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Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Week of April 14, 2019



News & Events

Holy Week and Easter at the Advent

We have many worship services and gatherings scheduled as we approach Easter on April 21, and we hope you and your family and friends will join us! See page 2 for more information on the events listed here.

Palm Sunday, April 14

3:30 p.m.: Walk to the Cross

6:15 p.m.: The Forum – On Death and Dying

Monday, April 15-Wednesday, April 17

12:05 p.m.: Lenten Noonday Preaching

Mark Galli preaches Monday and Tuesday

Richard Simmons preaches Wednesday

12:05 p.m.: Lenten Lunches

Maundy Thursday, April 18

12:05 p.m.: Lenten Noonday Preaching

Dennis Sansom preaches

12:05 p.m.: Lenten Lunches

6:00 p.m.: Holy Communion

Canon Hicks preaches

Good Friday, April 19

12:00 noon: The Liturgy for Good Friday

Dean Pearson preaches

Easter Day, Sunday, April 21

Our service times are 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m. The Refectory service will take place at 9:00 a.m.



A Word from Deborah Leighton

In many of Paul's letters, he gets to a point where he stops describing the grace of God and starts describing our response to this grace.

Paul repeatedly uses the image from the Old Testament of "walking" to help his hearers leave behind the old self and the old age, while stepping into their new reality in Christ. For the people of Israel, obeying the Lord's commands was synonymous with "walking in God's ways" (Exodus 18:20; Deuteronomy 5:33; 8:6), as though God had laid out a path before them and simply asked them to walk down that road.

By telling his first disciples (and us!), "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men," Jesus does not just mean that we are to follow him to the same destination, or to follow him by staying close to him. He does mean these things, but he also means that we are called to imitate him. In the silly movie *Young Frankenstein*, Gene Wilder knocks at the door of a scary mansion only

to be greeted by a hunchback. When invited gravely to, "Walk this way," Wilder not only follows his host to the indicated room, but he adopts the hunchback's rolling gait.

Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, meaning that by his death he is the only bridge back into relationship with God for fallen sinners. As we walk this way by faith, we not only go to the place prepared for us for all eternity, but we also imitate Christ's life of loving service. By God's grace, we "do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in" (Ephesians 2:10). This sacrificial living is possible only when we walk by faith, trusting in God's desire to empower us beyond our own ability with his gracious Holy Spirit.

I cannot help but think of that popular Robert Frost poem written out in artistic script and framed, hanging in my home growing up: "Two roads diverged in a yellow wood... and I—I took the one less travelled by, and that has made all the difference."

- Deborah

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him.

- Colossians 2:6

This Sunday: April 14, 2019

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Doug Webster

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Doug Webster

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Nave. Preacher: Doug Webster

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

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) – *Do Not Throw Away Your Confidence* (Hebrews 10:26-39) – Dean Pearson

Inquirers' Class (Diocesan Conference Room) – *Mission and Outreach* – Bethany Rushing

Short Summaries (Living Room) – *Worship, Liturgy, and the Church* – Gil Kracke

To Love One Another (Assembly Hall) – *Helping Others with Parenting Questions* – Gordon Bals

Faith and Family (Lower School Library) – *Practical Ways to Create Technology Boundaries for Your Family: A Tutorial* – Martin Clapp

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 118:1-2, 19-29
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 19:28-40
Luke 23:1-49

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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worship

Holy Week and Easter Services

Communion Service on Maundy Thursday Evening

A service of Holy Communion and Stripping of the Chancel will be held Maundy Thursday, April 18, at 6:00 p.m. Canon Hicks will preach, and The Cathedral Choir will sing. A nursery will be provided for ages 5 and under.

Service and Children's Program on Good Friday

Dean Pearson will preach at The Liturgy for Good Friday on April 19 at noon. The Cathedral Choir will sing.

We will offer a Children's Program for kindergarten-3rd grade in the Refectory. A nursery will be provided for infants-4K.

The Advent Episcopal School parking lot on the corner of Fifth Avenue North and Richard Arrington Jr Boulevard will be available for those attending the Good Friday service. The gate will open at 11:30 a.m.

