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News & Events

Call for Vestry Nominee Suggestions

The Nominations Committee of the Vestry invites parishioners to suggest names for consideration for next year's Vestry class slate. Please complete a Nomination Suggestion Form if you know someone who would contribute to our parish's leadership. The forms are available in Clingman Commons or on our website, AdventBirmingham.org. Forms must be returned to Eva Beard in the church office by Monday, November 12.

It is recommended that you *not* notify the person that his/her name has been suggested.

The final slate of 20 candidates will be presented to the Vestry on December 13, and will thereafter be announced to the parish. Elections will take place during the annual Parish Meeting on January 27, 2019.

Organist Frederick Teardo in Concert November 2

Frederick Teardo, the Advent's Director of Music and Organist, will perform a solo organ recital on Friday, November 2, 7:30 p.m. in the Nave. The first event of the 2018-2019 Cathedral Concert Series, the 60-minute program will include music by Bach and Vienne. See page 2 for more information.



A Word from Deborah Leighton

As Christians, it's not that we get tired of hearing about our salvation by grace through faith, but sometimes we wonder, "Yes, I know, but what do I do now?" Some will answer this question with a program for self-improvement as rigid as a diet plan, as if justification was by faith but sanctification is by works in our own strength. But the biblical picture is different.

Ephesians 2:1-7 contains one of Paul's most beautiful (long!) sentences describing our salvation, showing how God makes us alive together with Christ even though we were dead in our trespasses. One of my favorite parts of this glorious passage is found in verse 7, where Paul talks about the "why" behind the "what" of our salvation. God saves us by grace through faith in Christ so that he might continue to manifest the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus throughout all eternity. What a future for us to look forward to!

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end.

But again, if God is gracious towards us in the past and gracious towards us in the future, doesn't he expect us to get our act together right now in this life? Verse 10 brings the answer: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10). Through faith, we will spontaneously obey, doing those works that Scripture reveals as wonderful. But we are not in charge of generating heartfelt obedience through our own strength of will. Only God can create in us this kind of unself-conscious righteousness, where our right hand doesn't know what our left hand is doing. Through the chances and changes of this life, God is so good at showing us our sin, continually humbling our hearts and revealing our need for his gift of Jesus Christ. And so, as Christians, we tarry at the foot of the cross and at the empty tomb, allowing God's grace to produce both gratitude and expectation in his power to work through even us that will fuel every moment of every day. Truly, his mercies are new every morning!

- Deborah

- Lamentations 3:22

This Sunday: October 28, 2018

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Michael Weeks

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Michael Weeks

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Nave. Preacher: Michael Weeks

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Refectory. Preacher: Dean Pearson

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Schneider

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

The Dean's Class (Nave) – *What Does Our Liturgy Do?* – Colin Buchanan

Flannery O'Connor's Inexplicable Presence of Grace (Chapter Room) – *"A Good Man Is Hard to Find"* – Jim Palmer

God's Hidden Work and Sanctification (Living Room) – Deborah Leighton

Faith and Family (Lower School Library) – *Examples of Living Differently as a Christian Family* – A Panel of Parents

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

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 34:1-8 (19-22) or Psalm 126
Job 42:1-6, 10-17 or
Jeremiah 31:7-9
Hebrews 7:23-28
St. Mark 10:46-52

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.



GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!

Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting November 5

All parishioners are invited to a prayer gathering on Monday, November 5, 7:15 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Typically held the first Monday of every month, the hour-long meeting is set aside to pray for the Advent.



education

For 5th and 6th Graders

Class on Sex and Christian Faith November 3

The Advent will offer *The Bible Talks About That?!: Sex and Christian Faith*, our sex education program for 5th and 6th graders, on Saturday, November 3, 8:30-11:00 a.m. at the church. Each child must be accompanied by at least one parent. The morning includes a program for children and a separate program for parents. Please register at [Advent Birmingham.org](http://AdventBirmingham.org). Contact Cameron Cole for more information (Cameron@CathedralAdvent.com).



spiritual growth & fellowship

Youth Ministry

Jr. High "Halloween Costumes" Night this Sunday

Jr. High youth will get together for dinner, games and a lesson this Sunday, October 28, 6:30-7:45 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). This semester we are studying the Armor of God. This week's theme is "Halloween Costumes" – wear your costume and maybe win a prize! Come and play spike ball, corn hole and four square. Questions? Contact Rachel Cain (Rachel@CathedralAdvent.com).

Sr. High: MLK Service Trip Set for January 18-20

Sr. High youth will visit and serve with Widow's Harvest, a prayer and home-repair ministry in Chattanooga, Friday-Sunday, January 18-20. The cost is \$125 – scholarships are available. Sign up at [Advent Birmingham.org/Youth](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Youth). Contact Rebecca Lankford for more information (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com).

