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News & Events

Colin Buchanan, Retired Anglican Bishop, to Speak October 25

The Advent Theological Lecture Series continues on Thursday, October 25, at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Colin Buchanan is a retired bishop in the Church of England who engages global leaders in dialog regarding the church's role in contemporary contexts. He'll share his thoughts on the topic, "What did Cranmer think he was doing?" The event starts at 7:00 p.m.

Praise God for Rooted Ministry

Please join us in praising God for the work he continues to do in and through Rooted Ministry. Its website states, "Rooted exists to transform student ministry by fostering grace-driven and cross-centered leaders through rich theological and contextual engagement." The Advent's Cameron Cole serves as the ministry's chairman.

The Rooted Conference, which started at the Advent in 2010, is drawing more than 300 attendees to Nashville this year for teaching and relationship-building among pastors, educators, and parents involved in student ministry. More information about the ongoing work of Rooted is available at RootedMinistry.com.



A Word from Canon Hicks

There's a little moment in our dense liturgy that I often strain to hold onto as it slips through my fingers each week. Have you ever thought about the epic nature of "the peace of the Lord be always with you"? In our Communion liturgy, "The Peace" falls just after we have confessed our sin, heard the declaration of our pardon, and reveled in the Comfortable Words of welcome and grace. Because of God's forgiveness, because "we have an Advocate," the result is a true, final, forever "peace" with God.

Peace is something we know very little of in 2018. We're all frayed and frenetic. We've got screens in our faces, news anchors in our ears, headlines and billboards shouting in all caps. Some of us have come off summer vacations where we desperately tried to hurry up and find peace. Others of us couldn't afford the luxury of vacation and wonder if peace will ever come our way. Either way, here we are, in the fall – already tired, already stressed, already (again) peace-less.

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our liturgy – and the Bible it's predicated on – has something to say, even *preach*, to all of this. At the Advent, because we have a living, daring confidence in the gospel, we believe that true peace in life is grounded first and foremost in peace with God. We believe that finding peace isn't ultimately going to happen by being more "mindful," by meditating, by achieving better work-rest rhythms, by earning enough money to feel "secure," by fulfilling a certain relational quota. We put our flag in the sand with the Scriptures that the only way to find peace "out there" in those places is to be found at peace "in here" in our hearts. We need a peace that starts from the center and radiates outward.

The apostle Paul explicated that center in three glorious chapters in his letter to the Philippians, and only *after* laying out what it means to be "found in Christ, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ" (Phil 3:9) was the apostle ready to pronounce the "peace of God, which surpasses all understanding" (Phil 4:7). Confession. Repentance. Grace. There's nothing more, and nothing less. Ever.

- Zac

- Romans 5:1

This Sunday: October 7, 2018

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: Doug Webster

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Michael Weeks

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

The Dean's Class (Nave) – *Mercy and Severity: A Portrait of God and Joel and Amos* – Mark Gignilliat

Getting to the Heart (Chapter Room) – *God Works with Nothing (Luke 16:19–17:6)* – Gil Kracke

Sanctification (or the Justified Life) (Living Room) – Deborah Leighton

1 Timothy: True and False Teaching (Assembly Hall) – Gerald Bray

Faith and Family (Lower School Library) – *Foundations of Forming Christian Kids: Treating Kids Like Real Church Members* – Rebecca Lankford

Inquirers' Class (Diocesan Conference Room) – *Baptism and Repentance* – Dean Pearson

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 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 26 or Psalm 8
Genesis 2:18-24
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
St. Mark 10:2-16



GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!

Stewardship



Above (l-r): Stacy Ball with her children, Elise and Patrick, and husband Kelly

The Power of Grace and the Importance of Serving Others

As Jesus saved us when we were undeserving, the Advent has been a source and symbol of grace for our family as well. When my husband, Kelly, was diagnosed with late stage cancer just a few years after we joined the church, the outpouring of support from the Advent was a big part of helping us get through that difficult time. The level of support we received, often from people we didn't even know, was unexpected and undeserved. This gave us a lifelong reminder of the power of grace and the importance of serving others.

There have been years when pledging has been a challenge for our family, but when we pray over our pledge card and answer the call to give, we are thankful to be a small part of the Advent's continued service to others. The Advent holds a special place in our hearts, and we pray it will always be a fixture in Birmingham, sharing the gospel and showing grace by serving others before ourselves.

- Stacy Ball



spiritual growth & fellowship

Youth Ministry

Next Sr. High Family Dinner Is this Sunday

All Sr. High students are invited to join us this Sunday, October 7, for our next Family Dinner. We'll meet at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209), 6:57-8:15 p.m. for dinner, games, and fellowship. The theme is School Spirit, so come dressed in your high school colors. For more information, contact Rebecca Lankford (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com).

