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News & Events

Additional 9:00 Service to Begin November 28 in the Refectory

On November 28, the First Sunday of Advent, we will launch a second service at 9:00 a.m. The additional service will be in the Refectory and will have music led by our band. The 9:00 a.m. service in the Nave will feature music by choir and organ.

The main discernment behind this move is our commitment to allow multiple platforms for the gospel to connect with people. Each service will have the same liturgy and emphasis on the word of God proclaimed in all the fullness of its grace and truth. Our preachers will rotate between the two services, and with rare exceptions, one of the 9:00 services will always be Holy Communion. Typically, if it is communion in the Nave, it will be Morning Prayer in the Refectory and vice versa.

The Dean's Class will continue in the Refectory at 10:15 a.m. Unfortunately, with this move our breakfast will be on an indefinite hold. We are working on ways to have something on Sunday mornings (though not the breakfast we are used to), especially for the children.

We are grateful for your continued partnership in the gospel. - Craig

To see the full text of Canon Smalley's letter to the parish, visit AdventBirmingham.org.



A Word from Wes Sharp

Every year as fall approaches, I get excited! I love the fall weather and the fall beauty of leaves changing colors. When the cool evenings come, I feel like more energy starts coursing through my veins, but as quickly as that energy comes it gets used up on what often comes with fall... busyness and a bit of chaos as well. I found a quote recently by Dennis Swanberg that continues to stick with me: "One reason so much American Christianity is a mile wide and an inch deep is that Christians are simply tired. Sometimes you need to kick back and rest for Jesus' sake." I wrestle with that, especially right now as I, along with many of you, often say, "I am so busy!"

We can fill our fall with a lot of things that can be good things, but they can also be exhausting. I often find myself in a place where I'm busy but I'm not productive. Maybe you are there too, or if you're not, you may certainly find yourself there soon. I have tried this year to take into consid-

eration Dennis' words of "kick back and rest for Jesus' sake." You may remember Jesus actually encouraged his disciples in Matthew 11, "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." There is no special ceremony or prayer needed to find rest in Jesus, but it does require some intentionality. As with every good intention, if we do not plan to make it happen then something else will surely get in the way.

For many of us, being productive may actually mean refining and cutting out the things that are not helping us to accomplish Christ's overall purpose for us. Rest helps us to gain clarity on what we often need to stop doing in order to accomplish what we need to be doing for the sake of the kingdom. Rest in Christ shows we trust in Christ to accomplish his great work in us.

This fall join me in enjoying Christ's presence and pursuing his great commission of kingdom ministry. Then let's watch the Lord work in miraculous ways, personally and in our church.

- Wes

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

- Psalm 46:10

This Sunday:

November 7, 2021

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. Holy Baptism

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Canon Smalley will preach at all morning services.

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Michael Weeks

We will livestream the 9:00, 11:00, and 5:00 services.

Visit 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

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

Christ Is Enough (Chapter Room) – *The People of Christ (Colossians 3:18-4:18)* – Gil Kracke

Faith and Family (Lower School Library) – *The Fear Factor in Parenting: Understanding the Anatomy of Our Fear* – Cameron Cole

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!

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. Forms must be returned to Margaret Pope in the Church Office by Monday, November 8.

It is recommended that you do *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.

Time Change this Weekend: "Fall Back"

Standard Time will resume this Sunday, November 7, at 2:00 a.m. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

Ageless Adventers

Next Third Wednesday Program Is November 17

Please join us for the November luncheon on Wednesday, November 17, noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). We will enjoy a delicious lunch and hear from Pam Koch. Her program, *A Walk Through the Annunciation*, will feature reflections about several well-known paintings on the topic. A longtime member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Mobile, Pam is a lover and collector of Christian art and an experienced teacher of Scripture.

All ages are welcome! For more information or to RSVP, contact Stella Schreiber (Stella@CathedralAdvent.com), 205-443-8558).

Young Adults' Ministry

"Friendsgiving" Set for November 18

If you're in your 20s or 30s, you're invited to a Young Adults' gathering on Thursday, November 18, 7:00 p.m. at 2716 Canterbury Road, 35223. Bring a friend to "Friendsgiving"! For more information, contact Michael Weeks (Weeks@CathedralAdvent.com).



serving & outreach

Lenten Lunches

Planning for 2022 Is Underway

Join a great team, serve your church, and help with a terrific 115-year tradition that benefits our community by providing uplifting gospel preaching and thoughtfully prepared meals. There are a variety of ways to help each week at the church, including salad and sandwich prep, waiting tables, working the takeout line, and dishwashing. There are also jobs you can do ahead of time or from your home.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2, 2022. Please prayerfully consider how you might contribute to this effort and then reach out to Volunteer Coordinator Ann Bailey White (AnnBaileyWhite@gmail.com) to discuss a placement that works well for you. We look forward to seeing this tradition continue in full swing this year!



spiritual growth & fellowship

Caregivers Luncheon

Support Gathering Set for November 12

Caregivers are invited to a monthly lunch with others who have been impacted by the increasing demands of caring for a loved one. The first gathering will be Friday, November 12, noon-1:00 p.m. in the Chapter Room at the Advent. Whether you are a full-time caregiver or you are just beginning to experience changes in your life due to the health of a family member, you are welcome! To RSVP or for more information, contact Stella Schreiber (Stella@CathedralAdvent.com), 205-443-8558).

