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The Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

Week of February 24, 2019



News & Events

Inquirers' Class Series Starts this Sunday

The spring Inquirers' Class series will meet for eight weeks beginning this Sunday, February 24, 10:10-10:50 a.m. in the Diocesan Conference Room (entrance in the Rector's Garden). 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. There will be no meeting on March 24 or Easter Day, April 21. Questions? Contact Fontaine Pope (443-8563, Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com).

Sign Up for Vacation Bible School!



Registration opens this Sunday in Clingan Commons. See page 2 for details.



A Word from the Dean

It has been a tough month for my home state, the Commonwealth of Virginia. Governor Northam's med school yearbook showed a man in blackface next to a Klansman. He later admitted that he has put on blackface so as to resemble Michael Jackson, but that he was neither of the individuals in the picture.

Politics aside, how should we respond when confronted with the past sins of others? President Trump tweeted "Unforgivable," and nearly every member of Northam's party has called on him to resign. Whether or not he should remain as governor is not the heart of the matter.

As has been observed, we live in a society where everything is permissible, but nothing is forgivable. We live in a world that prizes self-determination above all else, and yet crossing the arbitrary line of transgression will end you as an individual.

There is no question that the yearbook photo was appalling, but we must recognize that we look at it in 2019. To us, 1984 does not seem so long ago, but someone in 1984 looks

back to 1949 with the same distance. God help Andrew Pearson, if 40 years from now, I am evaluated by the standards of that day. "Lord if you marked transgressions, who could stand?"

Such a culture actually keeps us from speaking prophetically in our time and place for fear of "how will history judge us" or for being perceived as out of step by our neighbors. The issue at hand is not whether we should look the other way when confronted with past racism, but how we handle the repentant individual who committed the act. In fact, only grace can free us to have the hard and necessary conversation about race in America. If it is marked by judgment, med school yearbooks will live in the shadows.

It is becoming clear that the only place one might (and should) experience forgiveness is in the body of Christ, but it is also clear that the judgment and rancor found in politics is creeping into the life of the church: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus came into the world to save Ralph Northam and Andrew Pearson, and you – to save all of us sinners who, by God's grace, recognize ourselves as such and run to him for grace and mercy. "Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die!" - Andrew

And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick."

- Luke 5:31

This Sunday: February 24, 2019

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Dean Pearson

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Dean Pearson

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Nave. Preacher: Dean Pearson

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Refectory. Preacher: Doug Webster

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Doug Webster

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

The Dean's Class (Nave) – *The Guarantor of a Better Covenant* (Hebrews 7:15-28) – Dean Pearson

Inquirers' Class (Diocesan Conference Room) – *The Sufficiency of Scripture* – Canon Schneider

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

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

Faith and Family (Lower School Library) – *Law, Grace, and the Family* – Gil Kracke

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:

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42
Genesis 45:3-11, 15
1 Corinthians 4:8-20
Luke 6:27-38

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!



education

Vacation Bible School

Register this Sunday for VBS, Set for June 3-6

Vacation Bible School is roaring into the Advent June 3-6 with incredible learning experiences that allow kids to see, hear, touch, and even taste that God is good. Together, we'll discover how to see evidence of God in our everyday lives through projects, team-building games, cool songs, and tasty treats. Registration opens this Sunday, February 24, in Clingman Commons. All kids who register in person will receive a balloon and two wristbands: one for themselves, another to share with a friend at school! More information: AdventBirmingham.org/VBS.



serving & outreach

Lenten Lunches

Explore Volunteer Opportunities and More in Clingman this Sunday Morning

Do you long for a meaningful way to serve during March and April? Are you looking for a great way to connect with your friends, family, and neighbors who work downtown? Would you like to give toward a gospel-based fundraiser? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please stop by the Lenten Lunches table in Clingman Commons this Sunday morning, February 24. The Lenten Lunches Chairing Team would love to connect you with volunteer opportunities, lunch tickets, and sponsorship pledges.

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

Youth Ministry

Sr. High: Sign-Up Deadline Nears for SOS Memphis Trip

Register today for our annual mission trip to Memphis, Tennessee, to partner with Service Over Self. The deadline to sign-up is March 1. 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. Register at AdventBirmingham.org/Youth. Contact Rebecca Lankford (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com) with questions.



spiritual growth & fellowship

Young Adults Ministry

Men's Gathering Set for February 26

Men ages 21-35 are invited to 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).



making music

Midday Music



And Now, for Something Completely Different... Fred Teardo Plays Piano March 1

Our Midday Music series continues on Friday, March 1, when Fred Teardo, our Director of Music and Organist, performs a piano recital in Clingman Commons at 12:30 p.m. Known primarily as an organist and choral conductor, Fred is stepping outside of his "comfort zone" to present a program on our Baldwin SF grand piano, featuring music of Bach, Debussy, Haydn, and Schubert. This program is the result of Fred's recently resuming piano study, which he has been honored to do with Samford piano professor and Advent parishioner Dr. Donald Sanders. All are warmly invited to this free, 30-minute recital.

