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## News & Events

### Men's BBQ Lunch Set for October 28

Advent men will get together for our monthly lunch Thursday, October 28, 11:30 a.m. in Clingman Commons. We'll continue our tour of Birmingham BBQ, with Rodney Scott's providing the meal. Our speaker will be Brian Keen, Program Director of Brother Bryan Mission in Birmingham. Please register to attend at [AdventBirmingham.org/Men](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Men). See page 2 for more information.

### Women's Fall Luncheon November 3

Gather with the women of the Advent for lunch on Wednesday, November 3, 11:30 a.m. in Clingman Commons. Abby Gatliff, Assistant Minister for Student and Family Discipleship at South Highland Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, will speak. Please register at [AdventBirmingham.org/Women](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Women) by Thursday, October 28. See page 2 for details.

### Concert Series to Open with Music of Mozart November 4

Our Cathedral Concert Series will begin Thursday, November 4, 7:00 p.m. with a performance by our Cathedral Choir, organists, string orchestra, and guest soloist Angela Yoon featuring works of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. See page 3 for more information.



Dies No More.

The first stanza has been foremost in my mind: "We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold; and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia."

It is a rich hymn proclaiming the substantive hope of the resurrection – a real death, real body, real resurrection – but it is the application that has inspired my reflection. We sing, "and our despair he turned to blazing joy."

I believe it, I feel it when I sing it, but *do* I believe that God is able to turn my despair into blazing joy?

Years ago, a friend shared words that resonate with me to this day. Referring to a particular area of struggle in his life he said,

**"I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy."**

- John 16:22b

## A Word from Canon Smalley

A familiar baptismal hymn has recently taken root in my mind. The hymn, written in 1967 by John B. Geyer, is set to the tune *Engelberg*, and the title is *We Know That Christ Is Raised and*

"I long believed in the sufficiency of Jesus' blood for my salvation, but I didn't believe it had power to help me here." I found myself graciously convicted by those words. As if to say, God can get me into heaven, but he can't help me in the day-to-day.

Where is the area in your life – struggle, impasse, even despair – that you long for God to turn to blazing joy?

I hesitate as I write this, knowing that many pray and hope and struggle mightily! Among Jesus' promises of hope, salvation, peace, and presence are also the promises of hardships, trials, and suffering.

I am not suggesting that we can name it and claim it, but I might say that there is a transactional formula available to accomplish our longing. There was a transaction that took place on Calvary. A judgment satisfied, holiness maintained, and mercy extended, a place from whence despair would turn to blazing joy – in the life to come, and now.

There is power in the blood, and more so in the resurrection. Our despair will turn to blazing joy. Alleluia.

- Craig

## This Sunday:

October 24, 2021

**7:30 a.m. Holy Communion**

**9:00 a.m. Holy Communion**

**11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer**

Michael Weeks will preach at all morning services.

**5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer**

Preacher: Tucker Fleming

We will livestream the 9:00 and 11:00 services.

Visit [AdventBirmingham.org/Live](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Live), Facebook Live, or YouTube to access our stream.

**Adult Education (10:15-10:50 a.m.):**

**The Dean's Class** (Refectory) – *Nehemiah's Heart for the City* – Mark Gignilliat and David Fleming

**Inquirers' Class** (Diocesan Conference Room) – *Fellowship and Gathering* – Wes Sharp

**The Early Church According to Acts** (Assembly Hall) – Doug Webster

**Christ Is Enough** (Chapter Room) – *God Has Made You Alive (Colossians 2:6-23)* – Gil Kracke

**Scripture as a Bridge-Building Tool** (Living Room) – Francis Smith

**Faith and Family** (Lower School Library) – *Simple Ways to Invest in Your Kids at Home: Prayer* – Julie and Craig Ogard

**Children's & Youth Education:**

Our Threes and Fours classes meet at 9:00 (going until 10:50 a.m.) and 11:00. Children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade start the 9:00 and 11:00 services with their families in the Nave before leaving during the children's dismissal to meet teachers in Clingman Commons. Children in 4th grade and higher and youth have classes between the 9:00 and 11:00 services (10:15-10:50 a.m.). See Sunday's service bulletin for details. The Nursery is open for our Infants, Toddlers, and Twos classes from 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.



# GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!



## spiritual growth & fellowship

### Men's Ministry

#### BBQ "Tour" Continues at Men's Lunch October 28

Men, join us for our monthly lunch on Thursday, October 28, 11:30 a.m. in Clingman Commons. This lunch will continue our tour of Birmingham BBQ, with Rodney Scott's providing our meal. Our speaker will be Brian Keen (*right*), Program Director of Brother Bryan Mission in downtown Birmingham. Brother Bryan helps men recovering from addiction, coming out of prison, and facing a host of other challenges to get on the right path spiritually and economically.



