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## News & Events

### Concert Series: Handel's *Messiah* April 19

The Cathedral Concert Series' presentation of George Frideric Handel's celebrated *Messiah* will be Friday, April 19, 6:30 p.m. in the Nave. The Cathedral Choir will be joined by the North Carolina Baroque Orchestra and acclaimed soloists. Admission is free, but a reservation is required. To reserve your seat, please visit our website at [AdventBirmingham.org/Music](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Music). See page 2 for more information.

### Keep Up with Women's Ministries

In addition to the *Adventurer*, there are two more ways to keep up with all things Women's Ministries. You can follow us on Instagram – @WomenOfTheAdventBham – or you can opt in to receive our monthly newsletter here: [AdventBirmingham.org/Subscribe](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Subscribe). Each month, you'll receive the newsletter in your email inbox with a list of all our upcoming events and opportunities to serve as well as an encouraging and thought-provoking Scripture reflection written by a woman in our parish.

### Third Wednesday Luncheon April 17

Canon Pinter will speak at noon at Cranmer House. See page 2 for details.



## A Word from the Vice Dean

greater submission and obedience to God's moral law.

To illustrate, Donald Grey Barnhouse tells the story of a pastoral situation he encountered in his ministry. A man was interested in pursuing marriage with the young lady he was dating, but was holding back because of guilt and shame surrounding some sins from his youth; he was concerned about falling back into his old ways, and hurting his beloved.

Barnhouse writes, "So I told this young man that I had dealt with another young man who had also lived a life of sin prior to his conversion, but had then married a Christian woman to whom he later confided (briefly) some things about his past. And he said that, after he did this, she kissed him and said, 'Bob, I want you to understand some-

thing very plainly. I know my Bible well, and I know something of the workings of Satan. And although I know you are a thoroughly converted man, I also know that you have an old nature to which Satan will appeal.

"The day may come – I pray it never will – but it may, when you shall succumb to temptation and fall into sin. Immediately the devil will tell you that you have ruined everything, that you might as well continue in sin, and that above all you shouldn't tell me because it will hurt me. But I want you to know that this is your home, Bob, and this is where you belong. And I want you to understand that there is full pardon and forgiveness in advance for any evil that may come into your life."

As Dr. Barnhouse told this story, the young man sat with his head lowered into his hands. When he had reached the end, the young man lifted his head and reverently said, "My God, if anything could ever keep a man on the straight and narrow, that would be it."

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. None.

- Tom

**There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.**

- Romans 8:1

## This Sunday:

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### 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 Assembly Hall. Preacher: Mary Ann McCarty

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

Preacher: Mary Ann McCarty

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

Visit [AdventBirmingham.org/Live](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Live), 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

**Hidden with Christ in Colossians** (Chapter Room) *Christ the Image of the Invisible God (Colossians 1:1-20)* – Gil Kracke

**Luke 24: God's Faithfulness in the Face of Fear, Forgetfulness, Foolishness, and Fall** (Lower School Library) – Tommy Mayfield

**Faith and Family** (Assembly Hall) – *Ecclesiastes and Parenting with Perspective: The Futility of the "Childhood Rat Race"* – 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!



## 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 will join our 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: Estelí Gomez, soprano; Jay Carter, countertenor; Gene Stenger, tenor; and Paul Max Tipton, bass-baritone.

Admission is free, but a reservation is required. To reserve your seat, please visit [AdventBirmingham.org/Music](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Music).

## 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](mailto:Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com), 205-443-8562) by *Monday, April 22*, if you are interested.



## worship

### Lectionary: Sunday, April 14

Psalms 4 • Acts 3:12-19

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

April 14, 2024



## spiritual growth & fellowship

### Ageless Adventers

#### Canon Pinter to Speak at Third Wednesday Luncheon April 17

Canon Dean Pinter will speak at the next Ageless Adventers Third Wednesday luncheon on Wednesday, April 17, noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Dean (*right*) serves as the Advent's Canon Theologian. Barbara Partridge will prepare lunch.



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](mailto: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).

### Women's Ministries

#### St. Amelia's Guild Sets Spring Gathering

St. Amelia's Guild (women in their 30s and 40s, generally) will gather Sunday, April 28, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the home of Stacy Townsend (13 Spring Street, 35213).

Beth Young, licensed mental health counselor, mother of three, and wife of Canon Adam Young, will share a little of her story.

Sign up through your Realm account. Contact Amanda Thames (205-643-8855) with questions or if you'd like to help with snacks or beverages.

**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 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



## education

### For Mothers of Adult Children (of any age) Four-Week Book Study to Begin April 17

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.

Mothers of adult children (of any age!) are invited to join Leslie Housman and Mary Ann McCarty for a four-week discussion of Jim Burns' *Doing Life With Your Adult Children: Keep Your Mouth Shut and the Welcome Mat Out* (available in the Advent Bookstore). The group will begin on Wednesday, April 17, 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the Living Room at the church. This discussion would also be helpful for moms with high school seniors going off to college!

Contact Janet Dozier (205-226-3503, [Janet@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Janet@CathedralAdvent.com)) to sign up.

### 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](http://AdventBirmingham.org/VBS). Contact Tara Davis ([Tara@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Tara@CathedralAdvent.com)) for more information.

## Flowering the Cross on Easter



Above (left-right): Sisters Louise and Cecile McAllister and brothers Connor and William Thomas were among the children who flowered the cross in Clingman Commons on Easter Day, March 31.



## serving & outreach

### Lenten Lunches

#### Table Centerpieces on Sale this Sunday

Healthy Pothos plants used in Lenten Lunches' centerpieces will be on sale this 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.



## spiritual growth & fellowship

### Women's Ministries

#### Mark Your Calendars: 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' returning to Jesus after a day of fruitful ministry – 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*.

Christ also calls us to come away with him in rest, prayer, and reflection. 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 well-loved former Vice Dean at the Advent, Heidi (right) 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. Mark your calendars: Friday dinnertime to breakfast Sunday. Registration opens soon!

As the disciples were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." - Luke 24:36-39

## 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 James "Jay" W. Gardner, III, Canon Pastor

The Rev. Canon Thomas P. Murray, Vice Dean

The Rev. Canon Dr. Dean L. Pinter, Canon Theologian

The Rev. Canon Adam A. Young, Canon Missioner

## memorials:

### Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

**Mack Jolly:** (Endowment Fund) by Hatton Smith • (Music Discretionary Fund) by Deenie Culver; Lyn Lanier and Bobbi Lecznar

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## calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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
Apr 21 Regular worship schedule Youth Family Dinner - Cranmer House - 6:00 p.m.	22	23	24	25	26 Midday Music: Abraham Wallace, organ - Nave - 12:30 p.m.	27

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](mailto:Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com)) to make an appointment or for more information.