Concerts and Special Services

2019-2020 SEASON

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
Dear Members of the Advent Family, Concert Series Patrons, and Attendees,

When I arrived in Birmingham in 2012, my central mission was to continue making the Advent Music Ministry a beacon for proclaiming the gospel through music to the ends of the earth. Our Cathedral Choir will be singing a weeklong residency at St. Paul’s Cathedral, London, July 21-26, 2020, crossing an ocean to sing of the good news of Christ’s sacrifice for our redemption through his death and resurrection.

With a similar global mindset, another vision I have is for Birmingham to become a place where historically informed performance thrives. Mr. Lynn’s very generous gift of a harpsichord to the Advent brings that vision one step closer to becoming a reality. I am thrilled for the Advent receiving this gift, and what it will mean for music in this church and in the city of Birmingham.

I hope you will join me in thanking all of our Concert Series Patrons for their support, which makes this series possible. This season, we give particular thanks to Mr. Lynn for his gift that the Cathedral Church of the Advent will cherish for years to come.

May God bless you all, this day and always.

Solus Christus,

Frederick T. Teardo, D.M.A.
Director of Music and Organist

ABOUT THE HARPSICHORD
The harpsichord is a keyboard instrument that in many senses is the predecessor to the piano. Like the piano, it is a strung instrument with a soundboard that is operated by a keyboard. However, unlike the piano whose strings are struck by felt hammers, the harpsichord’s strings are plucked by plectra. Historically, harpsichords were more often used for concerts than as instruments for worship. Here at the Advent, the harpsichord will certainly add much to our music ministry in future performances of sacred oratorios and cantatas on our concert series and perhaps even in worship. For more information, please visit AdventBirmingham.org/Music.
**Fridday, September 27 - 7:30 P.M.**  
**Inaugural Recital, Paolo Bordignon**  
An acclaimed harpsichordist, organist, and conductor, Paolo Bordignon is harpsichordist of the New York Philharmonic, as well as interim Organist and Choirmaster at St. Bartholomew’s Church in New York. The program will include works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Gaspard Le Roux, Domenico Scarlatti, and Antonio Soler.

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**Thursday, November 14 - 7:30 P.M.**  
**Mark Edwards**  
First prize winner in the 2012 Musica Antiqua Bruges International Harpsichord Competition, Canadian harpsichordist and organist Mark Edwards is recognized for his captivating performances, bringing the listener “to new and unpredictable regions, using all of the resources of his instrument, [...] of his virtuosity, and of his imagination” (La Libre Belgique). Since 2016, he is Assistant Professor of Harpsichord at Oberlin Conservatory.

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**Thursday, January 9 - 7:30 P.M.**  
**Edward Parmentier**  
Edward Parmentier, internationally renowned for his brilliant performances of early keyboard music, has performed widely throughout the United States, Russia, Western Europe, Japan, and Korea on harpsichord and historic organs, and is a frequent recitalist, lecturer and adjudicator at symposia and festivals. He is Professor Emeritus of Harpsichord at the University of Michigan, and was one of the principal teachers of our very own Charles Kennedy.
Choral Masters of the Baroque: Music of Bach & Handel

THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA
Frederick Teardo, conductor
Thursday, May 14 - 7:30 p.m.
FREE ADMISSION

The Advent Cathedral Choir and Orchestra will present an evening of sacred choral works from the Baroque period, under the direction of our music director Frederick Teardo and featuring members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra. This concert will highlight our new harpsichord as a continuo instrument playing with the orchestra, alongside the John and Lucille Urmey Continuo Organ. Featured on the program will be George Frideric Handel’s Coronation Anthem Zadok the Priest, Johann Sebastian Bach’s Orchestral Suite No. 3, and his Cantata No. 140 on Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (Sleepers, Wake!).

Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Music for more information.
Evensong, Midday Music, and Special Services

EVENSONG SERVICES
Drawn almost entirely from Scripture, Evensong is the sung version of the Anglican Evening Prayer service. Come at 5:30 p.m. each date listed to enjoy beautiful music and a gospel message from our Advent clergy.

MIDDAY MUSIC CONCERTS
Midday Music concerts offer short breaks during the work week to appreciate the talents of musicians on a wide range of instruments. All begin Fridays at 12:30 p.m., last approximately 30 minutes, and are free and open to the public.

SPECIAL SERVICES
The Cathedral Choir and our various Music Ministries play key roles in our worship services during the Advent and Lenten seasons, along with Christmas Eve, Holy Week, and Easter.