Be sure to register at [AdventBirmingham.org/Men](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Men) so that we know how many to expect for food, and invite a friend to join us for this great time of fellowship and teaching. Cost is \$10. Contact Wes Sharp ([Wes@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Wes@CathedralAdvent.com)) for more information.

### Women's Ministries

#### Abby Gatliff to Speak at Women's Luncheon November 3

Advent women are invited to our Fall Luncheon on Wednesday, November 3, 11:30 a.m. in Clingman Commons. Abby Gatliff (*right*), Assistant Minister for Student and Family Discipleship at South Highland Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, will speak. Abby is a recent graduate of Beeson Divinity School where she was awarded the James Earl Massey Preaching Award. Mother to 17-month old Eleanor, Abby and her husband Cort are expecting their second child Easter weekend 2022.



Abby's talk, *Jesus Wants Us to Do Stuff*, is sure to be engaging and instructive as she takes us through select passages from the Sermon on the Mount. Register yourself and your guests at [AdventBirmingham.org/Women](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Women) by Thursday, October 28, so we can plan appropriately. Contact Leslie Housman ([Leslie@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Leslie@CathedralAdvent.com)) for more information. We look forward to seeing you!

### Youth Ministry

#### Jr. High Dinner Gathering this Sunday

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to our Youth Group dinner meeting this Sunday, October 24, 6:16-7:16 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). We'll have dinner and Bible study and play some games. (We won't meet next Sunday, October 31.) Contact Tucker Fleming ([Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com)) for more information.

#### Sr. High "Halloween" Family Dinner this Sunday

Senior High youth will gather for Family Dinner this Sunday, October 24, 7:17-8:26 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). The theme is "Halloween," so everyone can wear their costumes! (We won't meet next Sunday, October 31.) Contact Lucy Kate Green ([LucyKate@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:LucyKate@CathedralAdvent.com)) with questions.

## 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 at the Ushers' Stations on Sunday and at our receptionist's desk at the Church Office during the week. Forms also can be submitted digitally on our website, [AdventBirmingham.org/News](http://AdventBirmingham.org/News). Forms must be returned to Margaret Pope in the Church Office by Monday, November 8.

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, and thereafter will be announced to the parish. Elections will take place during the annual Parish Meeting on January 23, 2022.



## education

### Bible Study

#### Study for Mothers of Young Children on Thursdays

Join other moms of little ones on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Living Room for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. This fall's study, *The God Who Is...*, explores various aspects of God's nature and character as revealed in Scripture, invites discussion of how these different attributes inform our lives, and includes occasional visits from experienced moms, sharing their wisdom. Led by Leslie Housman, our Director of Women's Ministries, the study is structured so that you can jump in at any time. A professionally staffed nursery is available by reservation. Contact Leslie ([Leslie@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Leslie@CathedralAdvent.com), 205-226-3511) with questions or to sign up.

### Inquirers' Class

#### Thinking About Making the Advent Your Church Home?

The Inquirers' Class is designed to help you make this decision. It is a six-week series that will give you an idea of what the Advent believes and why we believe it. It is open to anyone, but is designed particularly for newcomers. The next series will begin on Sunday, October 31, 10:15-10:50 a.m. in the Diocesan Conference Room (entrance near the middle of the garden). Contact Fontaine Pope ([Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com), 205-443-8562) 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 205-226-3500.

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

### Concert Series

#### Cathedral Choir to Kick Off Series with Mozart November 4

Our Cathedral Concert Series begins on Thursday, November 4, 7:00 p.m. in the Nave with a concert by our Cathedral Choir, organists, string orchestra, and guest soloist soprano Angela Yoon (*right*) performing works of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The program will feature choral works such as *Ave verum corpus* and *Laudate Dominum* (from *Solemn Vespers*), works for solo organ, as well as several *Church Sonatas* for strings and continuo.



Angela Yoon is Assistant Professor of Voice at Samford University. As a soprano soloist she has performed throughout the United States as well as in South Korea, Germany, and Canada.

Admission is free. Please join us for an elegant evening of sacred music by Mozart.

### Midday Music

#### The Great Lakes Duo: Music for Trumpet and Organ October 22

Our Midday Music Series continues on Friday, October 22, 12:30 p.m. in the Nave with a free, 30-minute concert by the Great Lakes Duo: Brian Reichenbach, trumpet; and Rhonda Sider Edgington, organ. Reichenbach is the newly appointed Assistant Professor of Trumpet at Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee, having previously established himself as a versatile musician in the Chicago area for nearly 20 years. Edgington is Organist and Interim Music Director at Hope Church in Holland, Michigan, and Organ Instructor at Calvin University in Grand Rapids; she also maintains an active performing career in the U.S. and Europe. This performance will be her second appearance in our Midday series. The concert will also be livestreamed from the Advent's website ([AdventBirmingham.org/Live](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Live)) and associated digital platforms. Please join us for a half-hour of beautiful music!

