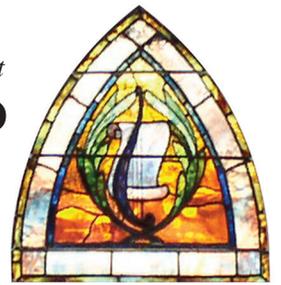


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News & Events

Lenten Preachers this Week:

Curt Benham, Kristen Deede Johnson, and Trygve Johnson

Curt Benham, North Campus Pastor at Trinity Episcopal Parish in St. Augustine, Florida, will preach Monday and Tuesday, March 2 and 3, at 12:05 p.m. Kristen Deede Johnson, Principal of Wycliffe College in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, will be our Lenten Preacher on Wednesday, March 4. Trygve Johnson, Executive Director of PreachFor Foundation, will preach Thursday and Friday, March 5 and 6. *See page 2 for more information.*

Acclaimed Conductor to Lead Choral Evensong March 5

Guest Conductor Walden Moore will lead the Cathedral Choir in a special service of Choral Evensong on Thursday, March 5, 5:30 p.m. in the Nave. For 40 years, Mr. Moore served as Organist and Choirmaster of Trinity Church on the Green in New Haven, Connecticut. *See page 2 for details.*

Have You Enjoyed a Lenten Lunch Yet?

Lenten Lunches are served from 12:15-1:00 p.m. every weekday of Lent except Good Friday. To see the menu, visit [Advent Birmingham.org/Lent](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Lent).



A Word from Canon Pinter

Liturgically, the Transfiguration account of Jesus functions as a hinge. It closes the Epiphany season, and it prepares the church for Lent by revealing Christ's glory before focusing on the themes of repentance, suffering, and the Passion. Theologically, the Transfiguration is a densely packed moment in Matthew 17, Mark 9, and Luke 9. The Transfiguration reveals Jesus as God's Son in glory while also signposting that Jesus' path to exaltation runs through the cross.

While the theological and liturgical elements are obviously important, one angle I had not thought about was the *relational* dynamic in this episode. Jesus takes his closest friends – Peter, James, and John – up the mountain with him, and while Jesus is transfigured, two more people, Moses and Elijah, appear in conversation with him. Most theologians agree that their appearance symbolizes Jesus' continuity and fulfillment of Israel's Scripture.

What I had not thought about before was observed by my wife, Darlene. She thought

it was interesting that, according to Luke's account, Moses and Elijah spoke to Jesus about his "departure" (literally, his "exodus"). She noted that Moses (Dt. 34) and Elijah (2 Kgs. 2), like Jesus, were given advance notice by God of their "departures." Also like Jesus, Moses and Elijah have a clear vocational sense of their own mission, and they also have something important to pass along to their immediate successors who would carry on the mission. For Moses it was Joshua; for Elijah it was Elisha; for Jesus it was Peter, James, and John. As such, Moses and Elijah are well-suited conversation partners for Jesus, not just symbolically or theologically, but also relationally.

I think it is a beautiful compliment to the liturgical and theological dimensions of the Transfiguration that there is also a potential relational aspect to be considered as well. Jesus, just before the time came for him "to set his face resolutely to go to Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51) where he knew suffering awaited him, is not only reminded of his identity and mission, but he is also given conversation partners and companions for the difficult road ahead.

- Dean

Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem.

- Luke 9:30-31

This Sunday:

March 1, 2026

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Will Fagan

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Nave. Preacher: Will Fagan

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Refectory. 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) – *The Shape of Matthew's Gospel* – Dean Pinter

The Inquirers' Class (Diocesan Conference Room) – *Repentance and Belief* – Rita Wright

Foundations of Faith (Living Room) – *Receiving the Gospel* – Gil Kracke

A Christian Response to Evil (Lower School Library) – *Our Response* – Dennis Sansom

Faith and Family (Assembly Hall) – *Raising Families: What if My Child Isn't on a School Team?* – 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 for Children's Church. 4th grade through 6th grade and Jr. and Sr. High youth have classes between the 9:00 and 11:00 services. See Sunday's worship bulletin for locations.

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.



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worship

Lenten Preaching Series

The preaching service runs from 12:05-12:30 p.m. each weekday of Lent except Good Friday. Join us in-person as much as you are able, but when you can't we hope you will join us for the livestream (AdventBirmingham.org/Live and YouTube) or listen later on our audio pages (AdventBirmingham.org/Audio). You can also subscribe to our podcast and have the sermons delivered directly to your digital device; the podcast is available on Spotify and Apple Podcasts. Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Lent to see the full preacher schedule.

Lenten Preachers this Week

Curt Benham to Preach Monday and Tuesday

Curt Benham is the North Campus Pastor at Trinity Episcopal Parish in St. Augustine, Florida. A native of Jacksonville, Florida, he graduated from Florida State University and then led a college ministry in Romania. He returned to the States to attend Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and then moved to Atlanta to serve at a large regional church. After being ordained in the Anglican Province of Rwanda, he planted a new church in Atlanta, where he served as Rector for 10 years. In 2020 he and wife Michelle moved back to their native northeast Florida, where he was received into the Episcopal Church and joined the clergy team at Trinity Parish.



