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News & Events

Advent Episcopal School Choral Ensemble to Sing Evensong 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 during the work week. Canon Schneider will preach, with Katherine Jacob officiating. Come worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness and find rest in the gospel message. See page 2 for a photo of the Choral Ensemble.

Acclaimed Vocal Ensemble VOCES8 in Concert February 22

The concert of the year is almost here! The British vocal ensemble VOCES8 will perform at the Advent on Friday, February 22, 7:30 p.m. in the Nave. Get your tickets by calling Betsy Pate in the Music Office (443-8553) or visiting iTickets.com. See page 2 for more information.



A Word from Canon Schneider

There has been much recent commentary on the idea that Americans are suffering an epidemic of loneliness. Of course, loneliness isn't a new thing, but more people seem to be more acutely lonely more of the time in spite of our increasing ways of connecting virtually.

Chances are that if you have a pulse, you feel lonely at least some of the time too. And it's probably one of the worst feelings for you. Even if you're an introvert like me who often wants to be left alone, it's still a real bummer to feel lonely. That's because, as one article recently explained, people who are lonely don't feel known or understood – even those with large families, plenty of social media "friends," or a collegial workplace.

Here's the thing though: You have no need to feel lonely.

Not only were you created by a God who knew you intimately long before you were born, but you were redeemed by his Son who suffered the worst loneliness on your behalf

so you don't have to. On his Cross, Jesus was both rejected by humanity and forsaken by his Father – for your sake. Not only that, he then promised he would take up residence inside you by his Spirit. Further, because of all this, as Paul explained, you're now knit together with others who confess Christ as if one body, across both time and space.

You see, all our searching in this life to be known and understood is futile, and it pales in comparison to the good news of our relationship to the triune God and his people. If you think you'll find solutions to your loneliness online, through a love life, by having children, by moving to a particular neighborhood, by joining some institution, or by identifying with a certain subculture – think again. Without the assurance that you're a redeemed child of God, these things will still leave you feeling continually unknown and misunderstood.

This is why we need to remind each other of the gospel that God knows and understands us so well that he sent his Son to redeem us that we might live together with him and his people for all eternity.

- Matt

"And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." - Matthew 28:20b

This Sunday: February 17, 2019

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Smalley

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

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11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Nave. Preacher: Canon Smalley

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Refectory. Preacher: Dean Pearson

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Schneider

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

The Dean's Class (Nave) – *Going On to Maturity* (Hebrews 6:1-11) – 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) – *Relationships that Restore in "Roma"* – Deborah Leighton

Faith and Family (Lower School Library) – *Family Worship as Discipleship* – 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 1

Jeremiah 17:5-10

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Luke 6:17-26

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.



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making music

Concert Series



VOCES8 to Perform February 22

The acclaimed British vocal ensemble VOCES8 will perform at the Advent on Friday, February 22, at 7:30 p.m. 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.

Tickets are available by calling Betsy Pate in the Music Office (443-8553) or visiting iTickets.com.



worship

Evensong



Advent School Ensemble to Sing Choral Evensong February 21

Members of the Advent Episcopal School Choral Ensemble are selected by audition each year from rising 4th through 8th grade students. The group sings at school and civic functions throughout the year and weekly at the school's Chapel service.



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.



spiritual growth & fellowship

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).

Youth Ministry

Sign Up for Sr. High SOS Memphis Trip

Register today 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 (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com) with questions.

Next Sr. High Family Dinner Is February 24

All Sr. High youth are invited to our next Family Dinner on Sunday, February 24, 6:57-8:15 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). The theme is "International Night," so come try foods from around the world! Hope to see you there. Contact Rebecca for more information (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com).

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

education

The Forum

This Sunday: *There Must Be More to Life than This*

Not too long ago, people used to ask, "What is the meaning of life?" Hardly anyone asks this question anymore out loud, but many of us still wonder in our heart of hearts what it is all about. At the next Forum this Sunday, February 17, Canon Schneider (*right*) will lead us in a discussion to address this question from a biblical perspective. Please join us at 6:15 p.m. in Clingman Commons, immediately following the Five O'Clock service.



The Forum is a monthly discussion-based fellowship and education program. Supper is provided, and families with children are welcome. For more information, contact Anita Gray (Anita@CathedralAdvent.com).

spiritual growth & fellowship

Young Adults Ministry

Men's Gathering Set for February 26

If you're a male ages 21-35, please join us for a time of fellowship on Tuesday, February 26, 5:30 p.m. at Cahaba Brewing Company (4500 5th Avenue South, Building C, 35222). For more information, contact Mike Weeks (Weeks@CathedralAdvent.com).

Women's Ministry



Above: On January 30, Charlotte Getz addressed a sell-out crowd at the Women's Luncheon. Charlotte spoke on "A Woman and a Well: The Living Water of the God Who Sees Us." Mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 6, when Susan Yates will speak at the Women's Spring Coffee, with sessions at 7:00 and 9:30 a.m.

Share the Advent Online



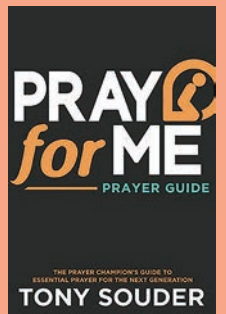
Items from the Advent website can now easily be shared online. A few simple clicks allow users to post content like pages and audio files from AdventBirmingham.org (see screenshot above) to their social media pages on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Users can also share items easily by email.

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.
- 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

bookstore

We Have *Pray for Me* Books

We have copies of the *Pray for Me* and *Pray for Me Children's Edition* prayer guides by Tony Souder. The books are part of the *Pray for Me* Campaign, which mobilizes adults from every generation to intentionally begin investing in the lives of teenagers and children in a natural way. It takes the most basic of Christian acts – prayer – and makes it the connecting point between the generations. Our 6th graders are currently using *Pray for Me* as part of their confirmation preparation.



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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transitions:

Births: Campbell Leigh Armstrong, daughter of Ben and Carolyn, on December 14, 2018; Evelyn Audry Murvin, daughter of David and Beth, on January 31

Baptisms: Jon Michael Parsons, Jr., son of Jon and Charlotte, on February 3; Eleanor Adele Oser, daughter of Brad and Eleanor, on February 3

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Marian "Teeny" Brannon: (Cathedral Choir Fund) by Cathryn S. De Arman • Charlotte Murdock

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 17 Regular worship schedule The Forum - Clingman - 6:15 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
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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).