Jr. High: Mark Your Calendars for Conference at the Beach

Mark your calendars for our new Jr. High youth trip. From June 24-28, we will attend the Reformed Youth Ministries conference at the beach. This week is full of incredible speakers, spiritual growth, team games, beach time, and loads of fun. Be on the lookout for a sign-up coming soon. Contact Rachel Cain (Rachel@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

Young Adults Ministry

Halloween Party Set for October 31

If you are in your 20s or 30s, grab your favorite costume and join us this month for a Halloween party on Wednesday, October 31, 7:00-9:00 p.m. For more information, contact Mike Weeks (Weeks@CathedralAdvent.com).



making music

Concert Series



Frederick Teardo to Play Organ Recital November 2

On Friday, November 2, at 7:30 p.m., Frederick Teardo (*above*) will perform a solo organ recital in the Nave as the first event of the 2018-2019 Cathedral Concert Series. The Advent's Director of Music and Organist, Dr. Teardo will offer a 60-minute program on the 100-rank Grieb-Williams organ featuring music of Bach, Bossi, Buxtehude, Elgar, Franck, Reger, and Vierne. Grab dinner downtown and then join us for a beautiful evening of music. The recital is free and open to the public, and is given in celebration of Dr. Teardo's sixth anniversary of his ministry here.

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.

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.

Ageless Adventers

Fellowship in the Pines November 5

All Adventers are invited to join our friends at St. Martin's for lunch and a word from Canon Smalley on Monday, November 5, at noon. Lunch is served in the private dining room of The Arbors at St. Martin's (4941 Montevallo Road, 35210). For more information, contact Stella Schreiber (443-8558, Stella@CathedralAdvent.com).

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

Midday Music

Melissa Lander and Charles Kennedy: Clarinet and Organ at Midday October 26

Our Midday Music series continues Friday, October 26, 12:30 p.m. in the Nave with a concert by Melissa Lander, clarinet, and our own Charles Kennedy, organ. Ms. Lander performs with the National Chamber Winds, based in Washington, D.C. Their program will include music by Gerald Finzi, Jan Koetsier, Robert Schumann, and Leo Sowerby. All are warmly invited to this free, 30-minute performance.

And they came to Jericho. And as (Jesus) was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.
- St. Mark 10:46-52



worship

Evensong



Above: On October 18, members and friends of the Advent gathered together for Choral Evensong, a contemplative service of singing, prayer, and a gospel message in the Nave. These Thursday-evening services offer a bit of respite during the workweek, and we hope you'll join us for our next Evensong on November 15.



bookstore



Nativity Figures from Fontanini

Ask anyone from Italy to name a company renowned for its nativity crafts, and Fontanini is likely to be the first mentioned. Like many Italian companies, Fontanini is a family concern which began with the patriarch, Emanuele. He was at first an apprentice figurine-painter with another company, but in 1908 started Fontanini as a small local business in a single room in the tiny Tuscan town of Bagni di Lucca. The company has always specialized in hand-crafted, hand-painted nativity figures which have become Christmas symbols throughout Italy. Created by the most talented sculptors and painters of Tuscany, Fontanini figures today are still made by the fourth generation of the family who takes pride in monitoring the production of its nativities for worldwide distribution.

We will be making another order soon. If you are interested, come by and look at our display or the catalog to order a starter set or more pieces for your set.

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.



education

Book Group

Group Reading Faulkner's *As I Lay Dying*

The Advent Book Group will meet to discuss William Faulkner's *As I Lay Dying* (available through the Advent Bookstore) on Wednesday, November 28, at 7:00 p.m. Considered one of Faulkner's most accessible (and among his shortest) novels, it is the story of the death and burial, after a harrowing journey, of a Southern matriarch that is told from 15 viewpoints, including the dying woman herself. One commentator has observed that "religion is an especially important storehouse of symbolic values in the world of this novel."

New participants are always welcome. If you plan to attend or for more information, contact James Bradford (873-5855, JBradford@Balch.com).

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transitions:

Birth: William "Liam" Hughes Moody, son of Robert and Maury, on October 8

Marriage: Kristen Elizabeth Morrow and John Langley Pugh, on October 13

Deaths: Sims Howell, Jr., on June 11; William "Bill" Doric Tynes, on October 15

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Charles Pritchett Rogers: (Pastoral Care) by David Hezlep

William R. Lucas, Jr.: (Dean's Discretionary Fund) by William R. Lucas

John Worrell Poynor: (Pastoral Care) by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson

In Honor of Nan Broughton: (Rwanda Partnership) by Elizabeth Scribner

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 28 Regular worship schedule Jr. High Youth Group - Cranmer House - 6:30 p.m.	29	30	31 Young Adult Community Gathering- 7:00 p.m.	Nov 1 Sunrise Sinners - Refectory - 7:00 a.m. Praise Service - Nave - 8:30 a.m.	2 Fred Teardo Organ Concert - Nave - 7:30 p.m.	3 <i>The Bible Talks About That?!: Sex and Christian Faith</i> - Refectory - 8:30 a.m.
Nov 4 Regular worship schedule Sr. High Youth Family Dinner - Cranmer House - 6:57 p.m.	5 Fellowship in the Pines - St. Martin's - noon	6	7	8 Sunrise Sinners - Refectory - 7:00 a.m. Praise Service - Nave - 8:30 a.m.	9 Women's Fall Coffee - 7:00 a.m. at Cranmer House; 9:30 a.m. at Shannon Lisenby's home	10

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).