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News & Events

When Poets Pray: A Four-Week Reflection

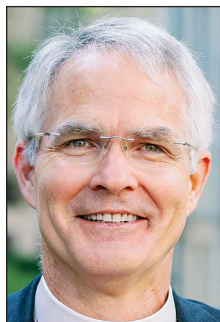
Join Gisela Kreglinger and Dean Pinter for a four-week reflection on four different poets. The group will meet at Gisela's home (530 Bayhill Ridge Circle, 35244) on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., beginning November 5. For more information, please contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-443-8562).

Women to Tour Lovelady Center

Our Women's Ministry is offering two tours of The Lovelady Center, on Monday, November 3, at 1:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, November 5, at 1:00 p.m. Come and see the transformative, Christ-centered work going on every day. Email Mary Bradley Anderson (Mary.Hosch@gmail.com) to let her know you're coming. See page 2 for details.

Call for Vestry Nominee Suggestions

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A Word from the Vice Dean

Luke chapter 18 begins with an intriguing little parable. The judge in the story is pretty much a secular scoundrel who, we're told, "neither feared God nor regarded man." And there is a widow who wouldn't leave him alone, saying, "vindicate me against my adversary." (Because she's a widow, we're left to believe that she lacks resources and political pull.)

But what she lacks in external influence she makes up with that all-so-important personal characteristic – persistence! She simply won't take no for an answer. She pesters the judge to the point that he finally says (in effect), "Oh, alright already! Lest you wear me out, I will grant you justice." That's the parable.

Now, to be sure, Jesus isn't likening God to the unrighteous judge. It's one of those "how much more" parables. Meaning, if a wicked judge will sometimes respond to do good (even with a bad motive), then *how*

much more will a righteous God respond to those who cry out to him?

Have you been waiting on God to answer your prayers? If so, don't give up! Ask, and keep on asking. He hears. He knows. He loves. He answers. Not always exactly as we think we want (thank God for that!), but God always answers our prayers. We need only to believe that he alone knows what is best.

In fact, as far as our prayer life is concerned, isn't that our ultimate hope – that God knows best? As Jesus taught us to pray, "Thy will be done." Not that God will do as we ask (when we ask it), but that God, who is "wont to give more than either we desire or deserve" (to quote that great Anglican prayer), will always do what is best for us.

At the beginning of this parable, it says that Jesus told it so they would pray, and not lose heart. Maybe the real question for us to consider is: Where do we place our hope? Is it in our prayers being answered in our way, and in our time? Or is our hope in the One to whom we are praying?

- Tom

Jesus told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

- Luke 18:1

This Sunday:

November 2, 2025

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Pinter

9:00 a.m. Holy Baptism

In the Nave. Preacher: Canon Pinter

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Assembly Hall. Preacher: Dean Smalley

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Dean Smalley

We will livestream the 9:00 a.m. Nave service and the 11:00 a.m. service.

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) – *Bible Origin Stories: The Translation of Scripture* – Dean Pinter

The Inquirers' Class (Diocesan Conference Room) – *Why We Do What We Do: Our Worship and Liturgy* – Adam Young

The Surpassing Worth of Knowing Christ (Chapter Room) – *Because He Has Made Me His Own (Philippians 3:12-4:1)* – Gil Kracke

Salvation at D-Day: Love and War in "For Esmé – with Love and Squalor" by J.D. Salinger (Living Room) – Jim Palmer

Faith and Family (Assembly Hall) – *Are We There Yet?: Golden Calf* – Margot Cooney and Will Fagan

From Awkward to Open: Talking to Your Kids About the Body, Sex, and Everything in Between (Lower School Library) – Tara Davis and Gunter Owens

Children's & Youth Education:

Our 3s and 4s classes meet at 9:00 a.m. Kindergarten through 3rd grade start the 9:00 service in church before leaving during the children's dismissal. 4th grade-6th grade and Jr. and Sr. High youth have classes between the 9:00 and 11:00 services.

The Nursery opens for our Infants, Toddlers, and 2s classes at 8:45 a.m. The Nursery is open for ages 6 weeks-5 years during the 11:00 service.



GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!



serving & outreach

Women's Ministry

Lovelady Center Tour Set for November 3 and 5

Did you know that Birmingham's Lovelady Center houses more than 500 women and children and is the largest faith-based transitional facility of its kind in the United States? Their mission is to empower women, many with children, who are overcoming addiction, trauma, homelessness, or involvement with the criminal justice system to rebuild their lives with Christ-centered hope. Through residential recovery and aftercare programs averaging 9-12 months, they offer housing, food, clothing, healthcare, counseling, life-skills training, job readiness, education, and childcare with the ultimate goal of providing tools each woman needs to support herself, parent her children, break cycles of incarceration and poverty, and re-enter society as contributing women of God.

Join Women's Ministries on a tour of The Lovelady Center and see the transformative, Christ-centered work going on every day. Plan to join us on Monday, November 3, at 1:00 p.m. or Wednesday, November 5, at 1:00 p.m.

Email Mary Bradley Anderson (Mary.Hosch@gmail.com) to let her know you're coming.

The Lovelady Center is located at 7916 2nd Avenue South, 35206, with plenty of street parking.