Easter Worship on April 21

Easter Day is Sunday, April 21, and we're excited to see you and your family and friends as we celebrate our risen savior Jesus Christ! Our services of Holy Communion in the Nave will be at 7:00 a.m. (*note special time*), 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m. Our Holy Communion service in the Refectory will be at 9:00 a.m.; there will be no 11:00 service in the Refectory on Easter.



education

Walk to the Cross

Walk Set for this Sunday Afternoon

Join us at the Advent this 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. Stay for our Five O'Clock service and The Forum, our monthly series that includes dinner and begins at 6:15 p.m. Contact Elizabeth Wilson (Elizabeth@CathedralAdvent.com) with questions.

The Forum

This Sunday: On Death and Dying

What do you make of your own death and the fact that the people you love also die? We will explore the topic of death and dying from a biblical perspective at our next meeting of The Forum, this Sunday, April 14, 6:15 p.m. in Clingman Commons. The Forum is a monthly fellowship and education program that meets following the Five O'Clock service with the purpose of building up our confidence in Jesus Christ and building our community. Each discussion also aims to be as practical as possible and is a good opportunity to invite visitors to join you at our church. Supper is provided, and families with children are welcome. For more information, contact Anita Gray (Anita@CathedralAdvent.com).

Lenten Preaching Series

Mark Galli to Preach Monday and Tuesday

Mark Galli is Editor-in-Chief of *Christianity Today* in Chicago, Illinois. He has worked as a magazine editor for 29 years, including his current post with *Christianity Today*, a leading American religious journal of news and commentary.

Born and raised in California, Mr. Galli served for 10 years as a Presbyterian pastor in Mexico City and Sacramento before becoming a journalist. He has published dozens of articles and written or co-written nine books, including *Jesus Mean and Wild* and *Beyond Smells and Bells: The Wonder and Power of Christian Liturgy*. He and his wife Barbara have three adult children and five grandchildren.



Richard Simmons to Preach Wednesday

Richard Simmons is founder and Executive Director of The Center for Executive Leadership in Birmingham, Alabama. He opened the center in 2000 to assist men in the development of their faith through formal Bible studies, teaching, and counseling.

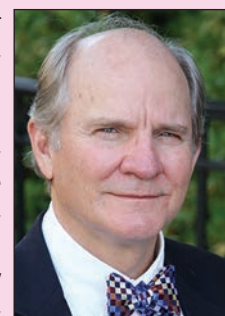
A native of Birmingham, Mr. Simmons worked for 29 years in the insurance industry, including 10 years as CEO of Hilb, Rogal, and Hamilton. An Advent parishioner, he is a frequent public speaker, and he has written numerous books, including his latest, *The Reason for Life*. He is married to Holly, and they have three children.



Dennis Sansom in the Pulpit Thursday

Dennis Sansom is Professor and Chair of the Department of Philosophy at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. He started teaching at Samford in 1988, and has chaired the philosophy department since it was established in 2000. He teaches a wide range of classes, specializing in ethics and the history of philosophy, and has researched and taught on how literature illustrates and helps define important philosophical concerns pertinent to bioethical issues.

A native of Texas, Dr. Sansom is an ordained Baptist minister, holding masters and doctoral degrees from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. As a creative outlet, he has acted in three Shakespeare plays. He and his wife Beverly have two sons and one granddaughter.



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

Ageless Adventers

Third Wednesdays: Richard Simmons to Speak April 17

Ageless Adventers, our fellowship group for seniors, will gather for the next Third Wednesday program on April 17, 11:00 a.m. in the Living Room at the Advent. Join us for fellowship, coffee, and a talk from Lenten preacher Richard Simmons. We'll finish in time to attend Richard's preaching at the 12:05 p.m. service as well as Lenten Lunches. Find out more by contacting Stella Schreiber (443-8558, Stella@CathedralAdvent.com).

