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## News & Events

### Lenten Preaching this Week: Dan Siedell and Nick Lannon

Dan Siedell, Senior Fellow in Modern Art History, Theory, and Criticism at The King's College in New York City, will preach Monday and Tuesday, March 11 and 12, at 12:05 p.m. Dr. Siedell will also teach the Dean's Class this Sunday, March 10, and speak at Cranmer House on March 11 (see story below).

Nick Lannon, Pastor of Grace Anglican Church in Louisville, Kentucky, will preach Wednesday-Friday, March 13-15. He will also speak at the Young Adults dinner on March 13 at Cranmer House (see story on page 2). See page 2 for more on the preachers.

### Dan Siedell to Speak on Faith in Modern Art March 11

Join us for an evening with Dan Siedell on Monday, March 11, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209), as we consider the topic *Seeing Is Not Believing: Faith in Modern Art*. Our Lenten preacher March 11 and 12, Dr. Siedell has spent more than 20 years writing and lecturing on modern art and theology.



## A Word from Canon Hicks

Did you know that God is forgetful? A question like that at first sounds like heresy. After all, Scripture is clear: God knows everything. "His understanding has no limit" (Psalm 147:5 NIV; see also Isaiah 40:13-14; Psalm 139:4; Job 21:22; Hebrews 4:13; 1 John 3:20). But Scripture tells us that there is one place where God, in his sovereign and mysterious will, chooses to punch a hole in the otherwise impenetrable armor of his own omniscience. God, in Christ, chooses to forget your sin.

Ezekiel 18:21-22 describes how, when God grants repentance to a person, "None of the transgressions that he (or she) has committed shall be remembered." Jeremiah likewise prophesies a day when a new covenant will be made, one that will be characterized by total, final forgiveness, when God will declare, "I will remember their sin no more" (Jeremiah 31:34). That these prophets are speaking about the person and work of Christ is driven home in the New Testament by the author of the Let-

ter to the Hebrews, who quoted Jeremiah's very words here in connection with the high priesthood of Jesus himself (Hebrews 8:12).

Guilt and shame are powerfully sticky things. Guilt – often in the form of how we've wronged others – stays with us, like residue from a peeled off sticker. Shame – often in the form of how others have wronged us (and then produced in us our own patterns of shame) – remains like an embarrassing blemish in our consciousness. Guilt and shame are difficult to forget. I can relate to what people mean when they say, "I have a hard time forgiving myself." I think what's behind that is, "I can't stop thinking about the guilt and shame I feel."

The Scriptures cited here declare a shocking word that pierces right through our nagging remembrance: God forgets. When Jesus declared "It is finished" on the cross, he was proclaiming the "no more" part of "I will remember their sin *no more*" with full authority and absolute certainty. As you hear him now, know and *believe* this: the sins you can't forget, God cannot remember.

- Zac

**As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

- Psalm 103:12

## This Sunday: March 10, 2019

### 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Schneider

### 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Schneider

### 11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Nave. Preacher: Canon Schneider

### 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Refectory. Preacher: Dean Pearson

### 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Preacher: Canon Schneider

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

**The Dean's Class** (Nave) – *Jesus in the Art World* – Dan Siedell

**Inquirers' Class** (Diocesan Conference Room) – *Our Redemption and Final Hope* – Doug Webster

**Short Summaries** (Living Room) – *The Living and Active Word of God (Law and Gospel)* – Gil Kracke

**To Love One Another** (Assembly Hall) – *Helping Others When Others Hurt* – Gordon Bals

**Faith and Family** (Lower School Library) – *Law, Grace, and the Family: Managing Kids' Anxiety* – Cameron Cole

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 91:1-2, 9-16

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

1 Corinthians 4:21-5:13

Luke 4:1-13

Sermon and class recordings are available at [AdventBirmingham.org](http://AdventBirmingham.org).

The 9:00 a.m. service is broadcast live on WERC 960 AM, 105.5 FM, and [AdventBirmingham.org](http://AdventBirmingham.org).



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## worship

### Lenten Preaching Series

#### Art Historian and Theologian Dan Siedell to Preach Monday and Tuesday

Dan Siedell is Senior Fellow in Modern Art History, Theory, and Criticism at The King's College in New York City, where he has served since 2013. He was Chief Curator of the Sheldon Museum of Art in Lincoln, Nebraska, from 1996-2007, before serving as Professor of Modern and Contemporary Art History and Theory at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. He directed the Miami-based studio of artist Enrique Martinez Celaya from 2011-2012.



