News & Events

Parish Elects New Vestry Members

The following were elected to a three-year term on the Vestry of the Cathedral Church of the Advent at the annual Parish Meeting on January 26:

Lyda Burnette, Martin Clapp, Tanya Cooper, Jay Ezelle, Shannon Lisenby, Don Menendez, Gunter Owens, Shannon Price, Frank Springfield, Tommy Wilson, Jr.

The Advent is grateful to all those who accepted nomination.

Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting February 3

All parishioners are invited to a prayer gathering on Monday, February 3, at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Typically held the first Monday of every month, this hour-long meeting is set aside to pray for the Advent. We hope you can join us.

Sign Up for VBS this Sunday

Register for Vacation Bible School 2020 this Sunday morning, February 2, at the table in Climgan Commons (look for the VBS banner). Rocky Railway: Jesus Pulls Us Through will happen June 1-4. VBS is for children who have completed 3K through 5th grade. See page 2 for more information.

A Word from Michael Weeks

Near the beginning of Matthew’s biography of Jesus, the author records that Jesus went to live in Capernaum, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali (Matthew 4:13).

For us, this seems to be a very minor detail when it comes down to the life and work of Jesus. But for Matthew, this is just another instance where Jesus is fulfilling all that the Law and the Prophets spoke about.

The territories of Zebulun and Naphtali were part of the northern kingdom of Israel, when the kingdom of God was divided in two (1 Kings 12), the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah. This happened when the northern kingdom of Israel rebelled against God’s chosen king, Rehoboam, and followed after their preferred king, Jeroboam.

Needless to say, this did not go well for the northern kingdom of Israel. Because of their rebellion, God brought judgement upon them by the way of the kingdoms of Syria and Assyria. These foreign powers oppressed the people of Israel and led them away from their worship of the one true God. They became “people who walked in darkness” (Isaiah 9:2), under the oppression of a foreign government, separated from many of their relatives in the south, considered to be impure, no longer part of God’s chosen people.

However, God promised that though they had been humbled, in the future they would be honored. Soon, the people in the darkness would see a great light! For Matthew, Jesus is this light that has dawned. He is the fulfillment of this prophecy, bringing honor to those who had been humbled.

I am not sure what darkness you might be dwelling in at the moment. Whether it is the stress of your job, or relationships, or life in general. For me, it is the uncertainty of my visa application. The good news is a light has shone into the darkness! In Jesus a light has dawned, in which we have hope that one day the “night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light” (Revelation 22:5).

“The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.”

- Matthew 4:16

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This Sunday:
February 2, 2020

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion
Preacher: Dean Pearson

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
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 Schneider

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion
Preacher: Canon Schneider

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Lectionary:

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/Live.
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Vacation Bible School 2020

Sign Up this Sunday in Clingman Commons

Vacation Bible School is rocking into the Advent this year with incredible learning experiences that allow kids to see and hear that trusting Jesus pulls them through life’s ups and downs! Parents and children are welcome to stop by the table in Clingman Commons (look for the VBS banner) this Sunday, February 2, to sign up and get more information about all the fun we have planned. VBS 2020, Rocky Railway: Jesus Pulls Us Through, will happen Monday-Thursday, June 1-4. VBS is for children who have completed 3K through 5th grade.

Children who register in person will receive a balloon, wristband, and invitation to take to a friend. After this Sunday, registration will take place online at AdventBirmingham.org/VBS.

Youth Confirmation
Classes for 6th Graders Begin this Sunday

Confirmation for 6th graders will begin this Sunday, February 2. During the 9:00 a.m. service, students will report to the Coe Conference Room as they leave with the younger children at the announcements. This Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m., we will host a Confirmation kickoff dinner for parents and 6th graders in the Refectory. 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.

spiritual growth & fellowship

Women’s Ministry
Luncheon with Kristen Padilla February 5

Kristen Padilla (right) will speak at the Women’s Winter Luncheon on Wednesday, February 5, 11:30 a.m. in Clingman Commons. Her talk is entitled, Who Am I? Finding Our Identity and Calling in Christ (An Overview of 2 Corinthians). All women of the Advent are encouraged to attend for a delicious meal, fellowship, and biblical teaching. The nursery will be available for young children. Please RSVP, and reserve a nursery slot if desired, with Anita Gray (Anita@CathedralAdvent.com) by Monday, February 3.

A member of the Advent, Kristen is a speaker, Bible teacher, wife, and mom, and she serves as Marketing and Communication Coordinator at Samford University’s Beeson Divinity School, where she earned an M.Div. degree in 2008. She is the author of Now That I’m Called: A Guide for Women Discerning a Call to Ministry, and of a forthcoming book on women of the Reformation which she is co-authoring with Timothy George. She also blogs at KristenRPadilla.com.

Youth Ministry
Jr. High: Register for RYM this Sunday

Junior High youth are invited to sign up for RYM 2020 (Reformed Youth Ministries) this Sunday, February 2, in Clingman Commons. Parents and students are welcome to stop by the table (look for the RYM banner) for more information about this fun, annual conference for Junior High students, set for June 22-26 in Panama City Beach, Florida. Find out more about the conference at AdventBirmingham.org/News.

Ageless Adventers
Fellowship in the Pines February 3

All Adventers are invited to join our friends at St. Martin’s for lunch and a word from Canon Smalley on Monday, February 3, at noon. Lunch is served in the private dining room of The Arbors at St. Martin’s (4941 Montevallo Road, 35210). Find out more by contacting Stella Schreiber (Stella@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-443-8558).

Advent House: Intercessory prayer is on-going at Advent House. If you would like to schedule a prayer session, please call Kathy Logue at 205-410-4622.

February 2, 2020
Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” — Mark 1:14-15

Wardens for 2020
Bayard Tynes and John Hargrove Begin Year of Service

Bayard Tynes (left) began service as Senior Warden as of the Parish Meeting on January 26, while John Hargrove (right) began service as Junior Warden.

Bayard served as Junior Warden during 2019. A 39-year member of the Advent, he has served the church in a number of areas including Stewardship campaigns, the Finance Committee, and as a Small Group leader.

John is in the second year of a three-year term on the Vestry and has been a member of the parish for 31 years. His service includes work as a Sunday School teacher, on Stewardship campaigns, and on the Vine Project.

Emily Curran retires as Senior Warden, taking with her the gratitude of the parish for her faithful service.

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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).

## diocesan staff

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. Katherine P. Jacob, Deacon
The Rev. Dr. Michael Weeks, Assisting Clergy

## transitions:

**Births:** Harrison Lee Lewis, son of Blake and Carlee, on January 20; Kathryn Carlisle Pugh, daughter of Will and Madaline, on January 21

**Baptisms:** Philip Joshua Padilla, son of Osvaldo and Kristen; Gloria Stephanie Isabelle Christina Lodewyck, daughter of Antenor Lodewyck and Julie Maeseele; Virginia Ellen Dennis, daughter of Charlie and Joslyn; all on January 19

## memorials:

**Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:**
- **Constance Swartz:** (Pastoral Care) by Kate Kiefer
- **Charles Sharp:** (Endowment Fund) by Miriam and Clay Morris
- **In Honor of Craig Ogard:** (Mission and Outreach) by Ann and Troy Haas
- **In Honor of Sallie and Bill Pradat:** (Mission and Outreach) by Ann and Troy Haas