Youth Ministry

Sr. High "Throwback" Family Dinner Is this Sunday

All Sr. High youth are invited to join us for our next Family Dinner this Sunday, April 14, 6:57-8:15 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). The theme is "Throwback Night" so come dressed in gear from your favorite decade. Contact Rebecca Lankford (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com).

Small Groups

Women's Group: "This Is Awkward"

Paula Smalley will lead a five-week book study on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at her home, beginning April 16 and concluding May 14. The group will use the book, *This is Awkward: How Life's Uncomfortable Moments Open the Door to Intimacy*. Contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com; 443-8562) if you're interested in joining this group.



serving & outreach

Tours of the Advent Nave

Bring a Friend for Tours Offered April 28

If you have ever tried to bring a friend to church and they just won't come on a Sunday morning, consider bringing them for a tour of our beautiful Nave on Sunday, April 28, between 12:30 and 3:00 p.m. Every 15 minutes, Adventers will lead tours that focus on the history, artistry, and meaning of the windows and architecture in the Nave and Chapel. We hope to draw non-Adventers who might be walking past our church on their way to the Magic City Art Connection in Linn Park that same day. Contact Brooke Fleming (BrookeTFleming@gmail.com).

Service Day

Register Online for Service Day, May 4

Join fellow Adventers on Saturday, May 4, 9:30 a.m.-noon to walk downtown Birmingham streets, pray for the city, and pick up pieces of trash and debris that accumulate in our neighborhood. We'll conclude by heading out as groups for table fellowship at various restaurants. Register online at AdventBirmingham.org/Mission by April 30.

Advent Sets Trip to Israel Next Year

We hope you will prayerfully consider joining Andrew Pearson, Mark Gignilliat, Gil Kracke, and others on a 10-day trip to Israel, June 2-11, 2020 (with an optional extension to Jordan through June 14).

Imagine Travel and Tours (ITTWorld.com) will be coordinating our trip. Andrew has traveled with them in Israel before – they are a seasoned company that specializes in tours of this sort. ITT will be handling all of our logistics, including airfare, hotels, local guides and transportation, many of our meals, entrance fees, pre-trip materials, and more.

Registration begins Monday, April 22. The tour has a 45-person maximum (including the leaders).

For more information about costs and registration, you may download a brochure at AdventBirmingham.org/Israel2020. Starting on April 22, the link to register online will be active, or you may download and print a paper registration form. If you have any other questions, please email or call Eva Beard (Eva@CathedralAdvent.com, 226-3510).

Interested in Adult Confirmation?

Bishop Sloan will be with us for the confirmation of Advent youth at the 9:00 a.m. service and adults at the 11:00 a.m. Nave service on Sunday, May 5. Confirmation is the formal way of joining the church and is offered once a year. Adults interested in confirmation may contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 443-8562).

Good Friday/Easter Closings

The Church Office will close at noon on Good Friday, April 18. It will reopen on Monday, April 22.

The Advent Bookstore will be closed on Good Friday, April 18, and Easter Day, April 21. It will reopen on Monday, April 22.



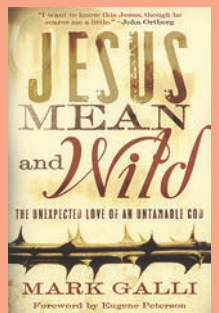
bookstore

Books by Lenten Preachers Mark Galli and Richard Simmons

Jesus Mean and Wild by Mark Galli offers a unique study of 17 troubling passages from the Gospel of Mark to show we should be anything but comfortable with Christ, with the possibility of becoming a devoted disciple.

The Reason for Life by Richard Simmons seeks to answer, "Why was I born?", "Why am I living?", and other thoughts concerning, "If there is a God out there, why did he put me here?".

Store hours this week are Sunday, 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., and Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. We will be closed Good Friday, April 19, and Easter Day, April 21. Starting Monday, April 22, our regular hours will return to 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. Visit us any time: AdventBirmingham.org/Bookstore.



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calendar:

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Every Sunday (except April 21): Breakfast – Refectory, 8:00 a.m.
 Monday-Friday: AA – Coe Conference Room, noon

Monday, April 15-Thursday, April 18: 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).