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News & Events

Steve Rockwell at the Advent this Sunday



We welcome Steve Rockwell (*left*), Professor of Biblical Studies and New Testament at George Whitefield College in Cape Town, South Africa, to the Advent this Sunday morning, November 25. Steve will be in the Dean's Class with Dean Pearson at 10:10 a.m., and will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Refectory service. The Dean's Class will follow our interview format, with Steve and Andrew engaging the topic, *Training Up Pastors for Africa and Beyond*.

Make an Advent Wreath November 29

All are invited to join a fun evening making wreaths for the Advent season. We'll gather on Thursday, November 29, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Register and purchase your wreath kits or candles online at AdventBirmingham.org/Wreath. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Wilson (Elizabeth@CathedralAdvent.com).

Lenten Lunches Tickets On Sale Sunday

See page 2 for details.



A Word from Canon Smalley

The Gospel from Mark 13 that we read last Sunday marks a transition in the church season and in Jesus' ministry. It is at first disconcerting, Jesus' judgment of the temple and his prediction of its destruction in response to his disciples marveling at its grandeur.

By all accounts the temple was magnificent, a marvel, and we can relate, most of us being people who appreciate grand, historic structures. But more than that, it was central to the Jews identity and their understanding of God's selection of and favor toward them. The temple was believed to be the place where God dwelled, and the rhythms of the temple were imbedded in their lives. But it had become a stumbling block and God, in his challenging mercy, removes it to give something greater.

Of course what they missed, endemic to our lives as well, was the genuine presence of God in their midst, not in a building but in the person of Jesus Christ. Something greater than bricks and mortar or familiar

rhythms was with them, and I pray that we will see that in our lives.

In response to Jesus' words of the temple's destruction, the disciples ask him for a sign of what to look for, how to know when the time will be; and while Jesus responds, it is like many of his responses, giving what is needed rather than what is asked for. They want a blueprint for the future, and instead Jesus gives himself and the invitation to watchfulness in the moment.

As I share this I am mindful of what I believe is a reality for all of us: our various temples will be torn down. I say this with a tentative relish because of the character of God who brings life out of death and loss, giving us something greater than the various temples we attempt to establish for ourselves.

If this is sounding like the same old story, well, it is. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and our real lasting hope and security. Life will eventually assail our various identities, and thanks be to God for this leads to our true one. Jesus is the once-and-for-all sufficient sacrifice in whom we find reconciliation, meaning, identity, purpose, and security. Thanks be to God.

- Craig

"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

- St. John 2:19

This Sunday: November 25, 2018

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Doug Webster

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Doug Webster

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Nave. Preacher: Doug Webster

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Refectory. Preacher: Steve Rockwell

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Smalley

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

The Dean's Class (Nave) – *Training Up Pastors for Africa and Beyond: A Conversation with Steve Rockwell* – Dean Pearson

Thoughts on Our Mortality (Living Room) – *My Redeemer Lives* – Gil Kracke

2 Corinthians: Paul's Advent Letter (Assembly Hall) – Mark Gignilliat

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 132:1-13 (14-19) or Psalm 93
2 Samuel 23:1-7 or
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Revelation 1:4b-8
St. John 18:33-37

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.



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Lenten Lunches

Lunch Tickets on Sale Starting this Sunday

As Christmas approaches, don't forget to plan ahead by getting the perfect stocking-stuffer for the Lenten Lunches fan! Stop by the Lenten Lunches table in Clingman Commons on Sundays, November 25, December 2, and December 9, to buy single tickets, various season passes, and sponsorships, as well as to meet members of the 2019 Lenten Lunches team.

Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting December 3

All parishioners are invited to a prayer gathering on Monday, December 3, 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.



spiritual growth & fellowship

Women's Ministry

Christmas Bazaar at St. Luke's December 3

The women of the Advent are invited to join our sisters in Christ and fellow Episcopalians from St. Luke's and St. Mary's for the annual Christmas Bazaar on Monday, December 3, at St. Luke's Church (3736 Montrose Road, 35213). The Advent's Deborah Leighton will speak on a gospel Christmas theme at 11:00 a.m., followed by a "Green Reindeer" sale and light lunch. This year, we will sell our beautifully wrapped bundt cakes once again and a new item – a homemade slice-and-bake cracker as an appetizer. Both make great gifts or can add to holiday entertaining! To contribute your cake, acquire the sponsored appetizer recipe, or help our with the Advent's booth at the sale, please contact our ECW Liaison, Rachel Fry (RBFry@Bellsouth.net, 908-8070).

Young Adults Ministry

Doug Webster to Speak at Community Meal November 28

If you are in your 20s or 30s, please join us for food, fellowship, and a talk from Doug Webster, the Advent's Teaching Pastor, on Wednesday, November 28, 6:30 p.m. at Cranmer House in Homewood (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Contact Mike Weeks (Weeks@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

Ageless Adventers

Fellowship in the Pines December 3

All Adventers are invited to join our friends at St. Martin's for lunch and a word from Canon Smalley on Monday, December 3, 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).