Dr. Siedell has spent more than 20 years writing and lecturing on modern art and theology. His books include *God in the Gallery: A Christian Embrace of Modern Art* and *Who's Afraid of Modern Art: Essays on Modern Art and Theology in Conversation*. He and his wife Kerri have three children.

#### Nick Lannon to Preach Wednesday-Friday

Nick Lannon serves as Pastor of Grace Anglican Church in Louisville, Kentucky. Ordained in 2007 after his graduation from Trinity School for Ministry, he pastored churches in New Jersey and Kentucky before his call to Grace Church. He served as Editor-in-Chief and Director of Content for LIBERATE, the former resource ministry of Tullian Tchividjian.



An avid movie watcher, NBA fan, and self-described couch potato (when he's not playing sports himself), Mr. Lannon is fascinated by the intersection of the gospel and everyday life. He is the author of the forthcoming book, *Life Is Impossible...But That's Good News*. He is married to Aya, and they have three children.

## Update on the Nave Lighting Project

Many continue to work diligently towards our replacement of all the lighting and wiring in the Nave this summer. Work is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 3, with the project finished before school resumes in August. To do the work, scaffolding will occupy the entire half of the south side of the Nave for the first half of the summer, before being moved to occupy the entire north side. We will be able to gather in the Nave for our Sunday services throughout the summer, though there will be no access during the week, allowing the work to be done safely and well. Closer to time, we will keep everyone updated with any further details.

**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

### Young Adults Ministry

#### Lenten Preacher Nick Lannon to Speak March 13

If you're in your 20s or 30s, please join the Advent Young Adult community on Wednesday, March 13, 6:30 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209) for food, fellowship, and a talk from Nick Lannon. Our Lenten preacher March 13-15 (see story left), Mr. Lannon will speak on *Life Is Impossible...But That's Good News!* For more information, contact Mike Weeks ([Weeks@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Weeks@CathedralAdvent.com)).



## education

### Lenten Evening Event

#### The Do's and Don'ts of Apologetics: An Evening with Craig Parton March 21

If you struggle to talk with skeptics about the Christian faith and would like some guidance about where to begin, what to consider, and what traps to avoid, please join Craig Parton for this talk and discussion on Thursday, March 21, 7:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Our Lenten preacher March 20-22, Mr. Parton (right) is a trial lawyer by profession who has applied his legal background to the area of apologetics – the defense of the Christian faith. He is the author of *Religion on Trial: Cross-Examining Religious Truth Claims*, and serves as the United States Director of the International Academy of Apologetics, Evangelism and Human Rights in Strasbourg, France. For more information, contact Steven Nichols ([WStevenNichols@gmail.com](mailto:WStevenNichols@gmail.com)).



## serving & outreach

### Service Day

#### Save the Date: May 4 Is Service Day

Join fellow Adventers on Saturday, May 4, 9:30 a.m.-noon to walk downtown Birmingham streets, pray for the city, and pick up bits and pieces of trash and debris that accumulate in our urban neighborhood. After our walk, we'll head to our local mission partner locations to pray for their ministries, before heading out as groups for table fellowship in various restaurants. This is a great way for families and small groups to get to know the Birmingham community and help the Advent live out its heart for the city! Register online at [AdventBirmingham.org/Mission](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Mission) by April 30.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!  
- Psalm 25:7



## education

### Youth Ministry

#### Sr. High Sex Education Class Is this Sunday

All 9th-12th graders are invited to join us for a talk on the biblical view of sex this 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](mailto:Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com)). Hope you can join us!

### Time Change this Weekend

Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night. Daylight Saving Time officially begins at 2:00 a.m. this Sunday, March 10.

### Parking During Lent

During Lent the Advent's parking lot at the corner of Sixth Avenue North and Richard Arrington Jr Boulevard (21st Street) is especially hard-pressed. We must accommodate volunteers making deliveries for Lenten Lunches and other short-term visitors to the church and school. We also must maintain access for emergency vehicles and adequate space to get the shuttle bus in and out.

You can help! Please do not block any parking spaces, entrances, or exits at any time.

Parking is available at reasonable rates at meters and at a number of lots and decks within a block of the Advent. Thank you for your cooperation.



