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## News & Events

### Additional 11:00 Service Begins this Sunday

On Sunday, August 19, our additional worship service begins at 11:00 a.m. in the Refectory (concurrent with the service in the Nave). It features a band leading congregational singing, with our clergy preaching and leading the liturgy every week. The fruit of many years of prayerful discernment, this new service is another opportunity available in the morning for the proclamation of the freeing power of the gospel.

Please note that the Dean's Class moves to the Nave this Sunday.

For families who may wish to come to the 11:00 a.m. Refectory service: children (age 3 through 6th grade) may join their classes at 10:00 a.m., as parents can also attend an adult class. Contact Elizabeth Wilson ([Elizbeth@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Elizabeth@CathedralAdvent.com)) with questions related to room assignments, or stop by the Welcome Table on Sunday morning.

The nursery continues to be open for children ages 6 weeks through 5 years during the 11:00 a.m. services.

### Farewell to Mary Beth Johnston

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## A Word from Deborah Leighton

*"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!"*

On Monday mornings for the last few years, I have been studying Paul's letters with a group of women of all ages. This September, we are eager to delve into Romans with all its theological richness.

As I start preparing to teach, I love remembering that Paul begins Romans with the same greeting found in each one of his letters. This particular greeting, "Grace...and peace..." is a Christianized combination of the two greetings that would have been familiar to the two biggest groups within the first-century churches. The Greek word for "greetings!" is closely related to the word for "grace," so Greek-speaking Gentile Christians would have felt welcomed by Paul. The Greek word for peace would have been understood by the Jewish Christians as a translation of their traditional Hebrew greeting: "Shalom!" Paul goes out of his way to include both culturally distinct groups of Christians as equal in the sight of God.

Not only does this tailored greeting point to the horizontal miracle of strangers becoming family within the Body of Christ, but "Grace and peace!" could be described as a one-phrase summary of Christian theology. God's actions towards us in Jesus' death and resurrection amount to pure grace, an undeserved gift. In Romans, Paul goes on to write that Christians are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus (Romans 3:24). And, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1).

True peace within derives from receiving God's grace; one flows out of the other, and both flow together "from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." So too, real harmony among Christians of different backgrounds and preferences happens only by God's grace.

In this busy season of change at church, as children go back to school, as families say goodbye to their college students, as empty-nesters and single people feel the emptiness of their homes, may you know in your heart and in your relationships the peace of God which passes all understanding. - Deborah

**"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."** - John 14:27

## This Sunday: August 19, 2018

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

Preacher: Michael Weeks

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

Preacher: Michael Weeks

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

In the Nave. Preacher: Michael Weeks

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

In the Refectory. Preacher: Dean Pearson

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

Preacher: Brandon Bennett

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

**The Dean's Class** (Nave) – *The Preeminence of Christ (Hebrews 1:1-4)* – Dean Pearson

**Apologetics as Evangelism** (Chapter Room) – *Historical Evidence of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ* – Canon Schneider

**Truths that Comfort, Redeem, and Sustain in Tragedy and Grief** (Assembly Hall) – Cameron Cole

Children's & Youth Education:

Classes are offered for 3-years and older. See Sunday's service leaflet for details. Nurseries are open 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. At the 5:00 service, childcare is available for 5-years and younger.

Lectionary:

Psalm 111 or Psalm 34:9-14  
1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 or  
Proverbs 9:1-6  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
St. John 6:51-58

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).



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## spiritual growth & fellowship

### Ageless Adventers

#### Mark Your Calendars: Fall Schedule Announced

Ageless Adventers, our fellowship group for seniors, has released its schedule for fall 2018.

- **Third Wednesdays:** Noon at Cranmer House  
Wednesdays – September 19, October 17, November 14, December 19  
Nourish your body and soul with lunch and monthly speakers as we explore Philipians.
- **St. Martin's in-the-Pines Monthly Luncheons:** Noon at The Arbors at St. Martin's, private dining room  
Mondays – September 10, October 1, November 5, December 3  
All are invited to join our friends at St. Martin's for lunch and a word from Canon Smalley.
- **Front Porch Storytellers:** Mondays, 10:30 a.m. at Cranmer House  
Whether you have a story to tell or ears to hear, we have a seat for you.
- **Midday Music:** 12:30 p.m. in the Nave  
Fridays – September 28, October 26, November 16, December 14  
Join us for music in the Nave, and stay for fellowship and coffee afterwards.

