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News & Events

Church Tour this Sunday

"I'm new here: Where is everything?"

If this is you, please join us for a tour of the Advent this Sunday, April 7, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. service. We'll meet in the Diocesan Conference Room (the entrance is near the middle of the garden). Coffee will be available, and restrooms will be nearby. Contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-443-8562) for more information.



See page 3 for more information.

A Word from Canon Pinter

What Time Is It?

I usually carry a pocket watch. Unfortunately, my old pocket watch needs repairing, so recently I often find myself asking others: What time is it? I know that

mobile phones are also helpful for this, but it is only in the last month or so that I have had my own mobile phone, so I'm still getting used to that.

While knowing the correct chronological time is helpful, followers of Jesus are encouraged to know more about time than just precise chronology. Jesus often spoke of "time" and told his disciples to be alert to and aware of the *appointed* time – that is, to be aware of the implications and significance of the time and season we are in.

One of the ways the Church tradition helps us know the time is by following a calendar with appointed seasons (e.g., Epiphany, Lent, Easter, etc.) and days (e.g., Ascension Thursday, Good Friday, Resurrection Sunday) that remind us not only of the chronological time, but of the significance of the time for the gospel Story.

Most Adventers know this intuitively because they were raised in a tradition that pays attention to the Church Year. As a latecomer to the Anglican tradition, I'm still learning to set my internal clock to this kind of time. As I've learned more about the Church Year, it has been important not only for my own spiritual formation, but also as I've taught others about the significance of our Story.

There are numerous resources available to help us know what time it is. Here are two resources I recommend. For families with younger children, Martha Zimmerman's book, *Celebrating the Christian Year* (Bethany, 1993) is very helpful. More recently, Steve Bell wrote an excellent sevenpart series of short books titled *Pilgrim Year* (Novalis, 2018) – with wonderful music to accompany the reflections, too.

As we walk through this climactic Easter season in the Church Year, be mindful of the time, and help me remember it too – especially until my pocket watch is fixed!

- Dean

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."

- John 12:23

This Sunday:

April 7, 2024

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion Preacher: Canon Young

9:00 a.m. Holy Baptism

In the Nave. Preacher: Canon Young

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In the Assembly Hall. Preacher: Canon Pinter

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Pinter

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

Visit <u>AdventBirmingham.org/Live</u>, Facebook Live, or YouTube to access our stream.

Adult Education (10:15-10:50 a.m.):

The Dean's Class (Refectory) – Handel's "Messiah": A Timeless Vehicle for the Gospel – Fred Teardo

The Inquirers' Class (Diocesan Conference Room) – *Where Is Everything?: A Tour of the Advent* – Fontaine Pope

Augustine, the Bible, and the 21st Century (Living Room) – Jason Wallace

Luke 24: God's Faithfulness in the Face of Fear, Forgetfulness, Foolishness, and Fall (Lower School Library) – Tommy Mayfield Faith and Family (Assembly Hall) – Ecclesi-

astes and Parenting with Perspective: Beginning with the End in Mind – 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.



GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!



education

Children's Sunday School

Bibles to Be Presented to 2nd Graders this Sunday

The Advent will present Bibles to our 2nd grade students this Sunday, April 7, at 10:10 a.m. in the Nave. Children will receive the Adventure Bible (NIV). We encourage parents to read this Bible with their children until they are ready to navigate, read, and comprehend it independently. We hope your family can attend this special event. Please confirm your attendance with Tara Davis (Tara@ CathedralAdvent.com).



For Parents of Adult Children

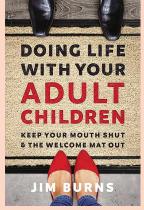
Four-Week Book Study to Begin April 17

"If you have an adult child, you know that parenting doesn't stop when a child reaches the age of eighteen. In many ways, it gets more complicated."

- Jim Burns, author of *Doing Life with Your Adult Children* As children become adults, the job description of a parent

changes in significant and often surprising ways, involving an awkward transition period for parent and child that includes plenty of stepping on toes while renegotiating boundaries.

Join Leslie Housman and Mary Ann McCarty for a four-week discussion of Burns' book (available in the Advent Bookstore) beginning Wednesday, April 17, 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the Living Room at the church. Contact Janet Dozier (205-226-3503, Janet@Cathe dralAdvent.com) to sign up.





worship

Regarding Our Five O'Clock Service

For the foreseeable future, our last Five O'Clock service was held Sunday, March 24. This decision was made after an extended period of reflection and prayer, with the intention that we will be better able to concentrate our energy and resources on Sunday mornings – for worship, education, and fellowship. It is our fervent hope that our community will continue to be enriched and deepened as we gather on Sunday mornings.

Lectionary: Sunday, April 7

Psalm 133 • Acts 4:32-35 1 John 1:1–2:2 John 20:19-31

Interested in Adult Confirmation?

Glenda Curry, Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama, will join us for Confirmation on Sunday, May 5. She will witness the Confirmation of our 6th-grade confirmands during the 9:00 a.m. service and several adults during the 11:00 a.m. service.

Confirmation is the formal way of joining the church and is usually offered once a year. Adults who have attended the Inquirers' Class are invited to participate in this Confirmation service. Please get in touch with Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent. com, 205-443-8562) by Monday, April 22, if you are interested.



spiritual growth & fellowship

Women's Ministries

St. Mary's Guild to Meet April 9

St. Mary's Guild will gather for its spring meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the home of Kathleen Doss (3714 Montrose Road, 35213). Elizabeth Sharman will speak on prayer.