Youth Ministry

Sr. High: "International" Family Dinner this Sunday

All Sr. High youth are invited to our Family Dinner this 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 Lankford for more information (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com).

Ageless Adventers

Fellowship in the Pines March 4

All Adventers are invited to join our friends at St. Martin's for lunch and a word from Canon Smalley on Monday, March 4, at noon. Lunch is served in the private dining room of The Arbors at St. Martin's (4941 Montevallo Road, 35210). Find out more by contacting Stella Schreiber (443-8558, Stella@CathedralAdvent.com).

Advent House: Intercessory prayer is on-going at Advent House. To schedule a prayer session, call Kathy Logue at 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



worship

Lenten Preaching Series

Services Begin Ash Wednesday, March 6

The Lenten Preaching service is held 12:05-12:30 p.m. every weekday during Lent. Here is the schedule:

Ash Wednesday, March 6: **Kee Sloan**, Bishop, Diocese of Alabama; Birmingham, Alabama

Thursday-Friday, March 7-8: **Steve Paulson**, Chair of Lutheran Theology, Luther House of Study; Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Monday-Tuesday, March 11-12: **Dan Siedell**, Senior Fellow in Modern Art History and Criticism, The King's College; New York City

Wednesday-Friday, March 13-15: **Nick Lannon**, Pastor, Grace Anglican Church; Louisville, Kentucky

Monday-Tuesday, March 18-19: **Jason Cook**, Associate Pastor, Fellowship Memphis; Memphis, Tennessee

Wednesday-Friday, March 20-22: **Craig Parton**, Attorney and Author; Santa Barbara, California

Monday-Wednesday, March 25-27: **Kevin Twit**, Reformed University Fellowship and Indelible Grace Music; Nashville, Tennessee

Thursday-Friday, March 28-29: **Kristen Deede Johnson**, Professor of Theology and Christian Formation, Western Theological Seminary; Holland, Michigan

Monday-Tuesday, April 1-2: **Alden Hathaway**, Retired Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

Wednesday-Thursday, April 3-4: **David Zahl**, Director, Mockingbird Ministries; Charlottesville, Virginia

Friday, April 5: **Wes Sharp**, Rector, Church of the Holy Cross; Trussville, Alabama

Monday-Wednesday, April 8-10: **John Yates, II**, Rector, The Falls Church; Falls Church, Virginia

Thursday-Friday, April 11-12: **John Yates, III**, Rector, Holy Trinity Anglican Church; Raleigh, North Carolina

Monday-Tuesday, April 15-16: **Mark Galli**, Editor-in-Chief, *Christianity Today*; Chicago, Illinois

Wednesday, April 17: **Richard Simmons**, Founder and Director, The Center for Executive Leadership; Birmingham, Alabama

Maundy Thursday, April 18: **Dennis Sansom**, Chair, Department of Philosophy, Samford University; Birmingham, Alabama

Good Friday, April 19 (*Service starts at noon*): **Andrew Pearson**, Dean and Rector, Cathedral Church of the Advent; Birmingham, Alabama



education

Youth Ministry

Sr. High Sex Education Class Set for March 10

All 9th-12th graders are invited to join us for a talk on the biblical view of sex. We will gather on Sunday, March 10, 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). If you are interested in attending, please contact Rebecca Lankford (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com). Hope you can join us!

Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! Without us you have become kings! And would that you did reign, so that we might share the rule with you! For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we entreat. We have become, and are still, like the scum of the world, the refuse of all things.

I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children... Some are arrogant, as though I were not coming to you. But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but their power. For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power. - 1 Corinthians 4:8-14, 18-20



bookstore

The Thing Is...

"The thing is."

That's what we say when we are at last getting to the point. The bushes have been beaten around, the chase has been cut to, and we are finally getting to the thing we've been avoiding but that now needs to be spoken.

What is that thing for you? What is the thing that makes sense of your life but that you don't often talk about? What is the point of it all, the purpose, the real reason you get out of bed in the morning?

From Tony Payne, author of *The Trellis and the Vine*, comes an opportunity to pause and take stock of our lives, and to discover the life-changing purpose that God has for each one of us. Not some vague, Christian-cliché purpose, but a purpose that is clear and real enough to drive the decisions we make and the way we live our lives from this point on.

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transitions:

Births: Billie Rose Lodewyck, daughter of Antenor Lodewyck and Julie Mae-seele, on February 4; Knud Nielsen, IV, son of Rob and Eleanor, on February 5

Baptisms: Joscelyn Colleen Adeline Cordova, daughter of Jason and Christa, and Colin Ray Wallace Cordova, son of Jason and Christa, both on February 10

Marriage: Rebecca Nan Morris and Darryl Alan Outlaw, Jr., on February 9

Death: John Norman Corey, Jr., on February 6

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Catherine Bray: (Outreach) by Mary and Victor Hanson

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calendar:

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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).