For more information, contact Stella Schreiber (443-8558, [Stella@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Stella@CathedralAdvent.com)).

### Rally Day Parish-Wide Picnic

**Sunday, September 9 • 5:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**Birmingham Children's Zoo**

Full Moon Bar-B-Que • Fun for the whole family!  
Carousel rides, cake walk, animal demonstrations, and more  
Adults \$8 • Children free  
No reservations necessary – Just come!

### Small Groups

#### I Am Constantly Amazed

August marks my one-year anniversary of being in a small group, and what a meaningful experience this has been. I love being part of the Bible study, fellowship, prayer, and meals we enjoy together. Recently we studied 1 Corinthians 12, in which Paul points out that when worshippers come together, each one is a vital part of the whole by sharing his or her unique gifts. Some things never change! Every week I learn so much from each special Christian brother and sister. I am constantly amazed at how God created everything from the smallest cell to the most complex human being to thrive together as part of his plan. I know my spiritual life is greatly enriched by being part of this group and God's bigger picture. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



- Cindy Boggs

*New small groups are forming for the fall. Please contact Fontaine Pope ([Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com), 443-8562) if you are interested in joining one.*

### Farewell to Mary Beth Johnston

Mary Beth Johnston (*right*), our Sr. High Youth Director, will move to Chattanooga with her husband, Ben, in September, ending her two-year term at the Advent. Mary Beth has had a tremendous ministry with our students and parents. She will be most remembered as a gifted teacher of God's word and an excellent listener for our girls. Please join us in praying for Mary Beth and Ben in the new season that God has for them in Chattanooga.



### memorials:

#### Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

- Mary Jane Albright Ernest:** (Garden Fund) by Bama and David Mills
- Fred Jones:** (Garden Fund) by Bama and David Mills
- Tommy Simmons:** (Cursillo) by Mallie Ireland
- Alice M. Ashton:** (Endowment Fund) by Nancy and Ricky Bromberg
- Hubert M. Green:** (Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Carolyn Reed
- Henley Carr:** (Endowment Fund) by Beverly, Rebecca, and Robert Howard
- Rollo Knight:** (Endowment Fund) by Roy Knight
- Nettie Slaton:** (Music Discretionary Fund) by Mrs. Phil H. Neal, Jr.
- David Peacher:** (Music Discretionary Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Carroll
- Samuel Eason Balch, Sr.:** (Music Discretionary Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. Coffee Colvin
- In Honor of Caroline, Alexandra, James, and Dacre Knight:** (Endowment Fund) by Roy Knight
- In Honor of John Campagna:** (Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Elizabeth and Charles Scribner
- In Honor of The Rev. Michael Weeks:** (Outreach) by Elizabeth and Charles Scribner

### Grief Recovery

#### Group to Begin Fall Session September 11

The Advent's Grief Recovery Group is for those who have experienced the death of someone whom they loved. It will meet again this fall, on the six Tuesday evenings from September 11 through October 16, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Advent House (2317 Arlington Avenue South, 35205). If you are interested in signing up, or if you have any questions, please contact Robin Turner ([Robin@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Robin@CathedralAdvent.com), 226-3500).

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. - Ephesians 2:8-9

**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.



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## Women's Bible Studies

### New and Recurring Studies Offered this Fall

This fall, don't miss out on an opportunity to join your sisters in Christ in studying the word of God! Several new and recurring Bible studies will continue or pick up after Rally Day (September 9) this year.

Deborah Leighton will offer a 10-week Bible study titled *"Who do you say that I am?" – Encountering the Real Jesus* during lunch on Mondays (11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.), September 10-November 12 in Clingman Commons. She will team teach with others, including Fran Cade, Virginia Hornsby, Marilyn Dixon, Jane Menendez, Rebecca Graber, Abby Gatliff, and Kristen Padilla. Our time together will involve a short teaching (20 minutes), followed by a verse-by-verse Scripture study in smaller groups. Every group will end by spending time in prayer together. If you work during the day or if you have small children at home, this might be the perfect opportunity for you to study the word with your sisters in Christ. If you want a deeper relationship with the real Jesus revealed in Scripture, then this is the study for you! To reserve a spot, order an optional lunch, and sign up for the nursery, contact Anita Gray ([Anita@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Anita@CathedralAdvent.com), 443-8550) before September 6.