Mr. Benham loves fly fishing, climbing mountains, surfing with his kids, bird watching with his wife Michelle, and telling people about the Friend of Sinners.

Kristen Deede Johnson Is Our Lenten Preacher Wednesday

Kristen Deede Johnson became the 11th Principal of Wycliffe College in Toronto, Ontario, Canada in 2025. She is also the Helliwell Professor of Theology, Ministry, and Culture at Wycliffe. She previously served at Western Theological Seminary, where she was Dean and Vice President of Academic Affairs.



Dr. Johnson's teaching and writing focus on theology, culture, discipleship, and Christian formation. She is widely published by both popular and academic publishers and is a sought-after thought leader on radio and podcasts. In 2017 a book she co-authored, *The Justice Calling: Where Passion Meets Perseverance*, was awarded Book of the Year by *Christianity Today* in the Politics and Public Life Category. She is married to Trygve (our preacher March 5-6), and they have two children.

Nursery Available on Thursdays for Lenten Preaching and Lunches

A nursery for children ages 5 and under is provided on Thursdays from 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Choral Evensong

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A sung version of the Evening Prayer service, Evensong is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. Dean Smalley will be the officiant for the service, which will be livestreamed on AdventBirmingham.org/Live and our YouTube channel. All are invited to come and worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, and find rest in the gospel message.

Trygve Johnson to Preach Thursday and Friday

Trygve Johnson is the Executive Director of the PreachFor Foundation, an organization working to call, form, and empower a new generation of Christian leaders for the church. With a Ph.D. from the University of St. Andrews, he is ordained in the Reformed Church in America. He served 18 years as the Dean of the Chapel at Hope College, where he oversaw Christian life and formation for the campus of more than 3,000 students and 750 employees. He is a co-founder and Fellow of The Eugene Peterson Center for Christian Imagination, and is a Senior Fellow at the Center for Pastoral Theologians.



Dr. Johnson wrote the book *The Preacher as Liturgical Artist*, and is the author of numerous articles and chapters on a theology of ministry and leadership. He is married to Kristen (our preacher on March 4), and they have two children.

Lectionary

Sunday, March 1

Psalm 121

Genesis 12:1-4a

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17



spiritual growth & fellowship

Advent House Prayer Ministry Intercessory Prayer Continues During Lent



The Advent House Prayer Ministry is here for you, particularly if you have recognized a need, large or small, for God's help in your life. Prayer intercessors will pray for you as they gather in the name of Jesus Christ, trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and depend upon the power of Christ Jesus to bring about healing – spiritual, physical, and emotional – for you.

If you would like to schedule a prayer appointment at Advent House (2317 Arlington Avenue South, 35205), please contact Kathy Logue (205-410-4622, Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com).

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- Philippians 4:4-7

Caregivers Support Group

Lunch Gathering March 13

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, March 13, 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).



serving & outreach

Local Outreach

Serve with Oak Tree Ministries

The Advent is grateful to partner with our friends at Oak Tree Ministries in Marks Village in East Lake. Here are three specific ways you can get involved:

1. Attend the Lunch & Learn on Friday, March 6, at noon.
2. Attend the Fourth Annual Gate City Clean-Up Day in partnership with Black Warrior River Keeper on Saturday, March 14, at 10:00 a.m., with lunch to follow
3. Volunteer with the teen girls ministry on Wednesday afternoons, 2:45-4:45 p.m.

Contact Canon Young (Adam@CathedralAdvent.com) to sign up or learn more about this amazing ministry.



making music

Refectory Service Band

Band Seeks Singers

We are building our team of volunteer singers for the Refectory Service Band. If you enjoy singing, can match pitch, and are looking for a place to serve monthly, please contact Lowana at Lowana@CathedralAdvent.com.

Advent Episcopal School



Did you know Advent Episcopal School serves students as young as 3-years-old? Advent's youngest students learn through hands-on exploration, play, and joyful discovery in a warm, faith-centered community. Members of the church are warmly invited to contact Christie Janey, Assistant Head of School for Advancement, for a personal tour of the school (CJaney@AesBhm.org).

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Hugh Browning Thornton, Jr.: (Endowment Fund) by William and Susan Davis; Ginger and Carey Hollingsworth; Shelley and Jerry Clark; Carroll and Scott Phelps; Carlton and Patty King; Kay and David Clark; Allison and Billy Pritchard; Bill and Gretchen Mordecai

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Mary Jane Street: (Advent House) by Katharine and Donny Patton

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transitions:

Baptism: Andrew James Luther, son of Mary Seldon and Andrew, on February 15

Death: Mildred "Mimi" Leake Day, on February 12

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Louis Culver: (Endowment Fund) by Deenie Culver

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Monday-Friday: Lenten Lunches – Refectory/Clingman Commons,
12:15 p.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.