday: Lenten Lunches – Refectory and Clingman Commons, 12:05 p.m.

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.