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News & Events



1517

WHEN JESUS SHOWS UP THE UNEXPECTED EPIPHANY

A Weekend with 1517 at the Advent
Friday-Sunday, February 21-23

Last Call to Sign Up for the 1517 Weekend

This Sunday, February 16, is the deadline to register for what promises to be an exceptional weekend of good teaching and warm fellowship. We will host Chad Bird, Daniel Emery Price, and Erick Sorensen of 1517, an organization which proclaims and delivers the good news of the gospel and its freeing power in refreshing ways.

Visit AdventBirmingham.org/1517Weekend to register. See page 2 for more information.

Hymn Festival this Sunday

The Cathedral Choir will present a hymn festival led by acclaimed conductor, organist, and composer Bruce Neswick this Sunday, February 16, 4:00 p.m. in the Nave. See page 2 for details.



A Word from Canon Pinter

Dusty Discernment

Luke is explicit about the Spirit's leading in his two-part story of Jesus (i.e., the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts). We too can be confident that the Spirit leads us in our lives. Of course, the question many might ask about this is *how*? How does the Spirit lead? Sometimes this leading may come *directly* through dramatic visions in the night like Paul experienced in Troas (Acts 16:9). It is also important to remember that long before this pivotal vision is granted to Paul, he and his companions walked hundreds of miles over rough, mountainous territory across the heart of Anatolia. Luke only tells us obliquely that, along those dusty and dangerous roads, "the Holy Spirit [kept them] from preaching the word in the province of Asia. When they... tried to enter Bithynia... the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to" (16:6-7).

I suspect that in the days and weeks that they walked along these roads they often wondered where the Spirit might be lead-

ing. It may not have been clear to them at all. Yet they walked together – thinking and talking, praying and praising, discerning and listening – as they went. For most of us, much of the time, the Spirit leads us *indirectly* like that too. Hopefully we recognize that we have brothers and sisters as companions alongside us for when the way seems hard and the direction unsure.

It is easy to trust the Spirit's guidance when the way is clear, but it is not so easy when we are being led down seemingly endless and unfamiliar roads. This is why fellow pilgrims are necessary. Paul never traveled alone. He was always in the company of others. In community, in the fellowship of other believers, we, too, learn to know the fellowship and leading of the Spirit. Occasionally the Spirit may direct us individually through a dramatic vision or prophetic word. More often, however, we are led through a growing and deepening conviction that is discerned as we walk and talk, as we pray and play, along the dusty road of life together.

- Dean

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

- Galatians 5:25

This Sunday:

February 16, 2025

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Vice Dean Murray

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Nave. Preacher: Vice Dean Murray

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Assembly Hall. Preacher: Will Fagan

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Will Fagan

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

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) – *Reversed Thunder: Christ's Revelation to John (The Last Word on Worship – Revelation 4-5)* – Dean Pinter

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

20s and 30s Class (Lower School Library) – *The Language of the Gospel* – Will Fagan

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!

When Jesus Shows Up: 1517 Weekend at the Advent

All are invited to register for what promises to be an exceptional weekend of good teaching and warm fellowship. If you have not already done so, please sign up now; the registration deadline is this Sunday, February 16.

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 (*above right*), Daniel Emery Price (*middle right*), and Erick Sorensen (*below right*) 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. Also, Jono Linebaugh, Paul Zahl, Leslie Housman, Dean Pinter, and Craig Smalley will give devotionals. It promises to be a rich weekend!

Visit AdventBirmingham.org/1517Weekend to register and to see a full schedule, titles of the talks, and 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!

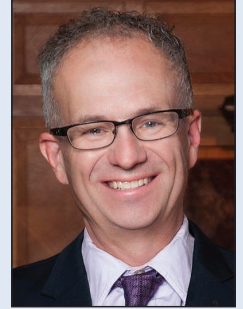


making music

Hymn Festival

Bruce Neswick to Lead Event this Sunday

The Cathedral Choir will present a hymn festival led by organist, conductor, and composer Bruce Neswick (*right*) this Sunday, February 16, 4:00 p.m. in the Nave. The festival will reflect on the Nicene Creed with hymns and anthems following the words and format of the Creed. More than a concert performance, a hymn festival is a celebration of the church's most beloved and powerful hymns, and everyone in attendance is encouraged to participate. Please come be a part of this special Sunday-afternoon musical offering!

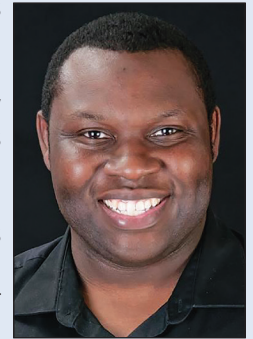


Bruce Neswick enjoys immense popularity and is in tremendous demand throughout the country as organist, improviser, choral conductor and trainer, commissioned composer, and hymn festival leader. He is a musician whose playing vibrates with energy, is full of radiant color, and always expertly crafted. Mr. Neswick holds the Fellowship degree from the Royal School of Church Music and was awarded an honorary doctorate in 2016 by the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. He is the Artist-in-Residence at St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in La Jolla, California. The Advent is delighted to welcome him to lead us in what will be a thrilling hymn festival.

Midday Music

Ramsay High School Choir to Perform February 28

Our Midday Music Series continues on Friday, February 28, at noon with a 30-minute concert in the Nave by the Ramsay High School Choir, conducted by Zachary Banks, and assisted by Charles Kennedy, organ and piano. Many will remember Zach Banks (*right*), who sang in our Cathedral Choir for many years until last summer. It has been a special desire for some years to have this choir perform at the Advent. We are therefore especially excited to have them on this year's series!



