

# Adventurer

Lent

OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT • BIRMINGHAM, AL



Vol. 43, No. 11

Second Sunday in Lent

Week of March 17, 2019



## News & Events

### Jason Cook and Craig Parton to Preach at Midday this Week

Jason Cook, Associate Pastor of Fellowship Memphis in Memphis, Tennessee, will preach Monday and Tuesday, March 18 and 19, at 12:05 p.m.

Craig Parton, an attorney and author in Santa Barbara, California, will preach Wednesday-Friday, March 20-22. He will also speak at Cranmer House on Thursday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m. (see story below).

See page 2 for more on the preachers.

### Craig Parton on the Do's and Don'ts of Apologetics 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). Mr. Parton is a trial lawyer by profession who has applied his legal background to the area of apologetics – the defense of the Christian faith. For more information, contact Steven Nichols ([WStevenNichols@gmail.com](mailto:WStevenNichols@gmail.com)).

### Hymn Sing with Kevin Twit March 25

See story on page 2.



## A Word from Canon Smalley

study of God's word, and reflection and self-examination.

Some of you may take something on for the season or give something up, but either way it is crucial to be reminded that it is ultimately about God, and not us. Our hope and strength is in the saving intervention of Jesus, not in our own determination to bring change to our life. To begin to reflect on how good the good news is, to appreciate the grace and mercy given to us, it is important to see the depth of our need.

This brings us to the word found in Hosea chapter three. This short book of prophecy is full of contrasts and sharp, truthful language. The serial unfaithfulness of the people of Israel (and humanity) is acted out in a living parable between Hosea and his wife Gomer. The lack of fidelity in their relationship reveals our lack of faithfulness in re-

lationship with God. Though this is chiefly illustrated through Gomer, it is made clear that she represents all of us.

Gomer eventually falls captive to another, but God directs Hosea not to forsake her, but to rescue her. He is told, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the Lord loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other Gods..." (Hosea 3:1). Hosea is told not to rescue her reluctantly or grudgingly, but he is directed to *love* her. And we see that his loving and rescuing her will cost him.

This foreshadows the way God loves us graciously in Jesus and the way that he purchases us from slavery, sin, and death at a cost to himself. Paul writes, "You are not your own, for you were bought with a price" (1 Corinthians 6:19). We are not saved grudgingly, but lovingly, at a cost to God, a cost he willingly pays. I pray that you will reflect on the magnitude of our need and thereby see the magnitude of God's grace.

Gratefully,

Craig

**You are not your own, for you were bought with a price.** - 1 Corinthians 6:19

## This Sunday: March 17, 2019

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

Preacher: Dean Pearson

### 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Preacher: Dean Pearson

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

In the Nave. Preacher: Dean Pearson

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

In the Refectory. Preacher: Canon Hicks

### 5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Hicks

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

**The Dean's Class** (Nave) – *Now the Point Is This* (Hebrews 8:1-13) – Dean Pearson

**Inquirers' Class** (Diocesan Conference Room) – *Baptism and Repentance* – Cameron Cole

**To Love One Another** (Assembly Hall) – *Helping Others With Depression* – Gordon Bals

**Faith and Family** (Lower School Library) – *Law, Grace, and the Family: Relating to Kids Through the Gospel* – Rita and Drew Wright

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 27

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

1 Corinthians 6:1-8

Luke 13:31-35

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).



# GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!



## worship

### Lenten Preaching Series

#### From Football Player to Pastor: Jason Cook to Preach Monday and Tuesday

Jason Cook serves as Associate Pastor of Preaching at Fellowship Memphis in Memphis, Tennessee. Born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama, he started at fullback for the University of Mississippi football team for four years. Since enjoying a brief stint with the NFL's Baltimore Ravens in 2009, he has traveled the country preaching God's word in demographically diverse environments.



Mr. Cook has worked to plant churches, including his pivotal role in helping to build Iron City Church in Birmingham. He also serves as an editor with the Gospel Coalition, where he contributes to the Faith and Work initiative. He met his wife Courtney while attending Beeson Divinity School. They have two children.

#### Attorney Craig Parton to Preach Wednesday-Friday

Craig Parton is a trial lawyer and partner with the oldest law firm in the western United States, located in Santa Barbara, California, where he serves as Chairman of the Litigation Department. He has applied his legal background to the area of apologetics, the defense of the Christian faith. He serves as United States Director of the International Academy of Apologetics, Evangelism and Human Rights in Strasbourg, France.



