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News & Events

This Sunday Is Rally Day

The Advent will launch the 2017-2018 program year this Sunday, September 10. The new Christian Education term will begin Sunday morning, with complete details in your service leaflet. The 9:00 service will feature the always funny and gospel-based Sermon Drama performed by Dean Pearson and the staff. See page 3 for more information on children's Sunday School.



RALLY DAY
PARISH-WIDE PICNIC
Sunday, September 10 • 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Birmingham Children's Zoo
Fun for the Whole Family!
Full Moon Barbeque
\$8.00 Adults • Children Free

Water Fun
Carousel Rides
Animal Demonstrations
Cake Walk

Face Painting
Cotton Candy
Snow Cones
Corn Hole Toss

... And More

No Reservations Necessary
Just Come!



A Word from Canon Smalley

One of my mother-in-law's sayings is, "Keep on keeping on." She is a faithful woman for whom I am grateful and I know this sentiment is well intended, but for years I was never quite sure what to do with it. But perhaps with the passage of time I have a clearer understanding now.

Significant changes and transitions in the lives of people near to me whom I love, many of you, have led me to reflect on what it means to keep the faith (keeping on...) and find guidance and strength from it.

I'm fortunate to encounter the faithfulness of God and see it at work in the lives of so many of you and to observe your faithfulness in response. Prayerfully seeking God's presence and guidance, persevering faithfully, fighting the good fight, turning your attention beyond yourself to the Lord and others, seeking to glorify God – I see examples of this in your lives, and it em-

bodies the encouragement and support that Paul speaks of when writing to the Thessalonians (1 Thess. 5:11), calling them to encourage and build up one another. One of the great gifts of our faith is that we are called to share it as a community – to recognize first and foremost our need for the saving work of God, but also how we need one another (Rom. 12, 1 Cor. 12, Col. 3).

In all of this, it is my hope and prayer to hold out that God's work in Jesus Christ is a restorative work, the goal of the various narratives of our lives, the substance of our hope and perseverance. In the midst of our keeping on, we don't do so as grim stoics, resigned to endure until the end, but as redeemed sinners, adopted sons and daughters, recipients of the riches of God's love and grace poured out upon us. We keep on, we run with perseverance the race, we fight the good fight, we hope, endure, knowing that the ultimate word God speaks is a restorative word. Gratefully,

Craig

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. - Hebrews 12:1-2

This Sunday:

September 10, 2017
Fourteenth Sunday After
Pentecost

Services:

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion
Preacher: Canon Smalley
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Rally Day Sermon Drama
11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Preacher: Canon Smalley
5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
Preacher: Brandon Bennett

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

The Dean's Class (Refectory) – *Our Anglican Articles: What Are They and Why Do They Matter?* – Dean Pearson

Inquirers' Class (Diocesan Conference Room) – *Christianity in the Late-Modern Age* – Canon Schneider

Christ Coming to You: You Have No Idea How Much God Loves You (Chapter Room) – Gil Kracke

Faith and Family (Living Room) – *Gospel Identity and Kids: Fleeing Performance-Based Identity* – Jack Sharman

Soulcraft: How God Shapes Us Through Relationships (Assembly Hall) – *The Soulful Self (Psalm 139)* – Doug Webster

Devotional Thoughts on the Prayers We Love: The Prayer of Humble Access (Lower School Library) – Canon Hicks

Sermon recordings are available at AdventBirmingham.org.

The 9:00 service is broadcast live on WERC 960 AM, 105.5 FM, and AdventBirmingham.org.

Children's & Youth Education:

The 2017-2018 Christian Education program year begins this Sunday. 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 149 or Psalm 119:33-40
Exodus 12:1-14 or Ezekiel 33:7-11
Romans 13:8-14
St. Matthew 18:15-20



GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!



servicing & outreach

Hurricane Relief

Providing Relief for Those Affected by Harvey

Please consider supporting relief efforts for those who have been impacted by Hurricane Harvey in Texas. There are many reputable agencies working to assist those in damaged areas, but we recommend the following:

- Samaritan's Purse – SamaritansPurse.org/Disaster/Hurricane-Harvey
- St. Thomas Episcopal Church and School in Houston – StThomasHouston.org/Hurricane-Update.

Above all, please keep these neighbors in your prayers.

Outreach Outlook

Welcome Our New Intern!

Rebecca Graber (*right*) is a native of Alabama and a graduate from UAB, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in International Development with minors in French and Public Health. She's currently enrolled in a joint Master's of Theological Studies from Beeson and Social Work from Samford.



We're excited to welcome Rebecca to our team as part of her Social Work placement. She will work 12 hours a week with both Mission & Outreach and Pastoral Care. If you see her around, please welcome her warmly!