Deborah Leighton will teach an open Bible study on Monday mornings (9:15-10:15 at Cranmer House) from Romans, beginning on September 10 and going through mid-May. She will dig deeply into the word's meaning for its first hearers and for us today, while also offering lots of opportunities for questions, clarification, and discussion.

Virginia Webster will lead a 10-week-long Bible study on the book of Hebrews on Wednesday mornings (9:15-10:30), starting September 12 at Cranmer House. This study will mix biblical teaching and down-to-earth dialogue. To sign up, email Virginia ([WebsterVL@me.com](mailto:WebsterVL@me.com)).

Early on Thursday mornings (7:00 a.m.), Fran Cade and Rita Wright will continue to lead a study of various sermon series given by Timothy Keller. If you work during the day, this might be a great time to have fellowship with other working women from the Advent while you receive great biblical teaching.

## Newcomers' Tour

### I'm New Here: What's Going On? Where Is Everything?

Join us for a tour of the church on Rally Day, Sunday, September 9. We will meet in the garden area near the entrance of the Diocesan Conference Room. Contact Fontaine Pope for more information ([Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com), 443-8562).

## Adventers Create New Kneelers



Above: Here are the new kneelers at the sound table in the rear of the Nave and some of the parishioners who made them. L-R: Stitchers Betsy Allison, Louise Wright, and Lucy Tutwiler, and designer Sally Legg, who designed the kneelers so that they would complement the colors in the church. Not pictured are stitchers Sallie Pradat and Mary Reid Fisher. Initiated by Susan Elliott when she served as Junior Warden, the intricate, multi-step project took three years to complete.

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

- John 6:51-58



bookstore

### Gift Givers and Book Readers Need You!

The store is looking for at least two more volunteers on Sundays. If you can help during our open hours (8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.), please call Cindy at 323-2959.

We have resumed regular store hours, 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](mailto:Bookstore@CathedralAdvent.com). Visit us any time: ([AdventBirmingham.org/Bookstore](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Bookstore)). We hope to see you in the 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:

**Births:** James Foster Milne, son of William and Elizabeth, on July 5; Susan Elizabeth Webb, daughter of Andy and Sarah, on July 24

**Baptisms:** Anne Dial DeBardeleben, daughter of Charles and Mary Ellen, on July 29; Crawford Hurley Jones, son of Harrison and Anna, on August 4; Margaret Elizabeth Flachsbar, daughter of Alex and Elizabeth, on August 5; Eleanor Vera Gamble, daughter of Ross and Katie, and Luke Everett Gamble, son of Ross and Katie, both on August 5

**Deaths:** James Durrell Garner, Jr., on August 4; Claire Virginia Willard Gomperts, on August 6

## memorials:

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**Tom Robinson:** (Cathedral Choir Fund) by Cindy Funderburk and Jim Baker • (Music Discretionary Fund) by Lyn Lanier and Bobbi Lecznar; Pat and Ben Carroll; Virginia Barker; Kathy Sechriest



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## calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 19 Regular worship schedule - Additional service begins in Refectory at 11 a.m.	20	21	22	23 Women's Bible Study - Cranmer House - 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Conference Room - noon	24	25
Aug 26 Regular worship schedule	27	28	29	30 Women's Bible Study - Cranmer House - 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Conference Room - noon	31	Sept 1

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

Every Thursday: Praise Service – Clingman Commons, 8:30 a.m.

Monday-Friday: AA – Coe Conference Room, noon

## coming up:

•Women's Retreat: Friday-Sunday, August 24-26, Children's Harbor

•Labor Day: Monday, September 3 – Church Office and Bookstore closed

•Rally Day: Sunday, September 9 – Parish Picnic at the Birmingham Children's Zoo at 5:00 p.m.