Women's Ministry



Craving Community: A Great Women's Fall Event

On October 16, women of the Advent had a great time getting to know one another and hearing the wives of our clergy share their thoughts on building friendships and the importance of faith in community. Contact Leslie Housman (Leslie@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information on our Women's Ministry.

Subscribe to Our Newsletter

Opt in to the monthly women's newsletter to stay up to date on what's happening in Women's Ministry and receive an encouraging Scripture reflection written by a woman in the parish. Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Subscribe and click the Subscribe button under "Women of the Advent."



spiritual growth & fellowship

Men's Ministry

Men's Luncheon with Paul Zahl Set for November 12

Advent men will gather for lunch on Wednesday, November 12, from noon-1:00 p.m. in Clingman Commons. Dean Emeritus Paul Zahl will give a talk entitled *How to Be a Good Father to a Difficult Child – of Any Age!* Lunch will be \$13 from Urban Cookhouse. You can sign up on the website (AdventBirmingham.org/Men) or Realm. Contact Anita Gray (Anita@CathedralAdvent.com) in the office with questions.

Club 456



Gathering for 4th-6th Graders Continues

Club 456 is a monthly gathering for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders on Sunday evenings that includes dinner, Bible study, and fellowship. This year at Club 456, children will discover and discuss the "I am" statements of Jesus in the Gospel of John. The next Club 456 will be on Sunday, November 9, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the home of Margot Cooney (2808 Cherokee Road, 35223). Contact Tara Davis for more information (Tara@CathedralAdvent.com).

Caregivers Support Group

Lunch Gathering November 14

Caregivers are invited to a monthly lunch with others who have been impacted by the demands of caring for a loved one. The next gathering will be Friday, November 14, noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). You are welcome 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. To RSVP or for details, contact Robin Turner (Robin@CathedralAdvent.com, 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

Choral Evensong

Evensong for Remembrance November 13

The time following All Saints' Day is marked by a period of remembering the faithful departed. The Cathedral Choir will lead a service of Choral Evensong for Remembrance on Thursday, November 13, at 5:30 p.m. featuring music by William Harris, Arvo Pärt, Gustav Holst, and Malcolm Boyle. Dean Smalley will be the officiant. All are invited to come and worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness and find rest in the gospel message. The service will also be livestreamed from the Advent's website (AdventBirmingham.org/Live) and associated digital platforms.

Lectionary

Sunday, November 2:

Psalm 149

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31



spiritual growth & fellowship

Youth Ministry



Above: On October 15, students gathered at Cranmer House to make art prints using ancient Christian symbols and their creative imaginations.

Advent House: Intercessory prayer is on-going through the Advent House Prayer Ministry. To schedule a prayer session at Advent House (2317 Arlington Avenue South, 35205), call Kathy Logue at 205-410-4622.

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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 at the December meeting, and thereafter will be announced to the parish. Elections will take place during the annual Parish Meeting on January 25, 2026.

Time Change this Weekend: Fall Back

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



education

Sex Education

For 5th and 6th Graders, and Parents

We live in a world that constantly talks about and references sex – often in ways that don't reflect God's design. Our hope is that the church and home can be the places where our children hear the truth.

On Saturday, November 15, from 9:00–11:00 a.m., the Advent will host *The Bible Talks About THAT?! – our annual sex education course* for 5th and 6th graders and their parents.

The program will begin in the Refectory with children and parents together for a brief welcome. Afterward, children will dismiss to their sessions on God's good design of the body, male and female puberty, and sex.

- Girls will meet with Associate Children's Ministry Director Gunter Owens and Advent School Nurse Evelyn Loft, RN.
- Boys will meet with Dean Pinter and 6th-grade Sunday School teacher, Dr. Robert Green, MD.

While children are in their sessions, parents will remain in the Refectory to hear from Margot Cooney, Tara Davis, Gil Kracke, and Will Fagan about how to talk with your children about the body and sex. We will conclude the program with children rejoining in the Refectory.

We know talking about these sex-related topics can feel awkward, but we are excited and eager to equip and support you so that you feel comfortable, competent, and confident! If you have not talked to your child about sex prior to this event, we recommend doing so and letting them know what the program is about. Reach out to Tara or Gunter if you would like support with that.

Refreshments and donuts will be provided. Please register to attend at AdventBirmingham.org/ChildrensMinistry.

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 2 Regular worship schedule	3 Women's Lovelady Center Tour - 7916 2nd Ave. South - 1:00 p.m.	4	5 Women's Lovelady Center Tour - 7916 2nd Ave. South - 1:00 p.m. YouthServe - 4:00 p.m.	6	7	8
Nov 9 Regular worship schedule Youth Family Brunch - 12:30 p.m. Club 456 - 2808 Cherokee Road - 4:00 p.m.	10	11	12 Men's Lunch - Clingman Commons - noon	13 Choral Evensong - Nave - 5:30 p.m.	14 Caregivers Support Lunch - Cranmer House - noon	15 <i>The Bible Talks About That?! - Advent - 9:00 a.m.</i>

Every Sunday: Breakfast – Refectory, 8:00 a.m.

Monday-Friday: AA – Coe Conference Room, noon

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.