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The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

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News & Events

Connect with Lenten Lunches this Sunday Morning

Stop by the Lenten Lunches table in Clingman Commons this Sunday morning, February 10, to explore volunteer opportunities, purchase lunch tickets, and more. Lenten Lunches and our Lenten Preaching Series will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6, at 12:05 p.m. See page 2 for more information.

Come to the Advent House for Prayer

Prayer sessions with trained intercessors are available at the Advent House for everyone desiring to take his or her needs to our Lord God in prayer. Make an appointment by calling Kathy Logue (410-4622). See page 2 for details.

Getting to Church on Mercedes Marathon Sunday

The Mercedes Marathon and Half-Marathon will be run this Sunday, February 10, starting at 7:00 a.m. The event will not interfere with our morning worship. Some traffic patterns will be altered, but the impact on the Advent will be less than in past years.

See page 2 for more information, and visit MercedesMarathon.com to see a complete course map.



A Word from Michael Weeks

The National Retail Federation is projecting that U.S. consumers will spend \$19.6 billion this year on Valentine's Day, or \$143.56 per person. Love is in the air! Having been recently married, I have been thinking about love a lot. But the question I keep coming back to is: "What is love?" Is love the feeling I have for my wife? Is it the blind-to-reality, overly sentimental love that we see in movies and read in books? Is that the definition of love?

In his book, *The Four Loves*, C.S. Lewis proposes that there are four different types of love. First is *Storge*, which is a familial affection, particularly between parents and children. Second is *Philia*, the love found in friendship. Third is *Eros*, which is the love found between two "lovers," producing the feeling of "being in love." Last, there is *Agape*, a selfless love, which is unwavering despite changes in circumstance.

It is this love, *agape*, which we read about in 1 John 4. Here John urges us to love one another, just as God has loved us. In verse 10 we are shown the shape of love. John says the shape that love takes is God sending his Son to be the propitiation (sacrifice) for our sins. The clearest vision of God's love for us is seen at the cross of Jesus Christ.

The reason for this love is not blind acceptance of our behavior, but because love is God's very nature. He loves us, even when we don't love him, even when we don't accept him. Friends, this is the love we are to have towards each other. We are to love others, even when we don't receive that love in return.

What love looks like in reality depends on your circumstances. It might look like caring for someone's physical or emotional needs. But it might also be telling someone the gospel. For people's greatest need is not that you accept them as who they are, but that they receive the forgiveness of sins through Jesus' death and resurrection.

- Mike

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

- 1 John 4:10-11

This Sunday: February 10, 2019

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Dean Pearson

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

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11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Nave. Preacher: Dean Pearson

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Refectory. Preacher: Canon Hicks

5:00 p.m. Holy Baptism

Preacher: James Henderson

Adult Education: 10:10 - 10:50 a.m.

The Dean's Class (Nave) – *The Christian Diet* (Hebrews 5:11-14) – Dean Pearson

The Parables: Mercy Over Merit (Assembly Hall) – Doug Webster

Folly, Irony, and Truth in the Christian Life (Chapter Room) – Canon Smalley

Run-Up to the Oscars (Living Room) – *True Love Distorted in "A Star Is Born"* – Deborah Leighton

Faith and Family (Lower School Library) – *The Household as a Context for Disciple Making* – Canon Schneider

Children's & Youth Education:

Classes are offered for 3-years and older. See Sunday's service bulletin for details. The Nursery is open 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. At the Five O'Clock service, childcare is available for 4K and younger.

Lectionary:

Psalms 138
Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)
1 Corinthians 3:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

Sermon and class recordings are available at AdventBirmingham.org.

The 9:00 a.m. service is broadcast live on WERC 960 AM, 105.5 FM, and AdventBirmingham.org.



GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!

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The best route downtown will be via the Red Mountain Expressway. Richard Arrington Jr. Boulevard (21st Street) will be unaffected by the race route on the Northside, but using it to approach downtown from the Southside may result in delays at Highland Avenue and 2nd Avenue South. 20th Street North will be closed south of 4th Avenue North but open north of 4th Avenue as it passes the front of the church.

See a complete course map at the marathon website, MercedesMarathon.com.



servicing & outreach

Lenten Lunches

Lunch Tickets, Sponsorships, and More in Clingman Sunday Morning

Are you looking for a great way to connect with your friends, family, and neighbors who work downtown? Or would you like to give toward a gospel-based fundraiser? Perhaps you long for a meaningful way to serve during March and April? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please stop by the Lenten Lunches table in Clingman Commons this Sunday morning, February 10. The Lenten Lunches Chairing Team would love to connect you with lunch tickets, sponsorship pledges, and volunteer opportunities.

Lenten Lunches will be served from Ash Wednesday, March 6, through Maundy Thursday, April 18.



spiritual growth & fellowship

Youth Ministry

Sr. High: "Fancy Night" Family Dinner Is this Sunday

Join us for the most anticipated Family Dinner of the year: Fancy Night! It happens this Sunday, February 10, 6:57-8:15 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Come in your cocktail attire and enjoy an evening filled with the finer things. Find out more by contacting Rebecca Lankford (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com).