Upon graduation from college, Mr. Parton spent seven years on staff with Campus Crusade for Christ (now Cru), with whom he traveled to more than 100 universities and colleges across the country defending the Christian faith through lectures and debates. He has written three books, including *Religion on Trial: Cross-Examining Religious Truth Claims* and *The Defense Never Rests: A Lawyer Among the Theologians*, and has published numerous articles in legal, theological, and cultural journals.

#### Nursery Provided Mondays and Thursdays

A nursery for children ages 6 weeks-5 years is provided on Mondays and Thursdays during Lent from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. To ensure adequate staffing, please email Lila Wooten ([Lila@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Lila@CathedralAdvent.com)) a few days in advance to make your child's reservation.

**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.

---

**Advent House:** Intercessory prayer is on-going at Advent House. If you would like to schedule a prayer session, please call Kathy Logue at 410-4622.



## making music

### Lenten Evening Event

#### Kevin Twit to Lead Hymn Sing March 25

Join us Monday evening, March 25, 7:00-8:30 p.m. for *Hymns and Stories* led by Kevin Twit in Clingman Commons. Our Lenten Preacher March 25-27, Mr. Twit (*right*) is the founder of Indelible Grace Music in Nashville, Tennessee. He will spend the evening leading us in song as well as telling stories of God's faithful work. This is an event you do not want to miss! For more information, contact Annie Lee ([Annie@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Annie@CathedralAdvent.com)).



## education

### The Forum

#### This Sunday: What Does It Mean to Follow Jesus?

Many Christians often speak of "following Jesus" or "being a follower of Jesus," but according to the Bible, what does this actually mean? We will explore this question at our next Forum this Sunday, March 17, 6:15 p.m. in Clingman Commons. The Forum is a monthly fellowship and education program following the Five O'Clock service with the goal of building both our community and confidence in Jesus Christ. Each discussion aims to be very practical. Supper is provided, and families with children are welcome. For more information, contact Anita Gray ([Anita@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Anita@CathedralAdvent.com)).



## spiritual growth & fellowship

### Youth Ministry

#### Jr. High: Movie Night this Sunday

Jr. High youth will gather for Movie Night this Sunday, March 17, 6:00 p.m. at the AMC Vestavia theaters (1911 Kentucky Avenue, 35216). For more information, contact Tucker Fleming ([Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com)).

#### Sr. High: "Irish Night" Family Dinner this Sunday

All Sr. High youth are invited to our Family Dinner this 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)).

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



## 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)).



## education

### Vacation Bible School

**We're Seeking Volunteers!**

We're looking for volunteers to make this year's VBS the best yet! Roar VBS will happen Monday-Thursday, June 3-6, at the Advent. There is a place for everyone, even those with busy schedules. For more information, visit [AdventBirmingham.org/VBS](http://AdventBirmingham.org/VBS) or contact Frances Nichols, our Volunteer Chair ([FrancesNichols627@gmail.com](mailto:FrancesNichols627@gmail.com)).



## making music

### Concert Series



Above: Members of VOCES8 received a standing ovation at the conclusion of their concert at the Advent on February 22. The acclaimed British choral ensemble presented a program entitled *Lux Aeterna* (Light Eternal), featuring works by musicians ranging from William Byrd to contemporary composer Jake Runestad.

Please join us on Sunday, May 4, at 3:00 p.m. when The Cathedral Choir will be joined by The Choir of St. George's Episcopal Church, Nashville, to offer A Festival of Hymns, Psalms, and Spiritual Songs.



## making music

### Advent Episcopal School

**Fred Teardo to Lead Choral Ensemble**

Fred Teardo, our Director of Music and Organist, will assume leadership of the Advent Episcopal School Choral Ensemble, beginning next academic year. He will replace Rick Phillips, who is retiring at the end of this year after 36 years of service to the school. Alongside this new responsibility, Fred will continue his ministry work at the church and Samford University. Fred's leadership roles within these organizations will allow him significant influence over the next generation of music ministers in Birmingham, as he shares the rich music ministry heritage we experience at the Advent every Sunday. Please join us in praising God for these two men, and in praying for the Advent Episcopal School community as they search for a new music teacher for non-ensemble students.

### Advent Book Group

**Group Reading P.D. James**

The Advent Book Group will discuss P.D. James' *The Children of Men* on Wednesday, April 17, 7:00 p.m. at the home of James and Lyn Bradford (2500 Aberdeen Road, 35223). Best known for her crime/detective novels, James also served on the Church of England's Liturgical Commission. New members are always welcome. Contact James Bradford ([JBradford@Balch.com](mailto:JBradford@Balch.com), 873-5833) if you plan to attend or for more information.

