News & Events

Make an Advent Wreath with Your Family December 1

Come to Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209) to make an Advent wreath with your family on the First Sunday of Advent, December 1, at 12:30 p.m. We'll provide all the greens, wreath rings, candles, and other materials, along with a meal, for $40 per family. Register today at AdventBirmingham.org/News, as space is limited.

Women's Ministry Save-the-Date: Christ in the Christmas Crunch December 6

Advent women and their guests are invited to the annual Christ in the Christmas Crunch fellowship morning on Friday, December 6, 9:30 a.m. at The Club (1 Robert S. Smith Drive, 35209). Adventer Jane Menendez will speak.

Choral Evensong November 21

The Cathedral Choir will sing Choral Evensong Thursday, November 21, 5:30 p.m. in the Nave. Dean Pearson will preach. See page 2 for details.

A Word from the Dean

At a meeting recently, talk began about why it is that Anglicanism in the U.S. never took hold like it did across the rest of the Communion. Why didn't Anglicanism take off as it did elsewhere?

One rector astutely pointed out that Anglicanism never became indigenous. It did not adapt to the culture around it, but held on tightly to the traditions of the Church of England at the expense of the gospel. We decided to elevate Anglican distinctives over Christian essentials, which has been a poison pill that has remained with us through the centuries. If there was an Anglican movement that became indigenous in America, my friend pointed out, it is the Methodists. John Wesley stripped down the Book of Common Prayer to make it user-friendly for his circuit riders in colonial America – while we, on the other hand, were fighting over whether or not to pray for the King in our prayers. Our denominations became synonymous with loyalty to Great Britain, while the early Methodists did the work of the gospel and grew beyond the colonies. In the end, we lost the

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

- Luke 19:10

This Sunday:

November 17, 2019

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: Canon Schneider

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion
Preacher: Canon Schneider

Adult Education: 10:10 - 10:50 a.m.
The Dean’s Class (Nave) – Apologizing for God – Dean Pearson
That You May Believe (Chapter Room) – Abide in Me (John 15) – Gil Krakce
Praise in a Season of Thanksgiving (Assembly Hall) – Mark Gignilliat
The Book of Revelation (Living Room) – Chapter 9 – Doug Webster
Faith and Family (Lower School Library) – Audience of One: Your Child’s “Audience of the Future” – Cameron Cole

Children’s & Youth Education:
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.

Lectionary:
Psalm 98
Isaiah 65:17-25
Malachi 4:1-2a
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

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!

spiritual growth & fellowship

Ageless Adventers
Jim Munroe to Speak at Next Third Wednesday

Please join the Ageless Adventers as we welcome Jim Munroe (left) for what promises to be an engaging talk at our next Third Wednesday gathering on November 20, noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). We’ll also enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by our own Barbara Partridge.

Jim Munroe currently serves part-time as Associate Minister at the Parish of Calvary-St. George’s in New York City. Well known to many Adventers through his sermons in our Lenten Preaching Series, he worked four years as Curate at Grace Church in New York, along with Fitz Allison and Paul Zahl (who taught him how to disco). Jim served Episcopal churches in western Massachusetts for 30 years, including more than 15 years as Dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Springfield until his retirement four years ago.

Contact Stella Schreiber (Stella@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-443-8558) for more information.

education

The Forum
Conversation on Evangelism Continues this Sunday

We will continue our discussion of evangelism, or how to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with other people, at the next meeting of The Forum this Sunday, November 17, 6:15 p.m. in Clingman Commons. All are welcome, whether or not you’ve attended previous sessions in this series.

The Forum is a monthly fellowship and education program that meets following the Five O’Clock service with the purpose of building up our confidence in Jesus Christ and building up our community. Supper is provided, and families with children are welcome. Contact Anita Gray (Anita@CathedralAdvent.com) to find out more.

Advent Wreaths

Above: Adventers made Advent wreaths at Cranmer House last year. Join us this year on Sunday, December 1, 12:30 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209) to make a wreath with your family. Space is limited, so sign up today at AdventBirmingham.org/News.

Young Adults’ Ministry
Information Night for Parents of College Seniors November 21

In fall 2020 we will launch a ministry for recent college graduates, “Bridge Fellows.” If you’re a parent of a college senior and would love to have him or her connected to the Advent after graduation, you are invited to an information night for parents on Thursday, November 21, 5:30 p.m. at the Goings’ house (4404 Corinth Drive, 35223). Find out more by contacting Michael Weeks (Weeks@CathedralAdvent.com).

