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News & Events

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.

Tickets on Sale for VOCES8 Concert



Photo: Andy Staples

The British vocal ensemble VOCES8 tours widely throughout Europe, North America, and Asia, and will perform at the Advent on February 22 as part of our 2018-2019 Concert Series. The concert will feature a diverse mix of musical arrangements, from Renaissance to contemporary. Pick up your tickets today on iTickets at iTickets.com/Events/402471 or contact Betsy Pate (Betsy@CathedralAdvent.com, 443-8553) for more information.



A Word from Canon Schneider

Francis Bacon famously said, "Some books are to be tasted, others swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested." I'm afraid in our age many of us no longer know how

to either taste or chew and digest written material. Rather, we swallow most content like a hot dog at an eating contest, which guarantees us the literary equivalent of indigestion.

Unfortunately, this habit of reading is at play when many people approach Scripture. Yet as one of our collects says, Scripture is meant to be read, learned, marked, and inwardly digested. Reading Scripture shouldn't be an impatient act. Rather it is a lifelong pursuit. There are many things we can say about Christianity, but one of them is that it is a literate religion. No matter our background and education, the word of God comes to us now in written form.

I have been asked many times what one must do to relate with others about the Christian message. My first answer is always

Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart.

that I think we must regularly read the Bible and pray. I probably sound like a simpleton when I give this answer, but I'm convinced that these are the most important things. They are simple things, yet they are powerful things. They also demand a regular system of discipline.

I give very little advice around here, but this is the one piece of pastoral wisdom I want to share with you: I think you ought to read your Bible nearly every day. I also think you ought to dedicate a regular time to this, and I suggest that time be early in the day when your mind is freshest. I'm not talking about a so-called "quiet time" to guilt trip you into spirituality. Rather, I'm suggesting that if you read nothing else as if you are chewing and digesting it, then at least read the Bible this way.

If you're curious, I personally read three chapters each morning, working from Genesis to Revelation, which gets me through the Bible about once a year. You may borrow my system, or you can find another. The most important thing though is that you commit to getting started if you haven't already.

- Matt

- Jeremiah 15:16

This Sunday: November 4, 2018

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Dean Pearson

9:00 a.m. Holy Baptism

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 Hicks

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: James Henderson

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

The Dean's Class (Nave) – *Rest in a Restless World* (Hebrews 4:1-11) – Dean Pearson

Flannery O'Connor's Inexplicable Presence of Grace (Chapter Room) – *"Good Country People"* – Jim Palmer

The Parables (Living Room) – *Jesus' Friendly Subversive Speech* (Matthew 13) – Doug Webster

1 Timothy (Assembly Hall) – *Training for Godliness* – Gerald Bray

Faith and Family (Lower School Library) – *The Tone of Living Differently as a Christian Family: Humility to the World* – Gil Kracke

Inquirers' Class (Diocesan Conference Room) – *Partners in Gospel Ministry* – Canon Schneider

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 24
Isaiah 25:6-9
Revelation 21:1-6a
St. Mark 12:28-34



GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!

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 Meeting on January 27, 2019.



spiritual growth & fellowship

Women's Fall Coffee with Nan Broughton November 9



The women of the Advent are invited to a Fall Coffee on Friday, November 9, with the Advent's own Nan Broughton. Following her mission trip to Rwanda this summer, Nan (*left in photo, with an artist at Niyo Arts Gallery, Kigali, Rwanda*) will share her prayerful reflections on faithful Christian friendships with those who differ from us. Nan will speak in two identical sessions:

7:00-8:00 a.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209) or 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the home of Shannon Lisenby (3212 Sterling Road, 35213). Please RSVP to Laura Steele (LauraGSteele@Yahoo.com).

Youth Ministry

Sr. High "Dynamic Duo" Family Dinner this Sunday

All Sr. High youth are invited to the next Family Dinner this Sunday, November 4, 6:57-8:15 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). The theme is "Dynamic Duo," so bring a friend and come dressed as your favorite famous duo! Contact Rebecca Lankford for more information (Lankford@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 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 Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center in Panama City Beach. This week is full of great 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.

Welcome!