St. Mary's Guild provides fellowship and service opportunities for the youngest women in our church, single or married – whatever stage of life you are in, we hope you will join us! Sign up at AdventBirmingham.org/Women, through your Realm account, or by contacting Mary Jane McAllister (256-872-0785). You can also reach out to Mary Jane to say you'd like to provide a snack for the group.

Ageless Adventers

Next Third Wednesday Luncheon Set for April 17

The next Ageless Adventers Third Wednesday luncheon will be Wednesday, April 17, noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Dean Pinter, the Advent's Canon Theologian, will speak, and Barbara Partridge will cook.

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, April 12, to Robin Turner (205-226-3500, Robin@CathedralAdvent.com).

20s & 30s Ministry

Conversations with Clergy April 18

Do you have questions you have always wanted to ask – about faith, doubt, Scripture, etc. – but never quite known where to go with them? Then we hope you will join us for an evening of fellowship and discussion with everyone's favorite Canadian, Dean Pinter. Dean recently joined us from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, and serves as Canon Theologian at the Advent.

All Adventers in their 20s and 30s and their friends are warmly invited to join us on Thursday, April 18, 7:00 p.m. at Cahaba Brewing Company (4500 5th Avenue South, 35222).

[Jesus prayed to the Father] "As you sent me into the world, so I have sent [those you have given me] into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth." - John 17:18-19



making music

Concert Series



Handel's Messiah to Be Performed April 19

Please plan to join us for the Cathedral Concert Series' presentation of George Frideric Handel's celebrated Messiah on Friday, April 19, 6:30 p.m. in the Nave. The oratorio describes the person of Christ through a libretto written by Charles Jennens, who compiled texts from both the King James Version of the Bible and the Prayer Book Psalter. The North Carolina Baroque Orchestra (photo above) will join the Cathedral Choir to perform this monumental work, playing on authentic instruments or copies from the Baroque period. Our soloists for this performance include Grammy-award winners and Grammy nominees.

Admission is free, but please register at AdventBirmingham.org/Music.



serving & outreach

Lenten Lunches

Table Centerpieces on Sale April 14

Healthy Pothos plants used in Lenten Lunches' centerpieces will be on sale Sunday, April 14, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Clingman Commons. The cost per plant is \$10 (cash or check only) with proceeds benefiting Bridge Ministries. Contact Hallie Rawls (205-870-0022) for more information.





education

Vacation Bible School

Registration Is Open for VBS 2024

Children currently in 3K-5th grade are invited to Breaker Rock Beach Vacation Bible School, set for Monday-Thursday, June 3-6, 9:00 a.m.-noon at the Advent. Cost is \$16 per participant, and scholarships are available. Register at AdventBirmingham.org/VBS. Contact Tara Davis (Tara@Cathedral Advent.com) for more information.



spiritual growth & fellowship

Youth Ministry

"Talladega Night" at Family Dinner this Sunday

Advent youth are invited to "Talladega Night" at Family Dinner this Sunday, April 7, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Cranmer House. We can't wait to see you and your friends for a night of fellowship and worship. For more information, contact Mary Ann McCarty (MaryAnn@ CathedralAdvent.com) or Will Fagan (Fagan@Cathe dralAdvent.com).

Caregivers Support Group

Lunch Gathering April 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, April 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 Robin Turner (Robin@ CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3500).

Women's Ministries

Women's Retreat Set for August 16-18

And he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." - Mark 6:31

This portion of Scripture recounts the twelve disciples' return from their mission. The twelve return to Jesus reporting repentance preached, sickness healed, and demons sent packing. If Jesus were CEO of a corporation, he might have responded to the disciples by giving them a high five and sending them out to do more. Instead, Jesus instructs his disciples not only to get away and rest, but to come away and rest with him.

As disciples of Christ, we also need the restoration that comes from spending time away in rest, prayer, and reflection with our Lord. Come away on our annual Women's Retreat Friday, August 16-Sunday, August 18 at Camp McDowell in the beautifully renovated Parsley Commons.

Our retreat leader will be Heidi Kinner. A wellloved former Vice Dean at the Advent, Heidi has since served as the Dean of St. Peter's Cathedral in Helena, Montana, and as Assistant Chaplain at Christ Memorial Chapel in Jupiter Island, Florida, where she now serves as its Chaplain.

End your summer in peace as Heidi leads us in a restful weekend of guided contemplation, reflection, and prayer in the presence of our Lord. Watch for registration available soon!

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transitions:

Birth: Thomas Sterling Terry, son of Emily and Ellis, on March 16

Baptism: Joan Elon Zora, on

March 24

memorials: Gifts Were Given In Memory Of: Jack Krueger: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Elna Brendel Frances F. Tilghman: (Mission and Outreach) by Frank and Kathie Taylor Louise Stumpf: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Samuel E. Urmey



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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 7 Regular worship schedule Church Tour - Diocesan Conference Room - 10:15 a.m. Youth Family Dinner - Cranmer House - 6:00 p.m.	8	9	10	11	12 Caregivers Support Lunch - Cranmer House - noon	13
Apr 14 Regular worship schedule	15	16	17 Ageless Adventers Third Wednesday - Cranmer House - noon	18 20s & 30s Conversations with Clergy - Cahaba Brewing - 7:00 p.m.	19 Concert Series: Handel's <i>Messiah</i> - Nave - 6:30 p.m.	20

Every Sunday: Breakfast – Refectory, 8:00 a.m.

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.