Next Community Meal Is December 4

If you are in your 20s or 30s, please join the Advent Young Adult Community on Wednesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m. at the Pearson’s home (3025 Woodleigh Road, 35223) for a festive time of food and fellowship. Lauren Pearson will offer a reflection on The Gospel and Money. For more information, contact Michael Weeks (Weeks@CathedralAdvent.com).

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Evensong

Sung Service of Evening Prayer November 21

The Cathedral Choir will sing Choral Evensong on Thursday, November 21, 5:30 p.m. in the Nave. Dean Pearson will preach, and Deacon Jacob will officiate.

Evensong is the sung version of the Anglican Evening Prayer service. Drawn almost entirely from Scripture, it offers beautiful music, gospel messages, and a chance to rest after a busy workday. This contemplative service offers a midweek opportunity to invite your downtown working colleagues and friends to join you to experience the peace of Jesus Christ.
For by grace you have been saved by 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

ASFA Orchestra to Perform November 22

The Alabama School of Fine Arts Orchestra (above) will present a Midday Music concert on Friday, November 22, 12:30 p.m. in the Nave. Les Fillmer will direct the orchestra in this free, 30-minute performance.

The Alabama School of Fine Arts, located in downtown Birmingham, is a partially residential public school authorized and funded by the Alabama Legislature to provide tuition-free instruction for impassioned students in grades 7-12. The school provides specialized instruction in creative writing, dance, mathematics and science, music, theatre arts, and visual arts. Graduates of ASFA have numbered among our Cathedral Choir members over the years. Please do not miss the opportunity to hear these talented young musicians!

worship

Thanksgiving Day

Holy Communion Service November 28

Our annual Thanksgiving Day service of Holy Communion will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 28. Canon Schneider will preach, and The Cathedral Choir will sing. The nursery will be closed.

serving & outreach

Ministry Partners

Be a Ministry Partner Intercessor!

The Advent is fortunate to be in partnership with many gospel-centered ministries, both in Birmingham and beyond. Part of healthy partnerships is the call to mutual prayer. We see this throughout Scripture, and especially in Paul’s letters.

For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death (Philippians 1:19-20).

Prayer is not the least we can do, but is both the foundation and fuel for the ministry God does through his people.

In response to God’s call to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ, please consider signing up to be a Ministry Partner Intercessor. Whether homebound, a working professional, a school-aged child, or someone who travels a lot – you can always support those in ministry through prayer! Intercessors will be paired with one of our partners to offer encouragement and prayer support to those serving the Lord in vocational ministry. For more information, contact Bethany Rushing (Bethany@CathedralAdvent.com).

spiritual growth & fellowship

Youth Ministry

Jr. and Sr. High: “Dynamic Duos” Dinners this Sunday

Jr. High youth will gather for dinner and fellowship this Sunday, November 17, 5:59 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). The theme is “Dynamic Duos,” so come with a friend dressed as an iconic duo. Contact Tucker Fleming (Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com) with questions.

Sr. High youth will have a “Dynamic Duos” Family Dinner this Sunday, November 17, 6:57-8:15 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Bring a friend and come dressed as your favorite famous pair. Questions? Contact Rebecca Lankford (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com).

Women’s Ministry

Fall Coffee for Women in Their 30s and 40s.

St. Amelia’s Guild will host a Fall Coffee and dessert gathering for women in their 30s and 40s on Sunday, November 24, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Emily Price (4315 Kennesaw Drive, 35213). Sand Price will speak on Discerning God’s Call for Your Life. Please RSVP to Stacy Townsend (205-960-0965, SaintAmeliasGuild@gmail.com).

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“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days.” - Isaiah 65:17-20a

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he had done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. - Psalm 98:1
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. Katherine P. Jacob, Deacon
The Rev. Dr. Michael Weeks, Assisting Clergy

transitions:
Baptisms: Lucille “Lucy” Mae Hill, daughter of Rudy and Ann; Margaret Rose Morris, daughter of Claiborne and Courtenay; Seldon Walter Nix, son of Michael and Ann Evans; Truman Burns Parker, son of Burns and Emilie; Clare Conrads Pendergast, daughter of James and Elizabeth; Knud Nielsen, IV, son of Rob and Eleanor; all on November 3

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memorials:
Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:
Charles Eugene Sharp: (Endowment Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Shepherd; Southpace Properties, Inc.; Harlan and Alice Prater; Dr. and Mrs. Roger Smith; Paul R. and Jeanne Hoferer; Bette and Fred Powell; Daniel Matheson, III • (Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Beth and Edward Hobbs
In Thanksgiving for Mark Gignilliat: (Endowment Fund) by Anne-Marie and Pratt Brown

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).

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Every Sunday: Breakfast – Refectory, 8:00 a.m.
Monday-Friday: AA – Coe Conference Room, noon