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## News & Events

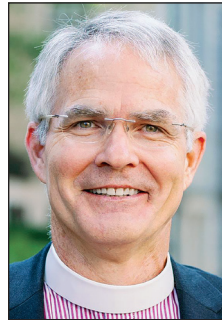
### 1517 Weekend Coming February 21-23

Registration is open for the 1517 Weekend at the Advent. The weekend of February 21-23, we will host several speakers from 1517, an organization we have supported for several years whose purpose is to proclaim and deliver in refreshing ways the good news of the gospel and its freeing power. Chad Bird, Daniel Emery Price, and Erick Sorensen will be with us to speak, teach, and preach around the theme *When Jesus Shows Up: The Unexpected Epiphany*. To register, visit [AdventBirmingham.org/1517Weekend](http://AdventBirmingham.org/1517Weekend). See page 2 for more information.

### Parish Meeting Set for January 26

The annual Parish Meeting of the Cathedral Church of the Advent will be held Sunday, January 26, 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. See page 2 for a list of the nominees.



## A Word from the Vice Dean

I love the season after The Epiphany and the imagery of light overcoming darkness. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5).

What happens when dark motives get exposed? They either slither away, or get burned away by the light, right? Like when you turn over a big log and expose all the worms and creepy things lying underneath, the worms that do not escape the sunlight dry up and die.

This is the first thing that Jesus Christ, as the Light, does: he exposes the darkness, bringing judgment against our sin. It is a judgment which is always in our best interest, but a judgment which can be painful.

A perfect example is the woman in John chapter 8. She sure had her darkness exposed, didn't she? Remember, she was the one caught in the act of adultery by the Scribes and Pharisees. Her dark behavior was exposed in front of all those hypocritical men. How painful that must have been. But how awful it would have been for her

**Jesus said, "Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."**

to continue living in the darkness. Certainly Jesus did not want that for her, and the only way to banish the darkness was to expose it to the Light.

But notice what Jesus did. The first thing he did was to shed light on the dark motives of those who brought her to him. "Let him who is without sin among you cast the first stone." And one by one, convicted of their own sin, they all slithered away, back into the darkness.

Then, turning his attention toward the woman still lying at his feet, he burned away the guilt and shame which had cast a shadow over her life, saying, "I don't condemn you... Go now, and sin no more." Now notice, he didn't say, "Now, now, what you did isn't all that bad, stop beating up on yourself." No, as the Light, Jesus brought judgment to her sin; it was exposed for what it was, as were the dark motives of those who brought her to him.

Because this is what Jesus Christ, as the Light, does: he banishes the darkness. "Go, and sin no more." But, thanks be to God, as the Light he also brings Life: "I don't condemn you."

- Tom

- John 8:2

## This Sunday:

January 19, 2025

### 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: Dean Smalley

### 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Dean Smalley

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

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) – *Reversed Thunder: Christ's Revelation to John (Things to Consider About the Last Word in the Bible)* – Dean Pinter

**Multiplication of Disciples as a Fruit of Gospel Mission** (Lower School Library) – Adam Young and Francis Matumba

**What Has Athens to Do with Jerusalem?: Theology and Philosophy** (Living Room) – *Augustine* – Dennis Sansom

**Faith and Family** (Assembly Hall) – *Bible Passages that Inform My Parenting: David and Mephibosheth* – *Our Hope Is in God's Grace* – 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!

## 1517 Weekend at the Advent

Registration is open for what promises to be an exceptional weekend of good teaching and warm fellowship.

The weekend of February 21-23, the Advent will host several speakers from 1517 – an organization we have supported for several years whose purpose is to proclaim and deliver in refreshing ways the good news of the gospel and its freeing power.

That Friday evening and Saturday, we will gather at the Advent with Chad Bird, Daniel Emery Price, and Erick Sorensen around the theme, *When Jesus Shows Up: The Unexpected Epiphany*. Friday evening will include dinner. Saturday will begin in the morning, continue through lunch, and conclude at 2:30 p.m. On Sunday, they will be with us as guest preachers and teaching in the Dean's Class.

In addition to their talks, Chad, Dan, and Erick will record an episode of their *40 Minutes in the Old Testament* podcast on Saturday. Jono Linebaugh, Paul Zahl, Leslie Housman, Dean Pinter, and Craig Smalley will also all give devotionals. It promises to be a rich weekend!

