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News & Events

Lenten Preaching this Week: Alden Hathaway, David Zahl, and Wes Sharp

Alden Hathaway, retired Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, will preach Monday and Tuesday, April 1 and 2, at 12:05 p.m.

David Zahl, founder and Director of Mockingbird Ministries in Charlottesville, Virginia, will preach Wednesday and Thursday, April 3 and 4. He will also launch his new book with a reading and signing on Wednesday, April 3, 7:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (see story below).

Wes Sharp, Rector of the Church of the Holy Cross in Trussville, Alabama, will preach Friday, April 5.

See page 2 for more on the preachers.

David Zahl to Launch New Book April 3

We're excited to host the launch of David Zahl's new book, *Seculosity: How Career, Parenting, Technology, Food, Politics and Romance Became Our New Religion – and What to Do About It*, on Wednesday, April 3, 7:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Our Lenten preacher April 2 and 3, Mr. Zahl will read from the book and sign copies.



into elite universities.

This is nothing new. There are any number of ways to legally game the system. One can give gobs of money to a university or take advantage of relationships in order to gain admittance for a child. So before we condemn such actions, we should realize that we do the same thing but on a smaller scale.

None of us wants to see our child suffer or experience a disadvantage. We are going to do all that we can to see our child succeed in school and live a happy and healthy life. We want our children to participate in sports in order to learn teamwork, leadership, and what it means to win and lose. The problem is when we begin to create an environment where our children are not able to experience, but are only participants in a resume building endeavor where failure is not an option.

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

- Matthew 11:28

A Word from the Dean

You probably have read recently of the FBI operation "Varsity Blue." Several parents, some among them famous, have been charged with cheating, bribing, and lying their children's way

One of our daughters, at age 8, was cheerleading. One of the other mothers asked if we were going to engage a private cheerleading coach for her, the thought being that a private coach is necessary in order to set her up for cheerleading in high school.

Like the "Varsity Blue" parents, we can't help but define the worth of our children, and our worth as parents, based upon what they accomplish. Kids are receiving the message loud and clear, and it is destroying them.

Do I spend as much time investing in my children's spiritual well-being, communicating the gospel to them that their identity is in Jesus? That their identity is not the sum of their choices or accomplishments, but in him? Is the way that I am raising my children being dictated by the culture or is it centered in the gospel? "Prone to wander, Lord I feel it..."

As in Jesus' day, he interrupts the system. "You don't seem to understand how things work here, Jesus," they said. He paid them no heed but pressed on to those who felt their need for a physician, who were tired of the world's standards burdening them, and they found their rest in him.

- Andrew

This Sunday: March 31, 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 Smalley

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Preacher: Canon Smalley

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

The Dean's Class (Nave) – *Once and for All* (Hebrews 10:1-18) – Dean Pearson

Inquirers' Class (Diocesan Conference Room) – *The Lord's Supper* – Stephen Greene

Short Summaries (Living Room) – *Proclamation, Preaching, and Repentance* – Gil Kracke

To Love One Another (Assembly Hall) – *Helping Others in the Special-Needs Community (Part 2)* – James Henderson

Faith and Family (Lower School Library) – *The Good Shepherd: Developmental Reasons to Protect Your Child's Technology Use* – Cameron Cole and Rachel Cain

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.

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 32
Joshua 5:9-12
1 Corinthians 7:1-16
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!



worship

Lenten Preaching Series

Bishop Alden Hathaway to Preach Monday and Tuesday

Alden Hathaway served as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh from 1981 until his retirement in 1997. He is currently Bishop-in-Residence at the Parish Church of St. Helena in Beaufort, South Carolina.

Ordained in 1962, he served parishes in Ohio, Michigan, and Virginia before his call to Pittsburgh. Bishop Hathaway was part of the movement to establish Trinity School for Ministry, on whose board he served from 1981-2010. In 2017 he helped launch the Anglican Leadership Institute, which organizes two conferences a year for senior leaders from the world-wide Anglican Communion to receive advanced training for coordinated global Christian mission. He has three children and five grandchildren with his first wife Anna, who died in 2006. He is married to Barbara.



Mockingbird's David Zahl to Preach Wednesday and Thursday

David Zahl is the founder and Director of Mockingbird Ministries in Charlottesville, Virginia. Mockingbird seeks to connect the Christian faith with the realities of everyday life in fresh and down-to-earth ways. He is editor-in-chief of the organization's popular website (MBird.com) and co-host of The Mockingcast. He also serves on the staff of Christ Episcopal Church, supervising its ministry to students and young adults.



The son of former Advent Dean Paul Zahl, he is a licensed lay preacher in the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. Mr. Zahl is the author of several books, including the newly released *Seculosity: How Career, Parenting, Technology, Food, Politics, and Romance Became Our New Religion – and What to Do About It*, for which the Advent is hosting a book launch on Wednesday, April 3 (see story on front page). He and his wife Cate have three sons.

Trussville's Wes Sharp in the Pulpit Friday

Wes Sharp has served as Rector of the Church of the Holy Cross in Trussville, Alabama, since 2016. He has produced three worship albums as a vocalist and guitarist, and has written small group materials on the subjects of community, worship, and marriage.

