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## News & Events

### Nave Lighting Project Underway

Our lighting and wiring work in the Nave is on schedule. The project began on Monday, June 3, and is scheduled for completion before school resumes in August. To do the work, scaffolding will occupy the entire 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.

Visit [AdventBirmingham.org/Nave2019](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Nave2019) for more information, including a complete set of FAQs, and join us as we thank God for the blessing that is our downtown building.

### Get Away to the Women's Retreat, August 23-25

All Advent women are invited to visit [AdventBirmingham.org/Retreat](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Retreat) to register for the annual Women's Retreat, happening Friday-Sunday, August 23-25 at Children's Harbor on Lake Martin. Mary Willson of Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis, will be our guest speaker. Contact Anita Gray with questions ([Anita@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Anita@CathedralAdvent.com)). See page 2 for more information.



## A Word from Deborah Leighton

Summer has officially sent us an invitation to play and rest, now that school has ended, the sun sets later and later, and hot, humid days have taken over.

Scripture tells us that God modeled this kind of summer rest for us when he himself spent the seventh day of creation resting (Genesis 2:2-3). Then, God commanded his people Israel to preserve the Sabbath day by communally committing to enforced rest for one whole day each week (Exodus 20:8-11). At times throughout Judeo-Christian history, rigid obedience to this commandment has devolved into a strict and judgmental legalism. But in truth, seeking to walk in obedience to this command cannot be a human work. Instead, it is an act of faith in God's gracious provision for us.

We know this because all of the Old Testament discussion of rest points ahead to the moment in history when God ordained a new kind of rest for all humanity, in the person and work of Jesus Christ. His work

on our behalf means that we are free from trying to prove ourselves to God and to each other.

In the summer we often play at rest while neglecting to enter the true spiritual rest that God has for us in Christ. Perhaps we schedule every moment of our free time with camps and vacations and activities, so that we never have to face our thoughts or our feelings. Perhaps we manage to grab hours relaxing on the beach reading a vapid novel, but we spend all week avoiding our Bible, lest God speak into our heart through his word. Perhaps we turn a vacation into a mark of personal achievement – because we can afford an exotic trip overseas, or because we have succeeded as a mother in curating our family's happiness, or because we snap a few perfect photos to post on social media.

True joy is found only in resting from our constant self-justification. "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength" (Isaiah 30:15). May God grant us the grace to cease our striving this summer!

- Deborah

**Whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.**

- Hebrews 4:10

## This Sunday: June 9, 2019

**7:30 a.m. Holy Communion**  
Preacher: Canon Smalley

**9:00 a.m. Holy Communion**  
Preacher: Canon Smalley

**11:00 a.m. Holy Communion**  
*In the Nave.* Preacher: Canon Smalley

**11:00 a.m. Holy Communion**  
*In the Refectory.* Preacher: Dean Pearson

**5:00 p.m. Holy Communion**  
Preacher: Dean Pearson

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

• **June 9: The Dean's Class** (Nave) – *A Kingdom that Cannot Be Shaken* (Hebrews 12:18-29) – Dean Pearson

**Our Strivings Cease: The Musical Theology of Advent Birmingham's Album** (Chapter Room) – Canon Hicks  
**Ecclesiastes for Every(wo)man** (Lower School Library) – Jonathan Harbuck

**The Benign Unsettling of the Holy Spirit** (Living Room) – Canon Smalley

• **June 16: The Dean's Class** (Nave) – *Remember...* (Hebrews 13:1-19) – Dean Pearson

**Our Strivings Cease** (Chapter Room) – Canon Hicks  
**Ecclesiastes for Every(wo)man** (Lower School Library) – Jonathan Harbuck

**The Benign Unsettling of the Holy Spirit** (Living Room) – Canon Smalley

## Next Sunday: June 16, 2019

**7:30 a.m. Holy Communion**  
Preacher: William Stokes

**9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer**  
Preacher: William Stokes

**11:00 a.m. Holy Communion**  
*In the Nave.* Preacher: William Stokes

**11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer**  
*In the Refectory.* Preacher: Canon Smalley

**5:00 p.m. Holy Communion**  
Preacher: Canon Smalley



# GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!



## spiritual growth & fellowship

### Women's Ministry

#### Make Plans Now for the Women's Retreat

Women of the Advent are invited to join their sisters in Christ for a time of rest and spiritual rejuvenation at our annual retreat, Friday-Sunday, August 23-25, at Children's Harbor on Lake Martin.

