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News & Events

Lenten Preaching this Week: Kevin Twit and Kristen Deede Johnson

Kevin Twit, Campus Minister for Reformed University Fellowship at Belmont University and founder of Indelible Grace Music in Nashville, Tennessee, will preach Monday-Wednesday, March 25-27, at 12:05 p.m. He will also lead a hymn sing on Monday, March 25, 7:00 p.m. in Clingman Commons (see story below).

Kristen Deede Johnson, Professor of Theology and Christian Formation at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan, will preach Thursday and Friday, March 28 and 29.

See page 2 for more on the preachers.

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 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).



A Word from Michael Weeks

If you come into our house, next to our front door on a small chalkboard you will see 2 Corinthians 1:9b written out: "But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God."

Before we started the preaching series in 1 Corinthians at the Advent, my wife, Rachel, and I decided to read through Paul's letters to the Corinthians for our morning Bible time. We were struck by this passage in its simplicity and complexity.

Paul had been through so many trials, he was no stranger to suffering. Later on, in chapter 11 of 2 Corinthians, he explains that five times he received the 39 lashes from the Jews, three times he was beaten with rods, once he was pelted with stones, three times he was shipwrecked; he has been in danger from rivers and bandits, in danger in the city, country, sea, and from false believers. He has been exposed to death again and again (2 Corinthians

11:23-27). Nobody knows the troubles he has seen.

Nevertheless, despite all these trials, all this suffering, all the pain and hardship, he is able to remind himself and us that these things were not punishments from God for Paul's sin. Rather, they were God's instruments for Paul's learning.

Don't get me wrong here; I do not want to downplay pain and suffering. Life can be very difficult, and we would do well to grieve and mourn and wait at the evil of this world. But here Paul reminds us that pain and suffering are not for nothing, but that God is using the evil of this world for our good. He is using it to turn us to him, to remind us that we are not in control, that we need him who raises people from the dead. Paul is reminding us not to trust in ourselves but in God, who raised Jesus from the dead and will surely raise us with him. This is a message that I need to hear daily.

- Mike

For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. - 2 Corinthians 1:8-9

This Sunday: March 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: Dean Pearson

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

The Dean's Class (Nave) – *Power in the Blood* (Hebrews 9:11-28) – Dean Pearson

Short Summaries (Living Room) – *Grace and Faith* – Gil Kracke

To Love One Another (Assembly Hall) – *Helping Others in the Special-Needs Community* – James Henderson

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 63:1-8

Exodus 3:1-15

1 Corinthians 6:9-20

Luke 13:1-9

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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Lenten Preaching Series

Campus Minister and Musician Kevin Twit to Preach Monday-Wednesday

Kevin Twit has served as the Campus Minister for Reformed University Fellowship at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee, since 1995. He founded Indelible Grace Music with some of his students in 1999. Indelible Grace has been at the heart of the movement to reset old hymn texts to new music, recording eight CDs as well as a documentary film, *Roots and Wings: The Story of Indelible Grace and the RUF Hymns*.



A graduate of the Berklee College of Music and Covenant Theological Seminary, Mr. Twit worked in the music industry for several years as both a guitarist and a recording engineer. He served as Pastor of Christ Community Church for eight years. He is married to Wendy, and they have three children.

Kristen Deede Johnson to Preach Thursday and Friday

Kristen Deede Johnson is Professor of Theology and Christian Formation at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan. Her teaching and scholarship focus on theology, discipleship and formation, justice, culture, and political theory. In partnership with the International Justice Mission, she and co-author Bethany Hanke Hoang recently wrote the award-winning *The Justice Calling: Where Passion Meets Perseverance*.



Before her call to Western Theological Seminary, Dr. Johnson was the founding director of the Studies in Ministry minor and the Center for Ministry Studies at Hope College. She is the author of *Theology, Political Theory, and Pluralism: Beyond Tolerance and Difference*. In 2018, she was named one of "10 New or Lesser-Known Female Theologians Worth Knowing" by *Christianity Today*. She and her husband Tryg have two children.

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) 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.