Youth Ministry

Jr. High Dinner Gathering this Sunday

Junior High youth will gather for our Youth Group dinner meeting this Sunday, November 7, 6:16-7:16 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). We'll have dinner and Bible study and play some games. Contact Tucker Fleming (Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

Sr. High Family Dinner this Sunday

Senior High youth will meet for Family Dinner this Sunday, November 7, 7:17-8:26 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). The theme is "Career Night," when students can dress as what they want to be when they grow up. Contact Lucy Kate Green (LucyKate@CathedralAdvent.com) with questions.

Five O'Clock Service

Dinner to Follow Service November 14

Join us after the Five O'Clock service on Sunday, November 14, for dinner in the Refectory. Please bring a side dish or dessert; the main course will be provided. Find out more by contacting Tucker Fleming (Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com).

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



worship

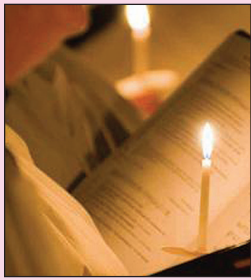
Holy Baptism

3K, 4K, and Kindergarten Singing at Service this Sunday

Our 3K, 4K, and Kindergarten classes will sing this Sunday, November 7, when we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Baptism during the 9:00 a.m. service. 3K and 4K will enter with their teachers. Please have your Kindergarten walk to the front of the Nave when 3K and 4K enter to sing. We look forward to bringing back this special tradition!

Choral Evensong

Sung Service of Evening Prayer November 18



The Cathedral Choir will sing Choral Evensong on Thursday, November 18, 5:30 p.m. in the Nave. Evensong is a sung version of the Evening Prayer service, traditionally held near sunset. It is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. Its primary purpose is to proclaim the wonderful works of God in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ through prayer and praise. Wes Sharp will be the officiant, with Canon Jacob assisting. You are invited to come and worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, and find rest in the gospel message.

Lectionary this Sunday

Psalms 24
Isaiah 25:6-9
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44



spiritual growth & fellowship

Advent House Prayer Ministry

Come to Advent House for Intercessory Prayer



The Advent House Prayer Ministry welcomes everyone – men, women, couples – who want to come and request prayers for God's intervention, guidance, and healing of the sickness, sorrows, and concerns in their lives. The doors of the Advent House are open to members of the Advent and their friends living in our community or visiting from out-of-town.

If you would like to schedule an appointment for prayer at Advent House (2317 Arlington Avenue South, 35205), please contact Kathy Logue (205-410-4622, Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com). *Philippians 4:4-7*



education

Sex Education

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 children in nursery through 4th grade. *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. Nursery will be offered for children ages 1-5.

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. Sign up for this program at AdventBirmingham.org/News.



making music

Cathedral Choir

Last Call to Support Choir Fundraiser

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 this Sunday, 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.



serving & outreach

World Mission

Learn More About World Relief Efforts in Afghanistan

In response to the crisis in Afghanistan, the Advent was able to donate to the efforts of World Relief. We are encouraged by the amazing ministry they have with people fleeing from crisis, and invite you to learn more about the ongoing response.

On Thursday, November 11, at 2:00 p.m. CST, World Relief will host a Town Hall for Church Leaders online. Join and hear stories of how churches have responded to this crisis. Register at WorldRelief.org/NovAfghanCrisis.

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The Rev. Canon Katherine P. Jacob, Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Michael Weeks, Assisting Clergy

The Rev. Wes Sharp, Clergy Associate

transitions:

Marriages: Amy McGill Fitzgerald and James Griffiths, on September 18; Brinson Brown and Billy Massey, on October 22

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Ann Roberts Priester Marshall: (Mission and Outreach) by Mary and Victor Hanson

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 7 Regular worship schedule Time Change - "Fall Back" - 2:00 a.m. Jr. High Youth - 6:16 p.m. Sr. High Family Dinner- 7:17 p.m.	8	9	10	11	12 Caregivers' Luncheon - Chapter Room - noon	13 Sex Education: <i>Birds and the Bees</i> - Nave - 8:00 a.m. <i>The Bible Talks About That?!</i> - Advent - 8:00 a.m.
Nov 14 Regular worship schedule Five O'Clock Service Dinner - Refectory - 6:00 p.m.	15	16	17 Ageless Adventers Third Wednesday - Cranmer House - noon	18 Choral Evensong - Nave - 5:30 p.m. Young Adults' "Friendsgiving" - 2716 Canterbury Road - 7:00 p.m.	19 Midday Music - Nave - 12:30 p.m.	20

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 for a complete list of options available to you. If you have any questions, please contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-443-8562).