Rebecca is passionate about the gospel of Jesus Christ being preached in both word and deed, the intersection of faith and mental health, and community development. Her favorite theologians are Martin Luther, Henri Nouwen, Karl Barth, and Søren Kierkegaard. She enjoys spending time with her hedgehog, Odette, exploring Birmingham, cooking, and running.

Rebecca says, "I'm so excited about my social work field placement at the Advent! It's exciting to see how God is using Advent in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with Birmingham and the world. Can't wait to see how he uses me in my season here, and I'm looking forward to meeting all of you!"

- Bethany Rushing

Pardon Our Mess

Our new sound system will be installed in the Nave from Monday, September 11, through Saturday, September 16. The following week (September 18-22), sound updates will be made to various ancillary rooms (e.g. Clingman Commons, Refectory). Please pardon the construction noises and mess during these weeks.

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.

ECW

Birthday Party For Episcopal Place Residents September 21

Every year the Advent ECW hosts a party for the residents of Episcopal Place (1112 26th Street South, 35205). We celebrate their September birthdays with songs, gifts, cake, and ice cream. All Advent women are warmly invited to join in this festive event on Thursday, September 21, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Please consider helping by contributing food, drink, supplies, or by just showing up at the party. To find out how you can pitch in, contact Anne Lynn Langloh (ALangloh@gmail.com, 504-0911).

Small Groups

Men's Group: Hear His Voice. Have His Ear. Belong to His Body.

This men's Bible study, facilitated by Craig Ogard, is based on David Mathis' book, *Habits of Grace*. Reading the book is not necessary to join, although it may be helpful. The group will meet on a weeknight at 7:30 p.m.; the start date and location are to be determined. Please contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com) if you are interested in joining.

Men's Ministry

Fall Hike Set for October 26-29

The fall Men's Hike will happen Thursday-Sunday, October 26-29. The Men's Hike is unlike any other church retreat. It's four days in the woods in the fellowship of men, carrying everything you need on your back. Crisp mornings, campfires, the rush of mountain streams, quiet. Time and again in the Bible, men encounter the Lord on the mountain. We walk in that rich heritage.

Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Hike to register. For more information, contact Craig Ogard (CTOgard@aol.com).



spiritual growth & fellowship

Youth Ministry

Sr. High Family Dinner Set for September 17

The first Sr. High family dinner of the season will be Sunday, September 17, and it's Talladega themed! Go fast, turn left! Dress like you're headed to the race and join us at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209), 6:57-8:15 p.m. Contact Mary Beth Cunningham with questions (MaryBeth@CathedralAdvent.com).

Sr. High Fall Retreat September 22-23

We will go to Lake Wehapa for our annual Sr. High Fall Retreat, starting Friday, September 22, at 4:30 p.m. and ending Saturday, September 23, at 1:00 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Philip Walkley, executive director of SOS Memphis, who will share with us about our gospel identity. Join us for this short and sweet time of fun and fellowship! Cost is \$50. Register at AdventBirmingham.org/Youth.

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



making music

Choral Evensong

Sung Service of Evening Prayer Set for September 17

The Cathedral Choir will sing Choral Evensong on Sunday, September 17, 3:00 p.m. in the Nave. Evensong, a sung version of the Evening Prayer service, is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. Its primary purpose is to proclaim the wonderful works of God in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ through prayer and praise. Come join us for worship of our Lord and Savior through prayer and song.

Concert Series

Concert Events Coming in October

The Advent's 2017-2018 Concert Series will begin on Friday, October 13, at 7:30 p.m. with an organ recital by David Higgs. A Professor of Organ at Eastman School of Music, Higgs is one of the country's leading concert organists and a former teacher of our own Fred Teardo.

Our headliner this year is the Grammy-nominated vocal ensemble Stile Antico on Thursday, October 26, at 7:30 p.m. Known for its uniquely expressive style, the group specializes in Renaissance music and has thrilled audiences throughout Europe and North America with its fresh and vibrant performances. For ticket information, please call the Music Office (443-8553) or visit iTickets.com.

Children's Choir

Calling All Children!

Children's Choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, September 13. The Children's Choir needs more members! If your child shows musical promise and has an interest in singing, please consider having him/her join the choir. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 3:45 p.m. at the Cathedral for grades 1-6. Please contact our Director of Music, Fred Teardo (226-3506, Teardo@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

Inquirers' Class

New Series to Kick Off this Sunday

The Inquirers' Class will begin this Sunday, September 10, 10:10-10:50 a.m. in the Diocesan Conference Room (entrance in the Rector's Garden via the large French doors). The class is open to anyone, but is particularly designed for newcomers to the Advent. Each session stands alone, so join us at any time. For more information, contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 443-8562).



education

Children's Sunday School

When and Where Do My Kids Go on Rally Day?