Our speaker will be Mary Willson (right), who will offer "Who Is a God Like You?" *Exulting with Micah in Our Matchless God*. Mary serves as director of women in ministry at Second Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tennessee. She has been trained both in the local-church context as well as through formal theological education, recently earning a Ph.D. in Old Testament from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. She enjoys opening up the Bible to apply it to the lives of women today. A number of rambunctious nieces and nephews make her life all the more enjoyable.

Visit [AdventBirmingham.org/Retreat](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Retreat) to register. Contact Anita Gray with questions ([Anita@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Anita@CathedralAdvent.com)).



### Youth Ministry

#### Jr. and Sr. High: Make Plans for Six Flags Trip on July 11

Join us for a day at Six Flags Over Georgia on Thursday, July 11! All rising 7th-12th graders are welcome. We'll meet at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Ave, 35209) at 7:30 a.m. Bring your own bag lunch and some spending money if desired. Buy your discounted ticket online and bring the printed confirmation with you, or buy a ticket at the park for \$65. We'll get back at 7:00 p.m. Register online at [AdventBirmingham.org/Youth](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Youth). Contact Rachel Cain ([Rachel@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Rachel@CathedralAdvent.com)) for more information.



## serving & outreach

### Thursday Praise Service

#### Ice Cream Social to Follow Service June 20

All families are invited to participate in our special Ice Cream Social on June 20, following the Thursday-morning service. The service begins at 8:30 a.m., with the social starting around 9:00. Sign up to bring supplies at [AdventBirmingham.org/Mission](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Mission). Contact Bethany Rushing ([Bethany@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Bethany@CathedralAdvent.com)) for more information.

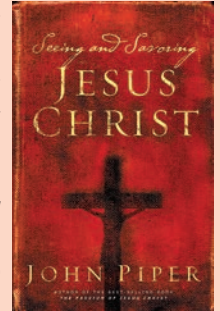


## education

### Youth Ministry

#### Take the Summer Reading Challenge

We are issuing a book-of-the-summer challenge to teenagers and families. Reading a good book of theology is a great way to grow in relationship with Christ. The book, *Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ* by John Piper, is a great place to start. It focuses on different aspects of the person, character, and nature of Christ. *Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ* is an easy read. It's a compilation of weekly emails that Piper sent to his church that focus on who Jesus is. Therefore, it's short, and each chapter can be read as a daily devotional in about 10 minutes. Our hope in your reading this book is that you may see the wonder and beauty of Christ and treasure him. We encourage everyone to sign up at [AdventBirmingham.org/Youth](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Youth) and to buy a copy (available through Amazon).



### Fall Conferences

#### Beeson's Anglican Theology Conference Set for September 24-25

Beeson Divinity School's annual Anglican Theology Conference will focus on the Jewish Roots of Christianity, September 24-25. Speakers are leading scholars, including the Advent's Mark Gigniliat, who will present cutting-edge findings and conclusions from recent work. Register online at [BeesonDivinity.com](http://BeesonDivinity.com).

#### Advent to Host EFAC Gathering in November

Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion (EFAC) will host a conference at the Advent, November 5-8. The conference theme is *The Word of God Does the Work of God*. Speakers will include Vaughan Roberts, John Yates, III, Andrew Pearson, and Gerald Bray. Josh Head will lead worship. Register online at [EFAC-USA.org](http://EFAC-USA.org).

### The Inquirers' Class

#### One-Day Session Set for July 20

The Inquirers Class is an adult education course that will give you an idea of what the Advent believes and why we believe it. It is open to anyone, but it is designed particularly for newcomers to the Advent. We will have a one-day course on Saturday, July 20, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in the Living Room. Lunch is provided. Register at [AdventBirmingham.org/Inquirers-Class](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Inquirers-Class). Our fall eight-week series will be on Sundays, 10:10-10:50 a.m., beginning September 15. Contact Fontaine Pope ([Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com), 443-8562) with questions.