Visit [AdventBirmingham.org/1517Weekend](http://AdventBirmingham.org/1517Weekend) to register, to see a full schedule and titles of their talks, and for other details. You may register for either or both days; the registration fee covers the costs of the meals. Friends and others are warmly welcome.

Ask any of the clergy or staff if you have any questions. We hope you will plan to join us!

## New Vestry Members to Be Elected at Parish Meeting

The annual Parish Meeting of the Cathedral Church of the Advent will be held Sunday, January 26, 10:00 a.m. in the Nave. At the meeting, parishioners will elect 10 persons to serve on the Vestry of the Advent. The nominees are as follows:

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|------------------|-------------------|
| Warren Baker     | Jen Green         |
| Ross Blankenship | Whitt Israel      |
| Wil Bromberg     | Walter Jones      |
| Sister Clapp     | Glynn Lassiter    |
| Laura Cunningham | Mike Lucas        |
| Kathleen Drake   | Kate Ray          |
| Lindsey Druhan   | Glenda Sparacio   |
| Doug Elliott     | Mackin Thompson   |
| Ray Epperson     | Will Thuston      |
| Charlotte Getz   | Chris Weingartner |

## John Mark Haase Named Boys Youth Associate

We are grateful to announce John Mark Haase (*right*) has been promoted to Boys Youth Associate and will serve the teenagers of this parish in an increased capacity. He has served as Youth Seminary Intern since August of last year. John Mark is passionate about investing in students and is eager to spend time with them outside our regular church gatherings. Reach out to him at 864-520-4842.



## Lenten Lunches



### Behind the Scenes: The Laundry Team

Representing the fabulous eight-member Lenten Lunches Laundry Team are (*l-r*) Hallie Rawls, Paula Smalley, and Tara Davis. Armed with Tide and Oxi Clean, each laundry team member cheerfully washes and folds three or four tablecloths every weekend during Lent. With 14 Lenten Lunch tables that are each topped with two tablecloths in the Refectory, this awesome behind-the-scenes team faithfully provides our lunch customers with spotless tablecloths each week. Thanks to the unsung heroes on the Laundry Team for keeping our tablecloths sparkling clean!



## serving & outreach

### Local Outreach

#### Soup-er Bowl Soup Sale to Benefit Oak Tree Ministries

Support Oak Tree Ministries with Women's Ministries' annual Soup-er Bowl Soup Sale. We need volunteers to make and freeze hearty soups in one-quart, clearly labeled containers and bring them to Clingman Commons by 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 9. Volunteers will sell soups for \$10/quart while supplies last!

Oak Tree Ministries serves alongside our neighbors in Gate City through gospel-centered, trauma-informed community development. Visit [OakTreeMinistries.org](http://OakTreeMinistries.org) for more information.

Contact Nancy McColloch ([NDLMcColloch@gmail.com](mailto:NDLMcColloch@gmail.com)) with questions.

**Advent House:** Intercessory prayer is on-going through the Advent House Prayer Ministry. To schedule a prayer session at Advent House (2317 Arlington Avenue South, 35205), call Kathy Logue at 205-410-4622.

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."  
- Mark 1:14-15



## spiritual growth & fellowship

### Youth Ministry

#### High School Retreat Coming February 7-9

All 9th-12th graders are invited to register for the High School Retreat now! The retreat is set for Friday-Sunday, February 7-9. We can't wait to have fun together in McMinnville, Tennessee, taking a break from normal life, going caving, and spending time at rest in God's word. Register at [AdventBirmingham.org/Youth](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Youth).

We'll have Game Night on Sunday, January 26, 6:00 p.m. at Activate Games (1425 Montgomery Highway #173, 35216). Meet us there for a super fun time of interactive games!

Contact Mary Ann McCarty ([MaryAnn@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:MaryAnn@CathedralAdvent.com)) for more information.

### Women's Ministry

#### Spring Event: Found by the Gospel in My Everyday

Is the gospel of grace hard to recognize in your daily life? In days filled with deadlines and checklists, have-tos and don'ts, it can be hard to reconcile what we profess to believe with how we live.

Join us at Cranmer House on Thursday, February 6, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. as Leslie Housman facilitates a discussion among women of different ages and stages of life, who spend their days in a variety of ways, exploring how and where the gospel has compellingly and unexpectedly found them.

A light dinner will be served. Cost is \$15. Please register through your Realm account or at [AdventBirmingham.org/Women](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Women). As always, guests are welcome!

