### News & Events

#### Choral Evensong February 20
We will hold a service of Choral Evensong on Thursday, February 20, 5:30 p.m. in the Nave. The Cathedral Choir will sing, and Canon Schneider will preach with Deacon Jacob officiating. See page 2 for more information.

#### At The Forum this Sunday: Prayer
The next gathering of The Forum is this Sunday, February 16, 6:15 p.m. in Clingman Commons. We will discuss prayer, looking at the Lord’s Prayer in Matthew 6. Supper is provided, and families with young children are welcome. See page 2 for details.

#### Getting to Church on Mercedes Marathon Sunday
The Mercedes Marathon and Half-Marathon will be run this Sunday, February 16, starting at 7:00 a.m. The event will not interfere with our morning worship, but some traffic patterns will be altered.

See page 2 for more information, and visit MercedesMarathon.com to see a complete course map.

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### A Word from Canon Smalley
Recentlly I reencountered an amazing interaction recorded in the Gospel according to Luke. In Luke 7:36-50, Jesus is invited to a meal at the home of Simon the Pharisee, and as they are eating "behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was at the table in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed and anointed them with the ointment.” As awkward as that sounds now, imagine if you were there in the moment!

Simon is filled with a sense of judgment mainly directed at Jesus. We are told that Simon said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner.” As an important aside, it is very possible that Simon later became one of Jesus’ followers, and the reason for this statement is twofold: one, it is rare that someone is mentioned by name in this way that is not a follower of Jesus, and two, how would anyone but Simon know what he “said to himself.” It is likely that Simon later shared this encounter, his reactions, and Jesus’ teaching.

In response to his indignation, Jesus engages Simon with a story of two debtors, and to Simon’s credit he engaged with Jesus. The story involves two debtors forgiven their great debt and the joy of those who recognize the significance of their debt and the significance and sufficiency of the forgiveness given in Jesus. The “woman of the city” walks away in peace, her sins forgiven.

There’s more to say than space allows, but I propose that in addition to salvation and reconciliation we see one of their products – freedom. Drawn to Jesus, the woman exemplifies a freedom, I believe, we all long for. Not worried about appearances, the judgment of others, free to worship, to repent, to rejoice in the mercy of God. Praying that freedom for you and me,

Craig

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### This Sunday:
**February 16, 2020**

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### Lectionary:
Psalm 119:1-8
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37

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### 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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### Children’s & Youth Education:
Classes are offered for 3-years and older. See Sunday’s service bulletin for details. The Nursery is open 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. At the Five O’Clock service, childcare is available for 4K and younger.

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

- **The Dean’s Class** (Nave) – Ephesians – Dean Pearson
- **Paul, the Old Testament Theologian** (Chapter Room) – His Theology of the Prophets – Canon Hicks
- **Sibling Rivalries in Scripture: Lessons in Divine Providence** (Living Room) – Dennis Sansom
- **Prophetic Portraits of God** (Assembly Hall) – Mark Gignilliat
- **Faith and Family** (Lower School Library) – Three-Thirds Format for Family Worship (Part 2 of 2) – Canon Schneider

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### AdventBirmingham.org
2017 Sixth Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama 35203
205-251-2324
**Getting to Church on Mercedes Marathon Sunday**

The Mercedes Marathon and Half-Marathon will be run this Sunday, February 16, starting at 7:00 a.m. The event will not interfere with our morning worship, but some traffic patterns will be altered. The race route will be the same as last year, with less impact on the Advent than in previous years.

The best route downtown will be via the Red Mountain Expressway. Richard Arrington Jr. Boulevard (21st Street) will be unaffected by the race route on the Northside, but using it to approach downtown from the Southside may result in delays at Highland Avenue and 2nd Avenue South. 20th Street North will be closed south of 4th Avenue North but open north of 4th Avenue as it passes the front of the church.

See a complete course map at the marathon website, MercedesMarathon.com. Those with an Apple phone can use the Maps app to see road closings and the route on race morning.

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**Evensong**

**Sung Service of Evening Prayer February 20**

The Cathedral Choir will sing Choral Evensong on Thursday, February 20, 5:30 p.m. in the Nave. Canon Schneider will preach, with Deacon Jacob officiating.

Evensong is the sung version of the Anglican Evening Prayer service. Drawn almost entirely from Scripture, it offers beautiful music, gospel messages, and a chance to rest after a busy workday. This contemplative service is a great midweek opportunity to invite your downtown working colleagues and friends to join you to experience the peace of Jesus Christ.

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**New Website Now Online**

The new AdventBirmingham.org features a new look and enhanced search functionality. Click on over for a look at the site and visit AdventBirmingham.org/News for short virtual tour videos designed to help you find your way around the Advent’s renovated online home. Email Communications@CathedralAdvent.com with questions.

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**The Forum**

**This Sunday: Prayer**

The Forum will meet this Sunday, February 16, 6:15 p.m. in Clingman Commons. We will discuss prayer, looking at the Lord’s Prayer in Matthew 6.