Jr. High Meeting October 14

Jr. High youth will gather for dinner, games, and fellowship on Sunday, October 14, 6:30-7:45 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). The theme is Jersey Night, so come in your favorite sports jersey. For more information, contact Rachel Cain (Rachel@CathedralAdvent.com).



serving & outreach

Habitat for Humanity

Help Build a House October 20

Visit the table in Clingman Commons this Sunday morning, October 7, to sign up to help Habitat for Humanity build a home for the Baker family. We will work on Saturday, October 20, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the build site, 4829 Avenue R, Birmingham, 35208, in the Ensley neighborhood (much closer this year!). Come for the entire day, or just a few hours! You can also register at bit.ly/2QDrdrZ. Contact Ann Johnston (acj2600@gmail.com), Josh Girvin (Girvin@gmail.com), or Heather Cooper (Heather@SaltPond.net) with questions.



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.

Ageless Adventers

Next Third Wednesday Set for October 17

Ageless Adventers, our fellowship group for seniors, will gather for the next Third Wednesday program on October 17, noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Guest speaker Craig Smalley, the Advent's Canon Pastor and Day School Chaplain, will continue our exploration of Philipians. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Stella Schreiber (443-8558, Stella@CathedralAdvent.com).

Women's Ministry

Julie Sparkman to Speak at Luncheon October 24

Advent women and their guests are invited to a luncheon with Julie Sparkman (right) on Wednesday, October 24, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Clingman Commons. Julie is a licensed counselor and speaker who authored the video series *Idol Addiction* and *Unhitching from the Crazy Train*. Her talk for us is entitled, "It's All in Your Head." The cost of lunch is \$10. To register for lunch and sign up for the nursery, please contact Anita Gray (443-8550, Anita@CathedralAdvent.com).

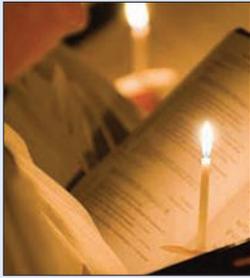




making music

Evensong

Choir to Sing Service October 18



The Cathedral Choir will sing Choral Evensong on Thursday, October 18, 5:30 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 through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ through prayer and praise. Canon Hicks will preach, with Deacon Jacob officiating. Come join us for worship of our Lord and Savior through prayer and song.

And Pharisees came up and in order to test (Jesus) asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

- St. Mark 10:2-16

O LORD our Governor,
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
Out of the mouths of infants and children
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
What is man that you should be mindful of him?
the son of man that you should seek him out?
You have made him but little lower than the angels;
you adorn him with glory and honor;
You give him mastery over the works of your hands;
you put all things under his feet:
All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

O LORD our Governor,
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

- Psalm 8

Welcome!

Please welcome James and Faye Walls, who have joined the Advent during the last month. We are grateful to have them as a part of our parish family.

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

Advent Episcopal School to Host Open House October 10

Join Advent Episcopal School for its Fall Admission Open House on Wednesday, October 10, 8:00-10:45 a.m. Whether it's your first time to visit the school or you are familiar with its program and curriculum, the Open House provides the perfect opportunity to take a deeper dive into the wonderful school that shares our building. For more information or to register for the event, visit AdventEpiscopalSchool.org/OpenHouse.



Advent House: Intercessory prayer is on-going at Advent House. If you would like to schedule a prayer session, please call Kathy Logue at 410-4622.



bookstore

Christmas Cards Have Arrived

Several parishioners have asked if we have Christmas Cards yet. We do, and they are now out in the bookstore. We are known for having beautiful Christian cards for Christmas. Please have a look! We know some of you like to address cards during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Regular store hours are 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). We hope to see you in the Bookstore!



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transitions:

Birth: Eleanor Adele Oser, daughter of Brad and Eleanor, on September 18

Marriage: Emily Elizabeth Jones and William Chase Mathis, on July 21

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Claire Gomperts: (Endowment Fund) by Myrnie Driskill

Christopher Leigh: (Pastoral Care) by Elizabeth and Charles Scribner

Donna Gaston: (Endowment Fund) by Net and Robin Wade

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 7 Regular worship schedule Sr. High Youth Family Dinner - Cranmer House - 6:57 p.m.	8	9	10	11 Sunrise Sinners - Refectory - 7:00 a.m. Praise Service - Nave - 8:30 a.m.	12	13
Oct 14 Stewardship Sunday Regular worship schedule Jr. High Youth Group - Cranmer House - 6:30 p.m.	15	16	17 Ageless Adventers Third Wednesday - Cranmer House - noon	18 Sunrise Sinners - Refectory - 7:00 a.m. Praise Service - Nave - 8:30 a.m. Choral Evensong - Nave - 5:30 p.m.	19	20 Habitat for Humanity Workday - 8:00 a.m.

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 for a complete list of options available to you. If you have any questions, please contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 443-8562).