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News & Events

Lenten Preachers this Week: Arthur Price, Jacob Smith, and David Zahl

Arthur Price, Senior Pastor of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, will preach Monday, March 10, at 12:05 p.m. Jacob Smith, Rector of The Parish of Calvary-St. George's in New York, New York, will be our noonday preacher Tuesday and Wednesday, March 11 and 12. David Zahl, Director of Mockingbird Ministries in Charlottesville, Virginia, will preach Thursday and Friday, March 13 and 14.

See page 2 for more information.

Lenten Lunches Are in Full Swing

Lenten Lunches are served from 12:15-1:00 p.m. every weekday of Lent except Good Friday. Enjoy your favorite hot entrées, including lasagna, chicken tetrazzini, meatloaf, and chicken and cornbread dressing. Count on the Advent's signature pimento cheese, chicken salad, bing cherry salad, classic tomato aspic, and homemade desserts daily. All proceeds will benefit Restoration Academy, Maranathan Academy, and Lovelady Center.



A Word from Will Fagan

A young Tom Cruise once played a green U.S. Navy JAG officer in *A Few Good Men* (1992). In the film's culminating courtroom scene, he cross examines a Marine Corps colonel, played by Jack Nicholson, about the latter's potential involvement in the crime for which the court is convened. Famously, Cruise's character vigorously questions the witness, finally saying, "I want the truth!"; the colonel replies, "You can't handle the truth!"

What I love most about our liturgical worship services, taken directly from the Book of Common Prayer, is that the respective services, both Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, engage us with the truth. As the colonel suggests, at times it can be difficult to engage the truth of life's realities because, if we're honest, we recognize upon examination that there are little parts of our lives that we like to keep hidden away in corners. There are parts of ourselves that "deep down, we don't like to talk about at parties..." to quote the Marine officer on the stand.

The struggle to confront truth isn't anything new; it's deeply human. This is what

Thomas Cranmer, the architect of the first Prayer Book from which our own descends, understood so well. Cranmer's prayers gently, but honestly, walk the participant through a knowledge of the truth, which points to their need for divine intervention in their lives.

Systematic theologian Simeon Zahl, a friend of the Advent, calls these prayers, "Technologies of the Heart." Cranmer's Morning Prayer Confession of Sin, the first participatory act of this service, likens the participant to a sheep who has lost its way because "we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts..." Without hitting the participant over the head – sheep aren't evil, after all – in a mild and tender manner the prayer confronts the reader with reality: we often find ourselves lost!

These gentle prayers help one "handle the truth," friendly lighthouses that remind us that what we need most is deliverance. Only with the knowledge of our need, then, might we reach out for restoration "according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord." As heirs through hope of God's everlasting kingdom, may we be reminded that our Lord searches after us, desiring not that we may be lost, but that in him we are always found.

- Will

The Lord is my shepherd... he restores my soul.

- Psalm 23:3a

This Sunday:

March 9, 2025

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Vice Dean Murray

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Nave. Preacher: Vice Dean Murray

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Assembly Hall. Preacher: Canon Pinter

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Pinter

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 Witness – Revelation 10-11)* – Dean Pinter

The Inquirers' Class (Diocesan Conference Room) – *Repentance and Belief* – Rita Wright

Who Is God? (Living Room) – *God Is Incarnate* – John Halsey Wood

20s and 30s Class (Lower School Library) – *The Language of the Gospel: Who's in Charge Here?* – Elizabeth Fagan

Faith and Family (Assembly Hall) – *The Sermon on the Mount: Christ the Sure Foundation (for People and Families) (Matthew 5:13-20)* – Jay Gardner

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, Facebook Live, and YouTube) or listen later on our audio pages (AdventBirmingham.org/Audio). Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Lent to see the full preacher schedule.

Lenten Preachers this Week

Arthur Price to Preach Monday

Arthur Price is Pastor of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. His vision for the historic church is to have a Bible-centric ministry that will reach, reclaim, rebuild, and reproduce disciples through the power of the Holy Spirit. A graduate of Colgate Rochester Divinity School, he has extensive ministerial experience, having served congregations in New Jersey and New York. Prior to his call to Sixteenth Street, he was Pastor of Memorial Baptist Church in Buffalo, which experienced tremendous growth during his pastorate.

Before his call to ordained ministry, Mr. Price worked for 10 years as a Prosecution Assistant in the District Attorney's office in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He and his wife Candice have two daughters.



Jacob Smith Is the Lenten Preacher Tuesday and Wednesday

Jacob Smith has served as Rector of The Parish of Calvary-St. George's in New York, New York, since 2017. He has served the Episcopal Church, Episcopal Diocese of New York, and New York City in various leadership positions.

Born in the Navajo Reservation, he was raised in Yuma, Arizona. He graduated from the University of Arizona and earned an M.Div. degree from Trinity School for Ministry. Before his call to the priesthood, he served in youth ministry.

An old friend of the Advent, Mr. Smith was a founding board member of Mockingbird Ministries. He is the co-host of *Same Old Song*, Mockingbird's lectionary podcast. He is married to Melina, and they have two children.



Nursery Provided Thursdays for Lenten Preaching and Lunches

During Lent we will provide a nursery for children ages 5 and under on Thursdays from 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Registration is not necessary.

Time Change this Weekend: Spring Forward

Daylight Saving Time will begin at 2:00 a.m. this Sunday, March 9. Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

Mockingbird's David Zahl to Preach Thursday and Friday

David Zahl is the founder and Director of Mockingbird Ministries in Charlottesville, Virginia. Founded in 2007, Mockingbird seeks to connect the Christian faith with the realities of everyday life in fresh and down-to-earth ways. He is editor-in-chief of the Mockingbird blog and co-host of the *Mockingcast* and *Brothers Zahl* podcasts.