See the back page calendar for a complete list of concert and service dates.
Lessons & Carols

LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICES
The Cathedral Choir will lead several services of Lessons & Carols during the Advent season. Following in the tradition of King’s College, Cambridge, these services incorporate readings from the Bible and seasonal Advent hymns that guide hearts to joyful expectation of the coming of Jesus Christ.

Services will be held the morning of Sunday, December 8 at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., and again on Thursday, December 19 at 5:30 p.m.

A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS ON CD
The Cathedral Choir recorded A Service of Advent Lessons & Carols in 2018. The CD includes readings from the Old and New Testaments and hymns rooted in passages from the Bible.

CDs are available for sale in the Advent Bookstore (open Sunday mornings, and midday on Mondays and Wednesdays) and online. See AdventBirmingham.org/Music for details.

For more information about these or any of our programs, special services, and online donation opportunities visit AdventBirmingham.org/Music.
CHRISTMAS CAROLERS
Members of the Cathedral Choir are available to bless your Christmas season gathering this December with traditional hymns and carols in return for your financial support. Contact Teardo@CathedralAdvent.com for details and to schedule your carolers now.

SMOKED MEATS
The Boston Butts will be back again this fall! Mark your calendars now for Sundays, November 3 and 10. Place your order in Clingman Commons.

CATHERAL RINGERS HANDBELL CHOIR
The Cathedral Ringers presents service music about seven times each year, and has performed concerts on the Midday Music series. Rehearsals are 5:45-7:00 p.m. each Thursday from September to May. Occasional special appearances and workshops with well-known clinicians have been a part of past schedules. For more information about joining this ensemble, email Charles Kennedy at Kennedy@CathedralAdvent.com.

EVENT CALENDAR

CONCERT SERIES

INAUGURAL HARPSICHORD RECITAL
featuring PAOLO BORDIGNON
Friday, September 27 - 7:30 p.m.

MARK EDWARDS, harpsichord
Thursday, November 14 - 7:30 p.m.

EDWARD PARMENTIER, harpsichord
Thursday, January 9 - 7:30 p.m.

CHORAL MASTERS OF THE BAROQUE:
MUSIC OF BACH & HANDEL
featuring The Cathedral Choir and Orchestra
Thursday, May 14 - 7:30 p.m.

MIDDAY MUSIC

SCOTT PLATO & MATTHIAS YOUNG,
guitar
Friday, September 20 - 12:30 p.m.

FREDERICK TEARDO, harpsichord
Friday, October 25 - 12:30 p.m.

THE ALABAMA SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS ORCHESTRA
Friday, November 22 - 12:30 p.m.

THE CATHEDRAL RINGERS
Friday, December 13 - 12:30 p.m.

SADIE GOODMAN, soprano
ZACHARY PALAMARA, baritone
CINDY ST. CLAIR, piano
Friday, January 24 - 12:30 p.m.

CHARLES KENNEDY, harpsichord
Friday, February 21 - 12:30 p.m.

CATHY SHELTON, organ
Friday, April 24 - 12:30 p.m.

SPECIAL SERVICES

CHORAL EVENSONG
Thursday, September 19 - 5:30 p.m.

CHORAL EVENSONG
Thursday, October 17 - 5:30 p.m.

CHORAL EVENSONG
Thursday, November 21 - 5:30 p.m.

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS
Sunday, December 8 - 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS
Thursday, December 19 - 5:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
December 24 - 5:00, 8:00, and 11:00 p.m.

CHORAL EVENSONG
Thursday, January 16 - 5:30 p.m.

CHORAL EVENSONG
Thursday, February 20 - 5:30 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY
February 26 - 6:00 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY
April 9 - 6:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY
April 10 - 12:00 p.m.

EASTER SERVICES
April 12 - 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

CHORAL EVENSONG
featuring the Advent Episcopal School Choral Ensemble
Thursday, April 16 - 5:30 p.m.

CHORAL EVENSONG FOR ASCENSION DAY
Thursday, May 21 - 5:30 p.m.

MINISTRY LEADERSHIP
THE VERY REVEREND ANDREW C. PEARSON, JR., Dean and Rector
DR. FREDERICK T. TEARDO, Director of Music and Organist
DR. CHARLES M. KENNEDY, Associate Director of Music and Organist
MS. BETSY S. PATE, Music Administrative Assistant

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