Mr. Sharp grew up in Fort Payne, Alabama, and attended Samford University. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Reformed Theological Seminary and a Certificate of Anglican Studies from Nashotah House Seminary. He is married to Alison, and they have three sons.



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. As Dean Pearson wrote about these gatherings, "If we are not on our knees, we are trying to do ministry in our own strength. We know that apart from the Lord Jesus we can do nothing."

We hope you can join us.



bookstore

Cindy Funderburk Retiring as Store Manager

After serving loyally in our bookstore for nearly 35 years, Cindy Funderburk (*right*) will be retiring soon after Easter. We will have an opportunity to honor her at a reception following the 11:00 a.m. services on Sunday, April 28, and hope you will plan to join us.

And we are happy to say that Ann Campbell, an Adventer and long-time book store volunteer, will be succeeding Cindy as the manager of our store. Thanks be to God! We may do some "spring cleaning" with our inventory in May before closing for most of this summer (the plan before Cindy's decision). We all can then look forward to a refreshed store opening at the end of the summer, in time for Rally Day.

We hope you will join us in expressing our gratitude to Cindy, as we look forward to the ministry of the store continuing under the capable watch of our team of volunteers and Ann.



serving & outreach

Service Day

Register Today: 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 at 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 by April 30.

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.

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

Women's Ministry

Susan Yates to Speak at Spring Coffee 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 Denniston (505 Pine Ridge Trail, 35213). The mother of five and the grandmother of 21, Susan speaks with wisdom and humor about weathering the chances and changes of life. She is the author of several books on Christian marriage, parenting, and women's topics. Don't miss this opportunity to get to know women of all ages from our church, while hearing a gospel message! For more information, contact Deborah Leighton (Deborah@CathedralAdvent.com).

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).

Guild Meeting

St. Bridget's Guild will meet for its annual Lenten Preaching and Lunches gathering on Monday, April 1. Members will hear Alden Hathaway, retired Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, preach at 12:05 p.m. A special seating area in the church will be marked with green ribbon. Then we will gather for lunch in Clingman Commons. Lunch cost is \$10.00.



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Palm Crosses

Help Make Palm Crosses April 13

Adventers of all ages are invited to make palm crosses on Saturday, April 13, 9:00 a.m. in the Refectory. Come help carry on the Advent's tradition of providing hand-tied crosses to each person attending Palm Sunday services. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Advent House: Intercessory prayer is on-going at Advent House. To schedule a prayer session, call Kathy Logue at 410-4622.



education

Walk to the Cross

Walk Set for Palm Sunday, April 14

Join us on Sunday, April 14, at 3:30 p.m. for Walk to the Cross, a guided tour through six re-enacted scenes of Christ's life during Holy Week. This experience helps biblical stories come to life and provides a wonderful opportunity for folks of all ages to grow in their understanding of the final week of Jesus' earthly life and ministry. The last tour begins at 4:30 p.m. Contact Elizabeth Wilson (Elizabeth@CathedralAdvent.com) with questions.

Receive Death Notifications by Email

Adventers interested in information regarding deaths within our community of faith may sign up for email notifications at <http://bit.ly/2UMZkPF>. Notifications will begin after Easter, April 21.



making music

Spotify

Check Out Advent Playlists on Spotify

Follow our page on Spotify and listen along as we worship together between Sundays! Both The Cathedral Choir and Advent Birmingham have curated lists that match their respective musical styles and the church season. Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Spotify.

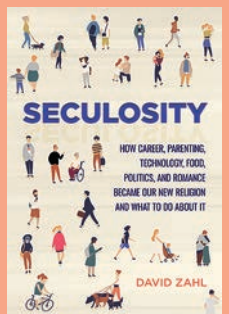


bookstore

Book Launch and Signing Party for David Zahl's New Book

Join us on Wednesday, April 3, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Cranmer House as we celebrate the release of David Zahl's *Seculosity: How Career, Parenting, Technology, Food, Politics, and Romance Became Our New Religion – and What to Do About It*. Fleming Rutledge says of *Seculosity*, "The central message... is that Jesus is 'not the messiah we would elect but the one who elects us.' It is cause for rejoicing that Zahl puts this at the heart of *Seculosity* and that it is not our own virtue we ought to signal, but Christ's." To fill the void left by religion, we look to all sorts of everyday activities, from eating and parenting to dating and voting, for the identity, purpose, and meaning once provided on Sunday morning. Zahl brings us to a fresh appreciation for the grace of God in all its countercultural wonder.

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.



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

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

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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:

Death: Pauline Ireland, on March 12

memorials:

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Apr 7 Regular worship schedule	8 Lenten Preaching - John Yates, II - 12:05 p.m.	9 Women's Coffee - 7:00 a.m. at Cranmer House; 9:30 a.m. at 505 Pine Ridge Trail Lenten Preaching - John Yates, II - 12:05 p.m.	10 Lenten Preaching - John Yates, II - 12:05 p.m.	11 Sunrise Sinners - Refectory - 7:00 a.m. Praise Service - Nave - 8:30 a.m. Lenten Preaching - John Yates, III - 12:05 p.m.	12 Lenten Preaching - John Yates, III - 12:05 p.m.	13 Making Palm Crosses - Refectory - 9:00 a.m.

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

Monday-Friday: Lenten Lunches – Refectory and Clinganman 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).