Please welcome Paige Lauren Bland and Angela J. Wier, 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).

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)

Next Third Wednesday Program Set for November 14

Ageless Adventers, our fellowship group for seniors, will gather for the next Third Wednesday program on November 14, noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). We're meeting on the second Wednesday of November to avoid Thanksgiving week. Bethany Rushing, the Advent's Director of Mission and Outreach, will continue our exploration of Philippians. Lunch will be served. RSVP to Stella Schreiber (443-8558, Stella@CathedralAdvent.com).

Counseling

Stella Schreiber Offering Counseling Services

Associate Licensed Counselor Stella Schreiber (*right*) is now available at the Advent to provide counseling services to both individuals and couples. For more information about possible counseling options or to schedule an appointment, contact Stella directly (443-8558, Stella@CathedralAdvent.com).



Time Change this Weekend

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night before going to bed. Standard time officially resumes at 2:00 a.m. this Sunday, November 4.

Travel to Sewanee for Lessons and Carols

As a part of a larger capital campaign for Sewanee, the Diocese of Alabama has created a unique opportunity to travel to Sewanee on Saturday, December 8, for its Service of Lessons and Carols. The first 40 with tickets will travel there and back on a chartered bus, enjoying a five-course meal along the way. Tickets are \$450 per person (with most of that amount going to the campaign). For more information or for tickets, visit DioAla.org.

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

Advent Musicians

Groups to Release Recordings November 18

Save the date for two album releases! On Sunday, November 18, the Cathedral Choir will issue *A Service of Advent Lessons and Carols*, while Advent Birmingham, featuring musicians from the Refectory and Five O'Clock services, will release *Our Strivings Cease*. Stay "tuned" for details.

education

The Forum



Above: Zac Hicks, Canon for Liturgy and Worship, led a Forum discussion of the Advent's Five O'Clock service liturgy in Clingman Commons on October 21. Canon Hicks walked the gathered group of Adventers through the bulletin and the Advent's commentary on our liturgy, using both to explain the reasons why we do what we do in our worship services. Canon Hicks' guide is available at AdventBirmingham.org/Worship. All Adventers are invited to join in the next Forum discussion on Sunday, November 18, at 6:15 p.m. (following the Five O'Clock service). Matt Schneider, Canon for Parish Life and Evangelism, will share his thoughts on how to respond to objections to the Christian faith.

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. One commentator 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).

worship

Evensong

Worship on Thursday Evening, November 15

The Cathedral Choir will sing Choral Evensong on Thursday, November 15, 5:30 p.m. in the Nave. Evensong, a sung version of the Evening Prayer service, is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. This service offers an evening of respite and rest during the workweek. Mark Gignilliat, the Advent's Canon Theologian, will preach, with the Rev. Katherine Jacob officiating. Come worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness and find rest in the gospel message.

College Worship Night



Above: On October 22, for the second year in a row, the Advent hosted students from across Birmingham for College Worship Night in the Nave. The evening included a band and choir leading congregational singing and a gospel-centered sermon delivered by Beeson professor Robert Smith, Jr.

bookstore

Colorful, Bold, and Whimsical

These words describe the artwork of Heidi Hensley. We have ornaments, desktop nativities, tea towels, and pillows – some with two different designs.

Please note: Starting Thursday, November 8, and running through Friday, December 21, the bookstore will be open extra time on Thursday and Friday (excluding Thanksgiving week) from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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.



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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:

Death: John Smith McCrory, on October 18

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Tom Robinson: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Chris Chrisenberry

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In Thanksgiving for Brock Frith: (Pastoral Care) by Kelley Watts



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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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
Nov 11 Regular worship schedule Jr. High Youth Group - Cranmer House - 6:30 p.m.	12 Veterans Day Service - Nave - 8:30 a.m.	13	14 Ageless Adventers Third Wednesday - Cranmer House - noon	15 Sunrise Sinners - Refectory - 7:00 a.m. Praise Service - Nave - 8:30 a.m. Choral Evensong - Nave - 5:30 p.m.	16 Midday Music - Clingman Commons - 12:30 p.m.	17

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).