Coat Drive

Collection Moving to December this Year

This year we're switching things up a bit! In the past we've held our Coat Drive in January, but it gets chilly long before then. We'll be partnering with Brother Bryan Mission and the Firehouse Shelter to provide warm coats to the men in their programs.

Bring your gently used and new coats to Clingman Commons on Sunday, December 9. Although this year we are looking specifically for men's coats, we are happy to find homes for women's or children's coats, as well. Contact Bethany Rushing (Bethany@CathedralAdvent.com) with any questions.

Youth Ministry

Advent Bowl to Kick Off this Sunday

Are you ready for some football? The Advent Bowl, our 12th annual two-hand touch football tournament, will happen this Sunday, November 25, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Mountain Brook High School (3650 Bethune Drive, 35223). All Jr. and Sr. High youth are welcome and encouraged to come out and play!

Sr. High Progressive Dinner Set for December 2

All Sr. High youth are invited to join us for our progressive dinner, a beloved youth group tradition for more than 20 years. We will meet at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209) at 6:00 p.m. and then travel to two houses for appetizers and a main course. We will end the evening back at Cranmer House for dessert and Dirty Santa. Please bring a gift of \$10 or less value to contribute. Hope to see you there! Contact Rebecca Lankford (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com).

Coffee with Rebecca Lankford for Moms of Sr. High Youth December 6

All mothers of Sr. High youth are invited to get to know Rebecca Lankford, the new Sr. High Youth Director. Please join us for coffee on Thursday, December 6, 9:00 a.m. at Kate Hamilton's home (169 Peachtree Circle, 35213). Please RSVP to Rebecca Lankford (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com).

Jr. High: Register Now for RYM Trip June 24-28

All current 6th-8th graders are invited to the Reformed Youth Ministries conference in Panama City Beach, Florida, June 24-28. This week is full of incredible speakers, spiritual growth, team games, beach time, and loads of fun. The cost is \$535 per student. We have scholarships available for any families who need it – please don't hesitate to ask us about them.

Sign up at AdventBirmingham.org/Youth. Registration closes January 15, so do it today. Contact Rachel Cain (Rachel@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

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



servicing & outreach

Thursday Morning Congregation



December Brings Service Opportunities

During the month of December, we offer warm weather items and special food gifts to those who attend the Thursday Morning Service. Join us in showing hospitality by donating one or more of the items below with your small group, family, or Bible study group! Also, consider coming out for our worship service on any of these Thursdays, especially December 20, when we'll host a wonderful Christmas Social. Families and little ones are welcome!

- December 6 – Five dozen bananas
- December 13 – 10 dozen cookies (wrapped in bags of two cookies each)
- December 19 – Join us at 9:30 a.m. in Clingman Commons to bundle sweatshirts, sign Christmas cards, and bag our gift of holiday food to be distributed at the Christmas Social (RSVP to Anita Gray – Anita@CathedralAdvent.com).
- December 20 – Christmas Social: provide supplies and serve at the biscuit station, dessert station, hot chocolate station, or photo station!
- December 27 – Six dozen oranges or cuties

Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Outreach-SignUp to donate one of the items, or email Anita Gray. Items need to be dropped off to Anita at the church office the Wednesday prior to the date scheduled or the day of for the Christmas Social.

Habitat for Humanity



Above: Thanks to all who came out for the Episcopal Build with Habitat for Humanity! What a joy to be a part of the home building process with the Baker family.



worship

Lessons and Carols

Advent Services to Be Held December 2

Two services of Advent Lessons and Carols will highlight the First Sunday of Advent, December 2, at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. in the Nave. These services, which include lessons, carol-anthems, and prayers, are intended as a preparation for the Christmas celebration.

“Kirkin of the Tartan” Ceremony December 9

All are warmly invited to participate in a unique time of dedication within our liturgy of Morning Prayer at our 11:00 a.m. Nave service on Sunday, December 9. At the Offertory, we will join with those of Scottish heritage and with the St. Andrew's Society in a traditional “Kirkin of the Tartan” ceremony, which involves special prayers of blessing on all who attend. Traditionally, a local church has hosted this ceremony when one of its members is being inducted as the President of the St. Andrew's Society. The Advent's own Jim Porter will be the new President, and so we will be joyfully setting aside this time to celebrate God's work amongst various cultures, remembering that we are a part of a body of believers from every tribe, tongue, and nation. Come early for the pre-service bagpipe music, as well!



bookstore



Preparing for the Season of Advent

We have plain gold Advent rings and boxes of Advent candles (the good long-burning Root candles), Advent calendars, and books to guide you through the Advent season.

Extra hours from now until Christmas: Open hours are Sunday, 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Monday-Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; and Thursday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. We will be closed Wednesday-Friday, November 21-23, for Thanksgiving.

Contact us: 323-2959, Bookstore@CathedralAdvent.com. Visit us any time: AdventBirmingham.org/Bookstore.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 25 Regular worship schedule The Advent Bowl - Mountain Brook High School - 2:00 p.m.	26	27	28 Young Adult Community Meal - Cranmer House - 6:30 p.m.	29 Sunrise Sinners - Refectory - 7:00 a.m. Praise Service - Nave - 8:30 a.m. Advent Wreath Making - Cranmer House- 5:00 p.m.	30	Dec 1
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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).