The Forum is a monthly gathering with lots of time for fellowship built around a topical Bible study. It happens the third Sunday of each month following the Five O’Clock service. A free supper is provided, and families with young children are welcome. This is also a great opportunity to bring a guest with you to church. Contact Anita Gray (Anita@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

**Gospel Conversations**

**Discipleship Training February 22**

Gospel Conversations is a basic evangelism and discipleship training set for Saturday, February 22, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). The training will help each participant know why we should care to make more disciples of Jesus, who we can talk to about Jesus, what we will say, and how to follow up with people based on their responses. Since this is a training, we will spend a lot of time in practice mastering the skills we learn. We will also spend time setting goals and talking about next steps beyond the training. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided.

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**Ageless Adventers**

**Next Third Wednesday Program February 19**

Canon Craig Smalley will offer a word at our next Third Wednesday gathering on Wednesday, February 19, noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). All ages are welcome as we gather for a Valentine-themed luncheon prepared by Barbara Partridge. Come and refresh your mind, body, and spirit! Please RSVP to Stella Schreiber (205-443-8558, Stella@CathedralAdvent.com).

**Youth Ministry**

**Jr. and Sr. High: “Throwback” Dinners February 23**

Advent youth will gather for “Throwback Night” dinners on Sunday, February 23, at Cranmer House, with Junior High starting at 5:59 p.m. and Senior High following at 6:57 p.m. At the Senior High dinner, the Sozo Children’s Choir from Uganda will make a special appearance. Find out more by contacting Rebecca Lankford (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com).

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**Youth Ministry**

**Sr. High: SOS Memphis Trip Set for June 7-12**

It’s time to sign up for our annual trip to partner with Service Over Self (SOS), a home repair ministry in Memphis, Tennessee. This year the trip will happen June 7-12 (Sunday-Friday). Cost is $395 and scholarships are available! Spaces are limited, so sign up ASAP at AdventBirmingham.org/News. For more information, contact Rebecca Lankford (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com).
Ash Wednesday Is February 26

Our annual Lenten Preaching and Lunches series begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26, with a preaching service every weekday of Lent, 12:05-12:30 p.m., and Lenten Lunches served every weekday, 12:05-1:00 p.m., except Good Friday.

We offer three services of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, at 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. Michael Weeks will preach at all three.

Welcome!

Please welcome those who have joined the Advent during the last several months. We are grateful to have them as members of our parish family: Roger and Laurie Morrison; Anne and Connor Herfurth; John and Caroline Goldasich; Jack and Leslie Matheson; John Halsey and Marne Wood, Halsey, Virginia, McIver, and Slade Wood; Richard and Caroline Reynolds, Anne, Mary, and Frances Reynolds; Bill and Pam Simpson; Tom and Elizabeth Broughton; Brandon and Ashleigh Essig, Brooks, Gray, and Bonnie Essig.

If you are interested in joining the Advent or finding out more, please contact Fontaine Pope (443-8562, Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com).

making music

Midday Music

Charles Kennedy to Play Harpsichord Recital February 21

Our Midday Music series continues on Friday, February 21, 12:30 p.m. with a free, 30-minute recital in the Nave by our own Charles Kennedy (above) on the Advent’s newly acquired harpsichord. The Advent’s Associate Director of Music and Organist, Charles will perform a program including music by Johann Sebastian Bach, Thomas Tomkins, Herbert Howells, Domenico Scarlatti, and Johann Caspar Ferdinand Fischer. Please do not miss this opportunity to hear this beautiful addition to our musical instruments at the Advent!

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New CD Available this Sunday

Advent Birmingham Music is thrilled to release Canticles, the second part of our Liturgy Songs & Canticles recording project! This new EP features creative settings of four biblical canticles, including the Magnificat and the First Song of Isaiah. In addition to streaming Canticles on all major platforms (Spotify, Apple Music, Prime Music), you can purchase a CD of the entire Liturgy Songs & Canticles project in Clingman Commons this Sunday, February 16.

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:
Portia J. Simpson: (Mission and Outreach) by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Y. Menendez
Eloise Cornelius: (Mission and Outreach) by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Y. Menendez
William Tynes, Jr.: (Endowment Fund) by Jim and Kathryn Porter
Walter Stimpson Sechriest, Jr.: (Music Discretionary Fund) by the Sechriest Family
In Honor of the Cathedral Choir’s Christmas Carolers: (Cathedral Choir Fund) by Anonymous

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.
memorials:
Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:
Billy W. Spain, Jr.: (Garden Fund) by Libby Spain
Radiance Early: (Dean’s Discretionary Fund) by Terry Douglas
John O. Forsythe: (Dean’s Discretionary Fund) by Daphne and Jim Bradley
Gloria Gleason Margeson: (Mission and Outreach) by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Y. Menendez
In Honor of Taylor Murphy: (Pastoral Care) by Charles and Elizabeth Scribner
In Thanksgiving for the Rev. Canon Craig Smalley and the Rev. Canon Zac Hicks: (Pastoral Care) by Reb Baker
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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

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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).