All 3K-6th grade children will attend the 9:00 service with their parents on Rally Day. Immediately following the Sermon Drama, children ages 3K, 4K, and Kindergarten (by September 1, 2017) and their parents will leave the Nave to meet their Sunday School teachers in Clingman Commons. Parents of 3-year-olds should walk their children downstairs to their classroom. Parents of children in 4K and Kindergarten should drop off children with their Sunday School teachers in Clingman Commons, where they will then be escorted to their classrooms. Please refer to Sunday's service leaflet for new classroom assignments. Teachers of 1st-6th graders will be excited to greet their classes in Clingman during the closing hymn.

Parents of 3K-6th graders are to pick up their children in their classrooms on Rally Day following the Sunday School hour. Parents of children in grades 2-6 can designate in writing a location for their child(ren) to meet them on subsequent Sundays. Children in 3K-1st grade must always be picked up by a parent. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Wilson (226-3547, Elizabeth@CathedralAdvent.com).

Ashley Null at the Advent

Cranmer Authority to Speak Later this Month

We have several events planned this fall in connection with the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, and the first is a visit from Ashley Null, one of the world's foremost experts on Thomas Cranmer. Dr. Null will teach the Dean's Class on Sunday, September 24. He will also speak twice in the Advent Theological Lecture Series on Monday and Wednesday, September 25 and 27, 7:00 p.m. at Cranmer House. More details to come.



bookstore

Parishioners Are Asking...

...so we've reordered *Ask Me WhoOo: The Children's First Catechism* CDs (Volume One: "Who Made You?"; Volume Two: "Who Loves You?"; and Volume Three: "Who Keeps You?").

The creator of the CDs, Diana Beach Batarseh, says, "So how do you teach young children what it means that God is three persons? What does it mean that He is God and Man? It matters deeply that I take (a) concept like the Trinity and try to make it as plain as possible.

"Deuteronomy 6 and 11 hold the answers for us. It is the biblical mandate to talk about God to our children while they are lying down, sitting down, or walking down the road. Talk to them. Sing these songs with them. Answer their questions with other questions. When you don't know how to answer them, teach them how you go about finding the answer. Our kids *can* learn so much!"

Store hours are Sunday, 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., and Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Contact us: 323-2959 or 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 Rev. Canon Matthew C. Schneider, Canon for Parish Life and Evangelism

The Rev. Canon Zac Hicks, Canon for Liturgy and Worship

The Rev. Katherine P. Jacob, Deacon

transitions:

Birth: Louis Knox Cole, son of Cameron and Lauren, on August 23

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Max Royce Jones: (Outreach) by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Y. Menendez

Dorothea Dean Dow: (Outreach) by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Y. Menendez

Charles Harold "Bitsy" Doss: (Endowment Fund) by Harold Goings

Marian Hayne: (Endowment Fund) by Bob and Barbara Schuler

In Thanksgiving for Richard Simmons: (Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Farrell Mendelsohn

In Honor of Jenny and Turner Burton: (Outreach) by Elizabeth and Charles Scribner

In Honor of Glynn Lassiter, Gretchen Williams, Laura Cunningham, Melinda King, Terrie Wavra, and Gail Parks: (Advent House) by Catherine Pittman Smith



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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sept 10 Rally Day Regular worship schedule Sermon Drama at 9 a.m. Parish Picnic - Birmingham Children's Zoo - 5 p.m.	11 Allen Ross Bible Study - Cranmer House - 7 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Cranmer House - 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Clingman - 11 a.m.	12 <i>The Parables</i> Men's Bible Study - Cranmer House - 6:30 a.m.	13 Women's Bible Study - Cranmer House - 9:15 a.m.	14 Sunrise Sinners - Refectory - 7 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Cranmer House - 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Conference Room - noon	15	16
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Every Sunday: Breakfast - Refectory, 8:00 a.m.
 Monday-Friday: AA - Coe Conference Room, noon

Every Thursday: Praise Service - Nave, 8:30 a.m.

coming up:

- Advent Theological Lecture Series with Ashley Null: Monday and Wednesday, September 25 and 27, Cranmer House, 7:00 p.m.
- ECW Luncheon: Wednesday, October 11, Clingman Commons, 11:00 a.m.
- Concert Series - David Higgs, organ: Friday, October 13, Nave, 7:30 p.m.
- Fall Men's Hike: Thursday-Sunday, October 26-29