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Lenten Preaching Series

David Zahl to Preach and Launch New Book in April

We're excited to welcome David Zahl, founder and Director of Mockingbird Ministries, to the Advent in April. He will preach Wednesday and Thursday, April 3 and 4, at 12:05 p.m. He also will launch his new book, *Seculosity: How Career, Parenting, Technology, Food, Politics and Romance Became Our New Religion – and What to Do About It*, with a book reading on April 3 at 7:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209).



Mr. Zahl (*right*) is editor-in-chief of Mockingbird's popular website (MBird.com) and co-host of The Mockingcast. The son of former Advent Dean Paul Zahl, he also serves as Young Adult Minister at Christ Episcopal Church in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Advent School Lot Open this Week Due to Spring Break

The Advent Episcopal School's parking lot on the corner of Fifth Avenue North and Richard Arrington Jr Boulevard will be available for those attending midday Lenten Preaching services and lunches during the school's Spring Break, Monday-Friday, March 25-29. The parking lot gate will open at 11:30 a.m. each day.



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Women's Ministry

Spring Coffee with Susan Yates on April 9

The women of the Advent are delighted to welcome back Susan Yates for a Spring Coffee on Tuesday, April 9. She will speak on *Trusting God in Life's Transitions* during two identical sessions: 7:00 a.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209), and 9:30 a.m. at the home of Christine Deniston (505 Pine Ridge Trail, 35213). The mother of five and the grandmother of 21, Susan speaks with wisdom and great humor about weathering the chances and changes of this life. She is the author of several books on Christian marriage, parenting, faith issues, and women's topics. Don't miss this opportunity to get to know other women of all ages from our church, while hearing a gospel message!

No need to RSVP. For more information, contact Deborah Leighton (Deborah@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

Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting April 1

All parishioners are invited to a prayer gathering on Monday, April 1, 7:15 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Typically held the first Monday of every month, this hour-long meeting is set aside to pray for the Advent. We hope you can join us.



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Ageless Adventers

Fellowship in the Pines April 1

All Adventers are invited to join our friends at St. Martin's for lunch and a word from Canon Smalley on Monday, April 1, 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).



education

Vacation Bible School

Wanted: 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 or contact Frances Nichols, our Volunteer Chair (FrancesNichols627@gmail.com).



Lenten Evening Event



Above: Art historian, critic, and Lenten preacher Dan Siedell spoke on *Modern Art, Theology, and Faith* at Cranmer House on March 11. Looking at works by artists including Jacques-Louis David, Gustave Courbet, Claude Monet, and Edvard Munch, Dr. Siedell covered a range of topics, including the continuing presence and power of Christian imagery in modern art.

Michael Weeks to Be Ordained to the Priesthood March 28

On behalf of the Diocese of Sydney, Bishop Sloan will ordain Michael Weeks to the priesthood on Thursday, March 28, 5:30 p.m. in the Nave. Michael serves as Assisting Clergy at the Advent. All are welcome and invited to the service.

memorials:

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In Thanksgiving for The Rev. Michael Weeks: (Pastoral Care) by James and Marguerite Hopkins



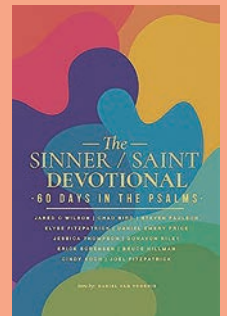
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A New Devotional to Recommend

The Sinner/Saint Devotional: 60 Days in the Psalms edited by Daniel Emery Price – There is a Psalm for just about everything. Defeated? It's there. Joyful? That is there too. Angry with God? There are a lot of Psalms for that. Some of them give us great comfort, and some of them make us uncomfortable, but in the end, all of them point us to Jesus.

This is a 60-day devotional without a bunch of platitudes or Christian fluff. The Psalms are too gritty and honest for that. This devotional is written by and for real sinners in daily need of a God offering real promises of forgiveness, grace, and hope.

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. Visit us any time: AdventBirmingham.org/Bookstore. We hope to see you in the bookstore!



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calendar:

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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 for a complete list of options available to you. If you have any questions, please contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 443-8562).