A licensed lay preacher in the Diocese of Virginia, Mr. Zahl also serves on staff at Christ Episcopal Church as College and Adult Education Minister. Well-known to many Adventers, he is the author of several books, including *Seculosity: How Career, Parenting, Technology, Food, Politics and Romance Became Our New Religion* and *What to Do About It*. His latest book, *The Big Relief: The Urgency of Grace for a Worn-Out World*, will be published in April of this year. He and his wife Cate have three sons.



spiritual growth & fellowship

Lenten Preaching and Lunches

Lenten Series Is a Great Time to Gather

Whether it's your small group, guild, tennis team, work colleagues, or friends from college, invite a group to join you during Lenten Preaching and Lunches 2025. Choose a date with your group and enjoy great preaching and a delicious lunch together. If you have a party of eight, you can reserve a table for lunch by reaching out to Jen Green (jwsnwu@gmail.com).

Caregivers Support Group

Lunch Gathering March 14

Caregivers are invited to a monthly lunch with others who have been impacted by the demands of caring for a loved one. The next gathering will be Friday, March 14, noon at Cranmer House. You are welcome whether you are a full-time caregiver or you are just beginning to experience changes in your life. To RSVP for lunch or for more information, contact Robin Turner (Robin@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3500).

Lectionary: Sunday, March 9

- Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
- Deuteronomy 26:1-11
- Romans 10:8b-13
- Luke 4:1-13



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20s & 30s Ministry

An Evening with Daniel Emery Price March 20

Adventers in their 20s and 30s are invited to join us to hear from Lenten preacher Daniel Emery Price on Thursday, March 20, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Ross and Din Blankenship (2815 Canterbury Road, 35223). Dan is a podcast co-host, speaker, and author with 1517. He is co-host of 1517's popular podcasts *40 Minutes in the Old Testament* and *30 Minutes in the New Testament*. We enjoyed hearing from Dan during our 1517 Weekend in February and look forward to having him back at the Advent! Dessert and drinks provided. Let us know if you can make it by registering at AdventBirmingham.org/20s30s.

Youth Ministry

Family Dinner this Sunday

All 7th-12th graders are invited to Family Dinner this Sunday, March 9, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Malone's house (105 Crestwood Drive, 35213). Join us for a time to rest and have fun together, share a meal, and connect with each other before the week starts.

Registration for the Jr. High Girls Retreat will close on March 21. The retreat is set for Friday-Sunday, April 11-13, at Amicalola Falls, Georgia. All 7th and 8th grade girls and their friends are invited to a weekend of hiking, ziplining, and building friendships with each other and God. Register at AdventBirmingham.org/Youth.

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

Trip Planned to Greece, Tracing the Footsteps of Paul

Plans are currently underway for a trip to Greece in January 2026, tracing the footsteps of Paul as he traveled around the Mediterranean resolving to know nothing except Christ and him crucified, proclaiming the one who gives life to the dead, and whose power is perfected in weakness.

You are invited to join Jason Wallace, Dean Pinter, Gil Kracke, Craig Smalley, and other Adventers for a 10-day trip around Greece, visiting many of the places described in the Acts of the Apostles and which touch on Paul's letters to the Corinthians, Thessalonians, Philippians, Ephesians, and more.

The exact itinerary is still being worked out, with the intention of departing on January 2, 2026. Details about registering for the trip will be forthcoming once the details are finalized. In the meanwhile, if you have any questions, please call or email Dean Pinter (205-443-8560, Pinter@CathedralAdvent.com) or Gil Kracke (205-226-3516, Gil@CathedralAdvent.com).

Recordings of 1517 Weekend Talks Available on Our Website



The weekend of February 21-23, we enjoyed a time of rich teaching and fellowship with Chad Bird (left), Daniel Emery Price, and Erick Sorensen from 1517. We explored several "unexpected epiphanies," events in the Old Testament where Jesus shows up. Many thanks to Chad, Dan, and Erick for being with us.

If you were unable to join us or would like to revisit any of the talks, sermons, or devotionals, visit AdventBirmingham.org/1517WeekendAudio for links to all of the audio on our website as well as on podcast platforms Apple Podcasts and Spotify.



serving & outreach

Local Outreach

Q&A About Brother Bryan Mission with Paul Petznick

Well-known to many Adventers, Paul Petznick (right) is an ordained transitional deacon. He answered some questions about his ministry at Brother Bryan Mission.



Q: *How did you get connected to Brother Bryan Mission?*

PP: I attended a BBM graduation ceremony hosted by the Advent several years ago. Currently I am serving as a chaplain as part of my Clinical Pastoral Education.

Q: *What is volunteering at Brother Bryan like on a week-to-week basis?*

PP: It is a joy interacting with the men and staff of the mission, and it humbles me to see them openly sharing what brought them there.

Q: *How has mentoring affected your faith?*

PP: The affection I have for the men grows each time I visit, and the experience of mentoring has deepened my faith.

Q: *What is one thing you want Adventers to know about what God is doing in and through BBM?*

PP: I have witnessed the transforming power of the Holy Spirit working in men who are at rock bottom. Their newfound faith gives them hope, and I am thankful to be part of their path to recovery.

Brother Bryan Mission needs Christian men to mentor the men going through the program. Contact Canon Young at Adam@CathedralAdvent.com or visit BBMission.com for more information.

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

Monday-Friday: Lenten Lunches – Refectory and Clinganman Commons, 12:15 p.m.

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.