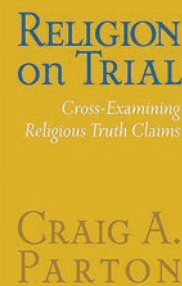


## bookstore

**Book by Lenten Preacher Craig Parton**

*Religion on Trial: Cross-Examining Religious Truth Claims* by Craig Parton provides Christians with solid arguments for the validity of the Christian faith and, at the same time, challenges skeptics, agnostics, and atheists to rethink their beliefs by offering solid evidence for the legitimacy of the Gospels and the events contained within. *Religion on Trial* is a relentless search for the truth that puts religious claims to rigorous cross-examination – nothing less than eternity is at stake.

Store hours during Lent are Sunday, 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., and Thursday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Contact us: 323-2959, [Bookstore@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Bookstore@CathedralAdvent.com). Visit us any time: [AdventBirmingham.org/Bookstore](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Bookstore).





## diocesan staff

The Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan, Bishop of Alabama

## advent staff

The Very Rev. Andrew C. Pearson, Jr., Dean and Rector

The Rev. Canon R. Craig Smalley, Canon Pastor and Day School Chaplain

The Rev. Canon Matthew C. Schneider, Canon for Parish Life and Evangelism

The Rev. Canon Zac Hicks, Canon for Liturgy and Worship

The Rev. Deborah R. Leighton, Director of Women's Ministries and Clergy Associate

The Rev. Katherine P. Jacob, Deacon

The Rev. Michael Weeks, Assisting Clergy

## transitions:

**Baptism:** Jonathan Oliver Denson, son of Bruce and Kelly, on March 3

## memorials:

### Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

**John Norman Corey, Jr.:** (Altar Guild) by Amy Neal Ager • (Outreach) by Willard and Emily McCall; Mary and Victor Hanson • (Children's Ministries) by Jeff and Crista Scanlan • (Endowment Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. Mark L. Myatt; Dr. and Mrs. Griff Harsh; Carla and Bob Reich

**William D. "Bill" Tynes, Jr.:** (Endowment Fund) by Mrs. Charles R. Terry

**Henry Eugene "Gene" Damon:** (Outreach) by Kate and John Cotton

**In Thanksgiving for the Birth of Felden Kinnon Brooke:** (Outreach) by Elizabeth and Charles Scribner

**In Honor Jon Michael Parsons, Jr.:** (Endowment Fund) by Julie and Jim Goyer



Cathedral Church of the Advent  
2017 6th Avenue North  
Birmingham, AL 35203-2701

Periodical Postage Paid  
Birmingham, AL

Published weekly (except bi-weekly June 15-August 15) USPS 055150 for no subscription fee by the Cathedral Church of the Advent, 2017 6th Ave North, Birmingham, AL 35203-2701.

Periodical postage paid at Birmingham, AL POSTMASTER: Send changes to THE ADVENTURER OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, 2017 6th Ave North, Birmingham, AL 35203-2701.

## calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Mar 17</b> Regular worship schedule Jr. High Youth - AMC Vestavia - 6:00 p.m. The Forum - Clingman - 6:15 p.m. Sr. High Youth - Cranmer - 6:57 p.m.	<b>18</b> Lenten Preaching - Jason Cook - 12:05 p.m.	<b>19</b> Lenten Preaching - Jason Cook - 12:05 p.m.	<b>20</b> Ageless Adventers Third Wednesday - Living Room - 11:00 a.m. Lenten Preaching - Craig Parton - 12:05 p.m.	<b>21</b> 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.	<b>22</b> Lenten Preaching - Craig Parton - 12:05 p.m.	<b>23</b>
<b>Mar 24</b> Regular worship schedule	<b>25</b> Lenten Preaching - Kevin Twit - 12:05 p.m. Kevin Twit Hymn Sing - Clingman Commons - 7:00 p.m.	<b>26</b> Lenten Preaching - Kevin Twit - 12:05 p.m.	<b>27</b> Lenten Preaching - Kevin Twit - 12:05 p.m.	<b>28</b> Sunrise Sinners - Refectory - 7:00 a.m. Praise Service - Nave - 8:30 a.m. Lenten Preaching - Kristen Deede Johnson - 12:05 p.m. Mike Weeks Ordination - 5:30 p.m.	<b>29</b> Lenten Preaching - Kristen Deede Johnson - 12:05 p.m.	<b>30</b>

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).