### The Middle

#### Group to Meet January 30

Join The Middle on Thursday, January 30, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Cranmer House. Gisela Kreglinger-Smith, Advent member and author of *Cup Overflowing: Wine's Place in Faith, Feasting and Fellowship*, will speak on developing a more wholesome, healthy, and sustainable relationship with wine (alcohol).

The Middle is a fellowship group for women in "the middle" stage of life. Please contact Heather McCalley ([Heather.McCalley@gmail.com](mailto:Heather.McCalley@gmail.com)) to let her know that you can come and/or that you can help with snacks. Guests are welcome!

## memorials:

#### Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

**Bryan Foster Helm:** (Endowment Fund) by Bill and Sallie Pradat

• (Mission and Outreach) by Rebecca and Weston Rothrock

**John Charles Carraway:** (Mission and Outreach) by Cindy and

Steve Tilghman • (Endowment Fund) by Lowell and Betty Zoller

**Charlotte Murdock:** (Endowment Fund) by Rebecca Campagna

**In Honor of Bruce and Hallie Rawls:** (Endowment Fund) by Hallie Markel



## making music

### Midday Music

#### Organist Jillian Gardner to Perform January 31

Our Midday Music Series will continue on Friday, January 31, at noon with a free, 30-minute recital in the Nave by organist Jillian Gardner. Ms. Gardner is Director of Music at First United Methodist Church in Huntsville, where she serves as primary organist and oversees ensembles for adults and children. She is also the adjunct instructor of organ at the University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH). Her program will include music of Nicolaus Bruhns, Herbert Howells, Rachel Laurin, and Anne Wilson.

The concert will also be livestreamed at [AdventBirmingham.org/Live](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Live) for anyone unable to attend in person, and be made available for later listening at any time. Please do not miss what promises to be a beautiful half-hour of music!

## Holiday Closings

The church office and the Advent Bookstore will be closed on Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Both will reopen on Tuesday, January 21.



## worship

### Lenten Preaching Series

#### 2025 Schedule Posted on Website

We have an excellent lineup of preachers for our 2025 Lenten Preaching Series, and you can see the schedule at [AdventBirmingham.org/LentenPreaching2025](https://AdventBirmingham.org/LentenPreaching2025). Our annual series will return on Ash Wednesday, March 5, and continue through Maundy Thursday, April 17. Preaching services will start at 12:05 p.m. in the Nave every weekday. Livestream and audio recordings will also be available. We hope you will join us!

### Lectionary: Sunday, January 19

Psalms 36:5-10

Isaiah 62:1-5

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

**In Honor of Darlene Pinter:** (Pastoral Care) by Charles Scribner, IV

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

**In Thanksgiving for Robert Record:** (Endowment Fund) by Stephen Bumgarner

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

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

The Rev. Canon Adam A. Young, Canon Missioner

The Rev. William J. Fagan, Curate

## transitions:

**Births:** James Patterson Griffiths, V, son of James and Amy, on November 9; James Calvin Kilgore, son of Elizabeth and Joe, on December 12; Frances Dearing Fisher, daughter of Maggie and Reid, on December 19; Estelle "Stella" Jane Chiappetti, daughter of Gail and Randall, on December 31

**Death:** Carol LaJune Cantrell Owens, on December 24

## memorials:

### Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

**Jay Johnston:** (Garden Fund) by Sheryn Moore

**Jack Allison:** (Endowment Fund) by Beth Henry

**James Abernathy:** (Endowment Fund) by Beth Henry

**Mary K Wilson:** (Endowment Fund) by Mary Meadows Livingston

**In Thanksgiving for Susan and Jamey Davies:** (Endowment Fund) by Stephen Bumgarner



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## calendar:

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                        | MONDAY                                                              | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY                              | SATURDAY |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|----------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Jan 19<br>Regular worship<br>schedule                                                                                                         | 20<br>Martin Luther<br>King, Jr. Day<br><br>Church Office<br>closed | 21      | 22        | 23       | 24                                  | 25       |
| Jan 26<br>Regular worship<br>schedule<br><br>Parish Meeting -<br>Nave - 10:00 a.m.<br><br>Youth Game Night<br>- Activate Games -<br>6:00 p.m. | 27                                                                  | 28      | 29        | 30       | 31<br>Midday Music -<br>Nave - noon | Feb 1    |

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

Monday-Friday (*No meeting January 20*): AA –  
Coe Conference Room, noon

**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.