## serving & outreach

### World Mission



Please pray for our Malawi team, traveling to visit our Global Teams partner there from March 6-17. Above, l-r: Susan Elliott, Taylor Webb, Rachel Cain, and Bethany Rushing. While there, the team will visit several ministry sites, including the Chisomo Orphan Care Center, to learn from and encourage our partners engaged in kingdom work.



## spiritual growth & fellowship

### Ageless Adventers

#### Third Wednesday Gathering Moves to Church Living Room March 20

Ageless Adventers, our fellowship group for seniors, will gather for the next Third Wednesday program on March 20, 11:00 a.m. in the Living Room at the Advent. (Please note special time and place for our Lenten meetings March 20 and April 17.) Join us for fellowship, coffee, and a special guest. We'll finish in time to attend Lenten Preaching and Lunches at 12:05 p.m. Find out more by contacting Stella Schreiber (443-8558, [Stella@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Stella@CathedralAdvent.com)).

### Youth Ministry

#### Sr. High: "Irish Night" Family Dinner Set for March 17

All Sr. High youth are invited to our next Family Dinner Sunday, March 17, 6:57-8:15 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day! The theme is "Irish Night," so grab all your green and join us. Contact Rebecca Lankford for more information ([Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com)).



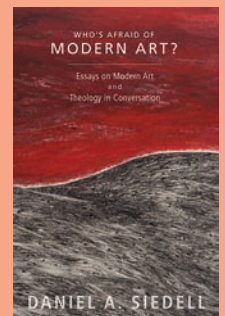
## bookstore

### Books by this Week's Lenten Preachers

Modern art can be confusing and intimidating – even ugly and blasphemous. And yet curator and art critic Dan Siedell finds something else, something much deeper that resonates with the human experience. With more than 30 essays on as many diverse artists, Siedell offers a highly personal approach to modern art that is informed by more than 20 years of experience as a museum curator, art historian, and educator. Siedell combines his experience in the contemporary art world with a theological perspective that serves to deepen the experience of art, allowing the work of art to work as art and not covert philosophy or theology, or visual illustrations of ideas, meanings, and worldviews. *Who's Afraid of Modern Art?* celebrates the surprising beauty of art that emerges from and embraces pain and suffering, if only we take the time to listen. As Siedell reveals, a painting is much more than meets the eye. He asks important questions about art and belief. Modern art is often dismissed by Christians as unintelligible and even offensive. Siedell debunks this kind of thinking.

Nick Lannon is the author of a forthcoming book, *Life Is Impossible...But That's Good News*.

Store hours expand during Lent. We're open Thursday and Friday, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., as well as our regular open hours: 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](mailto:Bookstore@CathedralAdvent.com). Visit us any time: [AdventBirmingham.org/Bookstore](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Bookstore).



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## transitions:

**Marriages:** Mary Katherine Estes and Kevin Patrick Bryant, Jr., on February 23; Shannon Mizelle Veach and Frank Tompkins Richardson, IV, on February 23

## memorials:

### Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

**Thomas Crawford Clark, Jr.:** (Garden Fund) by Carolyn Brinson Reed • (Pastoral Care) by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson • (Outreach) by Edmund and Kathleen Doss  
**Marian "Teeny" Brannon:** (Endowment Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sullivan

**William "Bill" Doric Tynes:** (Endowment Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sullivan

**Henry Eugene "Gene" Damon:** (Outreach) by Mary and Victor Hanson

**John Norman Corey, Jr.:** (Pastoral Care) by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Farley, Jr.

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## calendar:

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Mar 17 Regular worship schedule Sr. High Youth Family Dinner - Cranmer House - 6:57 p.m. The Forum - Clingman - 6:15 p.m.	18 Lenten Preaching - Jason Cook - 12:05 p.m.	19 Lenten Preaching - Jason Cook - 12:05 p.m.	20 Lenten Preaching - Craig Parton - 12:05 p.m.	21 Sunrise Sinners - Refectory - 7:00 a.m. Praise Service - Nave - 8:30 a.m. Lenten Preaching - Craig Parton - 12:05 p.m. Craig Parton Talk - Cranmer - 7:00 p.m.	22 Lenten Preaching - Craig Parton - 12:05 p.m.	23

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

Monday-Friday: Lenten Lunches – Refectory and Clingman Commons, 12:05 p.m.

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](http://AdventBirmingham.org/BibleStudies) for a complete list of options available to you. If you have any questions, please contact Fontaine Pope ([Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com), 443-8562).