### Children's & Youth Education on Sunday

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.

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. - Romans 8:11

## Welcome!

Please welcome Dianne Matheson, who has joined the Advent during the last month. We are grateful to have her as a part of our parish family.

If you are interested in joining the Advent or finding out more, please contact Fontaine Pope ([Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com), 443-8562).

## Interns Serving Youth Ministry this Summer



The Youth Ministry is happy to welcome two interns this summer. They began work on June 2 and will serve through July, assisting our youth ministers in leading Bible studies, events, and trips. Please welcome them!

Margaret Anne Clark (*left*)



is from Mountain Brook and grew up attending the Advent. She is a rising junior at the University of Alabama, majoring in accounting. She is involved with RUF and Capstone Church.

Warren Fitzpatrick (*right*) is also a Mountain Brook native who grew up attending the Advent. He is a rising junior at Samford University, studying accounting and sports marketing while running on the track and field team. He is also involved with Young Life.

## Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting July 1

All parishioners are invited to a prayer gathering on Monday, July 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.

## New Stained Glass Window Installed in Chapel



Adventer Margaret Harper commissioned and donated a new stained glass window installed in the Chapel above the door leading out to the Rector's Garden. Dedicated on May 12, the window was offered by Margaret to the glory of God and in honor of members of her family.

In seeking a theme for the window, Margaret was led through prayer to Jesus' last words to his disciples in Matthew's Gospel, "Lo, I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). The window's imagery represents God's presence with us through word, sacrament, and prayer.

Margaret worked closely on the design and creation of the window with its manufacturer, J. Wippell & Co., who made the two other windows on that wall of the Chapel 68 years ago.



## education

### Book Group

#### Group Reading Thornton Wilder

The Advent Book Group will meet to discuss *The Bridge of San Luis Rey* by Thornton Wilder on Wednesday, June 26, 7:00 p.m. at the home of James and Lyn Bradford (2500 Aberdeen Road, 35223). 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.

## memorials:

### Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

**Thomas A.S. Wilson:** (Advent House) by Billy and Millie Hulsey • (Children's Ministries) by Crista and Jeff Scanlan • (Outreach) by Janet Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Clayton, Jr.; Mary and Victor Hanson  
**In Thanksgiving for the Lenten Preaching Series:** (Endowment Fund) by Tim and Ellen Lupinacci



## worship

### Lectionary

*Sunday, June 9:* Psalm 104:25-35, 37  
1 Corinthians 11:17-34  
Acts 2:1-21  
John 14:8-17 (25-27)

*Sunday, June 16:* Psalm 8  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
Romans 5:1-5  
John 16:12-15

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

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

**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.

## 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:

**Marriages:** Mary Katherine Cleveland and Edward Cooper Saltzstein, on May 18; Jennifer Lauren Jackson and Jackson Fuller Rawls, on May 25

**Deaths:** Louise Brassell Ellis, on May 15; William Carl Ray, Jr., on May 17

## memorials:

### Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

**Alice Miller Ashton:** (Endowment Fund) by Joanne E. Boyd

**Pauline Ireland:** (Endowment Fund) by Margaret G. Livingston

**David "Buck" Phillips:** (Endowment Fund) by Margaret G. Livingston

**Jim Houston Day, Sr.:** (Endowment Fund) by Amie Marsh; Milton and Gail Magnus

**In Thanksgiving for Sara Taylor:** (Garden Fund) by Sophie Taylor

**In Honor of Jack Sharman:** (Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. David Phillips



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## calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June 9 Regular worship schedule	10	11 Jr. High Youth Tasty Tuesday - Cranmer House - 5:00 p.m.	12	13 Praise Service - Clingman Commons - 8:30 a.m.	14	15
June 16 Regular worship schedule The Forum - Clingman Commons - 6:15 p.m.	17	18 Jr. High Youth Tasty Tuesday - Cranmer House - 5:00 p.m.	19	20 Praise Service - Clingman Commons - 8:30 a.m. Ice Cream Social - Clingman Commons - 9:00 a.m.	21	22

Every Sunday: Breakfast – Refectory, 8:00 a.m.

Monday-Friday: AA – Coe Conference Room, noon

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).