### Cathedral Choir

#### Choir Fundraiser: Dreamland BBQ!

It's that time! To support future choir tours and projects, the Cathedral Choir is selling smoked Boston Butts (\$35), Smoked ½ Turkey Breasts (\$35), Pecan Pies (\$20), and Quarts of Sauce (\$8) from Dreamland Bar-B-Que. All items come frozen (except sauce). To place an order, please visit the choir's table in Clingman Commons after each of the morning services on Sundays, October 31 and November 7, or speak to a choir member. The deadline for orders is Tuesday, November 9, with pick-up on Friday, November 19, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Advent Porte Cochere entrance.

**Advent House:** Intercessory prayer is on-going through the Advent House Prayer Ministry. To schedule a prayer session at Advent House, call Kathy Logue at 205-410-4622.



## education

### Sex Education

#### For 5th and 6th Graders (and Parents)

The Advent will again offer *The Bible Talks About That?!*, our sex education program for all 5th and 6th graders as well as their parents, on Saturday, November 13, 8:00-10:30 a.m. downtown at the Advent. The children will attend a program that educates them on the human body and the emotional implications of sex within a biblical framework. Parents will receive a panel and then a talk about communicating with kids about sex. At least one parent must accompany their child. Please sign up for this program at [AdventBirmingham.org/News](http://AdventBirmingham.org/News).

#### For Parents of Younger Children: *Birds and the Bees*

We are thrilled to welcome Mary Flo Ridley to the Advent for her nationally renowned *Birds and the Bees* program. It will be held in the Nave on Saturday, November 13, from 8:00-10:00 a.m., and is for parents of preschool and lower elementary children. *Birds and the Bees* aims to equip parents on how to talk to their children about sex and the human body. Please sign up for the program at [AdventBirmingham.org/News](http://AdventBirmingham.org/News).



## serving & outreach

### Local Outreach

#### Restoration Academy Seeks Reading Tutors

Advent ministry partner Restoration Academy provides one-on-one tutoring for its 2nd graders who need extra help with reading through STAIR (Start the Adventure in Reading) of Birmingham. Volunteer tutors will meet with Restoration students one or two afternoons a week on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 3:15-4:30 p.m. To learn more about serving a Restoration Academy 2nd grader through STAIR tutoring, contact Bethany Rushing ([Bethany@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Bethany@CathedralAdvent.com)).



## worship

### Lectionary this Sunday

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

## memorials:

#### Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

**Juliet deVilliers Miller:** (Garden Fund) by Betsy and Jack Allison • (Endowment Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Carroll; Elise Doss; Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Clayton, Jr. • (Mission and Outreach) by Mabry and Jeanne Rogers



## diocesan staff

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda S. Curry, Bishop of Alabama

## advent staff

The Rev. Canon R. Craig Smalley, Interim Dean and Rector

The Rev. Canon Katherine P. Jacob, Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Michael Weeks, Assisting Clergy

The Rev. Wes Sharp, Clergy Associate

## transitions:

**Marriage:** Emma Wells and Will Straight, on October 2

**Death:** Jimmie Holmes McInerney, on September 29

## memorials:

### Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

**Geraldine Green:** (Music Discretionary Fund) by Lynn and John Adams

**Jan Bumgarner:** (Endowment Fund) by Anne Oliver

**Ann Turner Hull:** (Endowment Fund) by Anne Daniels

**Julia McWhorter Pope:** (Endowment Fund) by Emily Hubbard

**Janie Wilson:** (Endowment Fund) by Anne Daniels

**In Thanksgiving for the Marriage of Billy Angell and June Howard:** (Pastoral Care) by Mrs. Thomas A.S. Wilson

**In Honor of Cassius Watts Thoreau Kennedy:** (Garden Fund) by Elizabeth and Charles Scribner



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## calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 24 Regular worship schedule Jr. High Youth - Cranmer House - 6:16 p.m. Sr. High Family Dinner- Cranmer House - 7:17 p.m.	25	26	27	28 Men's Lunch - Clingman Commons - 11:30 a.m.	29	30
Oct 31 Regular worship schedule	Nov 1 Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting - Cranmer House - 7:15 p.m.	2	3 Women's Luncheon - Clingman Commons - 11:30 a.m.	4 Concert Series: Music of Mozart - Nave - 7:00 p.m.	5	6

Monday-Friday: AA – Coe Conference Room, noon

We have more Bible studies meeting than we can list on the calendar! Please join us in praising God for this blessing and visit [AdventBirmingham.org/BibleStudies](http://AdventBirmingham.org/BibleStudies) for a complete list of options available to you. If you have any questions, please contact Fontaine Pope ([Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com), 205-443-8562).