Sign Up for Sr. High SOS Memphis Trip

Registration is open for our annual mission trip to Memphis, Tennessee, to partner with Service Over Self. This is one of our favorite trips of the year, and all 9th-12th graders are welcome to join! The trip is set for June 2-8. Cost is \$395, and financial aid is available. Sign up by March 1 at AdventBirmingham.org/Youth. Contact Rebecca (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com) with questions.



spiritual growth & fellowship

Advent House Prayer Ministry



The Advent House Is Open for Prayer

*Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,
lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.
But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.*

- Psalm 13:3-5

Intercessory prayer sessions are available for everyone who desires to take his or her needs to our Lord God in prayer. The prayers of the intercessors, who will be praying on your behalf, will be grounded in the Holy Scriptures, guided by the Holy Spirit, and dependent upon the redemptive and life-giving work of our Savior Jesus Christ.

If you would like to schedule a prayer appointment at the Advent House (2317 Arlington Avenue South, 35205), please contact Kathy Logue at 410-4622.

Ageless Adventers

Third Wednesday Program Set for February 20

Ageless Adventers, our fellowship group for seniors, will gather for the next Third Wednesday program on February 20, noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Please join us for fellowship, a gospel-centered message, and a tea prepared by our own Barbara Partridge. Find out more by contacting Stella Schreiber (443-8558, Stella@CathedralAdvent.com).

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

- Betty Tanner:** (Speakers Fund) by Michelle Carroll; Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Bromberg Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Pritchard • (Endowment Fund) by Bill and Virginia McFerrin
- John Worrell Poynor:** (Outreach) by Gray and Lee Thuston

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



making music

Concert Series



Photo: Andy Staples

VOCES8 in Concert February 22

The concert of the year is almost here! The acclaimed British vocal ensemble VOCES8 will perform at the Advent Friday, February 22, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale through the Music Office or iTickets.com. Reserved seating for the concert is almost sold out. Call Betsy Pate (443-8553) or visit iTickets.com today to get your seats!

VOCES8 tours widely throughout Europe, North America, and Asia. The group performs repertoire ranging from Renaissance polyphony to contemporary commissions and arrangements. The concert at the Advent is only the group's second appearance in Birmingham, and is not to be missed! For more information on the ensemble, visit VOCES8.com.



education

Inquirers' Class

Sunday Series Starts February 24

The spring Inquirers' Class series will meet for eight weeks beginning Sunday, February 24, during the Sunday School hour, 10:10-10:50 a.m. in the Diocesan Conference Room (entrance in the garden area). There will be no meeting on March 24 or Easter Day, April 21. This course will give you an idea of what the Advent believes and why we believe it. The class is open to anyone, but is particularly designed for newcomers, as well as adults considering confirmation (Sunday, May 5).

For more information on these classes or joining the Advent, contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 443-8562).

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 226-3500.



worship

Evensong

Day School Choral Ensemble to Sing Service February 21



The Advent Episcopal School Choral Ensemble, under the direction of Richard C. Phillips, will sing Choral Evensong on Thursday, February 21, 5:30 p.m. in the Nave.

Evensong, a sung version of the Evening Prayer service, is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. This service provides an evening of respite and rest during the work week. Canon Schneider will preach, with Katherine Jacob officiating. Join us for the worship of our Lord and Savior through prayer and song.

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

- 1 Corinthians 3:1-9



bookstore

Big News About Our Sale!

Sale-priced items are now 75-percent off, starting this Sunday, February 10 – including jewelry! Perfect for Valentine's Day, Easter, and Mother's Day.

We still need some Sunday volunteers. Even though the new schedule is out, we have places to plug in new helpers. Sunday volunteers usually help about one Sunday per month, 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please call Cindy Funderburk (323-2959).

Regular store hours are Sunday, 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., and Monday-Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Contact us: 323-2959, Bookstore@CathedralAdvent.com. Visit us any time: AdventBirmingham.org/Bookstore.

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The Rev. Katherine P. Jacob, Deacon

The Rev. Michael Weeks, Assisting Clergy

transitions:

Baptism: Forrest Louise Pritchard, daughter of Billy and Louise, on January 27

Marriage: Kathleen Mims Patrick and Paul Scott Shashy, on January 26

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Charles Rogers: (Endowment Fund) by Bruce Rogers

Clare Draper: (Cathedral Choir Fund) by Charlotte Murdock

Donna Gaston: (Cathedral Choir Fund) by Charlotte Murdock

William "Bill" Doric Tynes, Jr.: (Deborah Leighton's Discretionary Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. James A. King, Jr.

In Thanksgiving for Andrew Pearson: (Endowment Fund) by Cathy Duggan

In Thanksgiving for Stella Schreiber: (Endowment Fund) by Anonymous

In Honor of Cameron Cole: (Youth Ministry) by Hunter and Anna Stanley



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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 10 Regular worship schedule Sr. High Youth Family Dinner - Cranmer House - 6:57 p.m.	11	12	13	14 Sunrise Sinners - Refectory - 7:00 a.m. Praise Service - Nave - 8:30 a.m.	15	16
Feb 17 Regular worship schedule The Forum - Clingman - 6:15 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group - Cranmer House - 6:30 p.m.	18	19	20 Ageless Adventers Third Wednesday - Cranmer House - noon	21 Sunrise Sinners - Refectory - 7:00 a.m. Praise Service - Nave - 8:30 a.m. Choral Evensong - Nave - 5:30 p.m.	22 Concert Series: VOCES 8 - Nave - 7:30 p.m.	23

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

Monday-Friday: AA – Coe Conference Room, noon

We have more Bible studies, book studies, and groups of all kinds meeting than we can list on the calendar! Please join us in praising God for this blessing and visit AdventBirmingham.org/BibleStudies for a complete list of options available to you. If you have any questions, please contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 443-8562).