Please do not miss the opportunity to hear these talented young singers! The concert will be livestreamed at AdventBirmingham.org/Live.



serving & outreach

Gumbo Gala

Event to Benefit Episcopal Place February 22

The Advent is proud to submit a team entry for the 2025 Gumbo Gala fundraiser to support Episcopal Place. Episcopal Place is an affordable residential community serving low-income and disabled seniors. The event will take place Saturday, February 22, noon-4:00 p.m. at Cahaba Brewing (4500 5th Avenue South, 3522). Let's show up as a church-wide fellowship to support this community effort! Our own Chris Taylor is supplying his winning gumbo recipe to see if Advent can win an award for the second year in a row! We need volunteers to make this effort a success. See AdventBirmingham.org/Mission and select the link to sign up for a one-hour (or more!) time slot or email Anita (Anita@CathedralAdvent.com).

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

Men's Ministry

Luncheon Set for February 20

Advent men will gather for lunch on Thursday, February 20, noon-1:00 p.m. in Clingman Commons. Invite a coworker or friend to join as we hear Adventer Tommy Mayfield share a talk entitled *God at Work: Reflections on Law, Gospel, and Vocation*. Tommy is a business entrepreneur who currently serves on the staff at The Center, a Birmingham organization helping men navigate the complexities and challenges of life in a gospel-centered way. Lunch from Urban Cookhouse will be provided for \$12. Sign up on Realm or at AdventBirmingham.org/Men, or contact Anita Gray (Anita@CathedralAdvent.com).

Ageless Adventers

Next Third Wednesday Luncheon Is February 19

The next Ageless Adventers Third Wednesday luncheon will be on Wednesday, February 19, noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Whether you are still active, newly retired, or have been enjoying flexibility for decades, you are welcome! So that we have an accurate count for lunch, please RSVP by Friday, February 14, to Robin Turner (205-226-3500, Robin@CathedralAdvent.com).

Youth Ministry

Bingo at Episcopal Place this Sunday

Join us at Episcopal Place (1112 26th Street South, 35205) to play bingo with our neighbors this Sunday, February 16, 2:00-3:00 p.m. This event is open to all families.

Our next Game Night will be Sunday, February 23, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Bowlero Riverview (2908 Riverview Road, 35242). All 7th-12th grade students and their friends are invited to have fun bowling with us! Bring money for bowling shoes and extra for food or arcade games.

Reach out to Mary Ann McCarty (601-513-2122, MaryAnn@CathedralAdvent.com) or John Mark Haase (864-520-4842) with any questions.



Above: Family Dinner was so fun on February 2! Thanks to the Malones for hosting a night of fellowship and rest. Our next Family Dinner is March 9, and you're not going to want to miss it!



education

Inquirers' Class

Interested in Membership? Join Us Beginning March 2

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, March 2, from 10:15 to 10:50 a.m. in the Diocesan Conference Room (entrance near the middle of the garden). For more information, please fill out the Interest Form at AdventBirmingham.org/Membership.



servicing & outreach

Lenten Lunches

Behind the Scenes: Tommy Kitsmiller and Glenn Reado

One of the most important behind-the-scenes Lenten Lunches jobs is dishwashing. Throughout the duration of the Lenten Lunches program, more than 11,000 dishes, glassware pieces, and utensils are generated by lunch goers in the Refectory! Needless to say, our dishwashers stay very busy and are very much appreciated. Glenn Reado and Tommy Kitsmiller (*photo, l-r*) have been washing dishes during Lent for over a decade, and they are one of several teams of dishwashers who brave the heat and humidity in the dishwashing room to ensure that our tables are set with sparkling clean tableware each weekday!



worship

Lectionary: Sunday, February 16

Psalm 1
Jeremiah 17:5-10
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

John Charles Carraway: (Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Clay and Miriam Morris; Tony and Dana Davis • (Mission and Outreach) by Alice Meriwether Bowsher

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: Margaret Elizabeth Fleischmann, daughter of Mary Frances and Charles, on June 12, 2024; Charlotte Claudia Doss, daughter of Claudia and Wirth, on January 23; Mary Claiborne Morris, daughter of Courtney and Claiborne, on January 28

Baptism: Helen Scott Tanner, daughter of Taylor and David, on February 2

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

James Abernathy: (Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Tony and Dana Davis

Elaine Smith: (Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Clay and Miriam Morris

Rusty Andrews: (Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Clay and Miriam Morris

Sara Jane Ball: (Mission and Outreach) by Alice Meriwether Bowsher

In Honor of Lila Wooten: (Advent House) by Elon Gilchrist

In Honor of Kathleen Drake: (Mission and Outreach) by Myrtle King



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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 16 Regular worship schedule Youth Bingo - Episco- pal Place - 2:00 p.m. Hymn Festival with Bruce Neswick - Nave - 4:00 p.m.	17	18	19 Third Wednesday Luncheon - Cran- mer House - noon	20 Men's Luncheon - Clingman Com- mons - noon	21 1517 Conference - Advent	22 1517 Conference - Advent Gumbo Gala - Cahaba Brewing - noon
Feb 23 Regular worship schedule Youth Game Night - Bowlero Riverview - 6:00 p.m.	24	25	26	27	28 Midday Music - Nave - noon	Mar 1

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

Monday-Friday: 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.