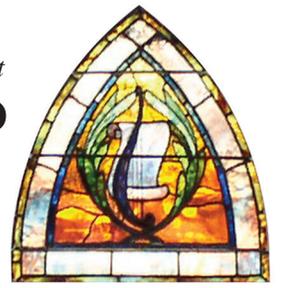


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Week of March 8, 2026



News & Events

Lenten Preachers this Week:

Daniel van Voorhis, Mark Rector, and Julie Canlis

Daniel van Voorhis, a Scholar-in-Residence at 1517 and host of *The Christian History Almanac* podcast, will preach Monday and Tuesday, March 9 and 10, at 12:05 p.m. Mark Rector, Associate Minister at Mountain Brook Baptist Church in Mountain Brook, Alabama, will be our Lenten Preacher on Wednesday, March 11. Julie Canlis, Liturgical Director at Trinity Church in Wenatchee, Washington, will preach Thursday and Friday, March 12 and 13. See page 2 for more information.

John Barclay Coming to the Advent

Professor John Barclay, one of the world's foremost New Testament theologians, will speak and preach at the Advent March 20-22. Widely known for his groundbreaking work on the Apostle Paul, he was also the doctoral supervisor of our own Dean Pinter. See page 2 for details.

Time Change Sunday: Spring Forward

Daylight Saving Time will resume at 2:00 a.m. this Sunday, March 8. Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night.



A Word from the Vice Dean

I began a "summer project" last May that I'm just about to finish. Although my original hope and intention was for our backyard deck to be done at the end of last summer, I'm grateful for some of the things that have evolved with the project over time, and have really enjoyed remaining engaged with it over this past year. (A big shout out and thank you to my friend Gibson Lanier, the true architect and craftsman of our beloved backyard covered deck!)

Similarly, when I first joined the staff in the summer of 2023, Craig asked me to help him reorganize the staff, which had been "unintentionally evolving" over a number of years. My original hope and intention was for that "project" to be done in about six to nine months. At month 30, I'm happy to report that (after several unexpected twists and turns with personnel over the past couple of years) we're about to wrap things up. Although, as I'm learn-

ing, we will never really "wrap things up," will we? Because it will continue to evolve. Just like my backyard deck.

Toward the beginning of his letter to the Philippians, the Apostle Paul prayed over the saints in Philippi God's assurance that "he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." As Miley Cyrus would say, it's about the climb. Life, discipleship, everything – it's a journey to be engaged, ever mindful of what Jesus has already done for us.

During this Lenten season, we're reminded of the journey we're on, a journey which always leads to a Holy Week death and resurrection. My inclination is always to turn this journey, this process, into an occasion or event to engage (transactionally, either successfully or unsuccessfully), always getting in the way of the transformative opportunity it's intended to be – for me to rest in what Christ has done for us.

- Tom

And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

- Philippians 1:6

This Sunday:

March 8, 2026

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Dean Smalley

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Nave. Preacher: Dean Smalley

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Refectory. Preacher: Canon Young

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Young

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 Variety of Christian Experiences: Good News for Confused Christians* – Daniel van Voorhis

The Inquirers' Class (Diocesan Conference Room) – *The Lord's Supper* – Dean Pinter

Foundations of Faith (Living Room) – *Being Read by the Word* – Gil Kracke

Grace in the Rubble (Assembly Hall) – *When God Does His Work in the Dark* – Marshall Malone

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

Daniel van Voorhis to Preach Monday and Tuesday

Daniel van Voorhis is a Scholar-in-Residence at 1517, for whom he is the writer and host of *The Christian History Almanac* podcast. After earning his Ph.D. in History from the University of St. Andrews, he spent 11 years teaching history and political thought at Concordia University. He now works with 1517 to help create resources for the church, especially for adult education.



Dr. van Voorhis speaks on various topics in the history of the church, from its early beginnings through the 21st-century American evangelical church. He has spoken internationally on the impacts of the early church creeds, the Reformation, Christianity in the United States, and issues pertaining to the church and state in America. He is the featured instructor in two 1517 Academy courses available at 1517.org: *The History of Christianity in America* and *A Brief History of the Reformation*. He and his wife Beth Anne enjoy life together with their two sons in California.

Mark Rector Is Our Lenten Preacher Wednesday

Mark Rector serves as Associate Minister at Mountain Brook Baptist Church in Mountain Brook, Alabama. He grew up in Mountain Brook and attended Furman University, majoring in Business Administration and Religion. Following Furman, he completed his Master of Divinity degree at Beeson Divinity School.



Mr. Rector has served in both local church and parachurch youth ministry contexts, including a term as College Minister at Brookwood Baptist Church in Birmingham. He is married to Anne, whom he met when both were in 3rd grade at Cherokee Bend Elementary School; she teaches 9th grade at Mountain Brook Junior High School. Mr. Rector enjoys coaching his four children, playing golf when he can, and reading a good book.

Nursery Available on Thursdays During Lent

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



spiritual growth & fellowship

John Barclay at the Advent

Scholar of the Apostle Paul to Speak and Preach

It is our privilege to welcome John Barclay to the Advent, having him with us for a most memorable weekend: Friday-Sunday, March 20-22.

Formerly the Lightfoot Professor of Divinity at Durham University (England), Professor Barclay (*right*) was also the doctoral supervisor of our own Dean Pinter. It is no exaggeration to describe him as one of the world's foremost New Testament theologians, widely known for his groundbreaking work on the Apostle Paul. His influential book, *Paul and the Gift*, has reshaped contemporary scholarship on Paul and on our understanding of grace.



We will begin our weekend with dinner and his first talk on Friday evening at 5:30, continuing Saturday morning at 8:30. Both Friday night and Saturday morning will be at the Advent. Professor Barclay will also be our preacher on Sunday morning at the 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. services (in the Nave).

For a schedule of the weekend, for additional details, and to register, please visit AdventBirmingham.org/Barclay. (Tuesday, March 17, is the registration deadline for Friday's dinner.)

We hope you will be able join us in welcoming him to the Advent. For more information, please contact Dean Pinter (Pinter@CathedralAdvent.com) or Gil Kracke (Gil@CathedralAdvent.com).

Julie Canlis to Preach Thursday and Friday

Julie Canlis is Liturgical Director at Trinity Church in Wenatchee, Washington. She also teaches intensives in many graduate programs. Raised in Seattle, she graduated from the University of Washington and Regent College before earning a Ph.D. at the University of St. Andrews. Her doctoral work was published as *Calvin's Ladder*, which won the *Christianity Today* Award of Merit for Theology in 2011.



Dr. Canlis was awarded the Templeton Prize for Theological Promise in 2007, after which she gave Templeton lectures in Europe, Canada, and the United States. While raising children, she produced the microbook *A Theology of the Ordinary*, which is about what happens when Ph.D.'s meet children, gardens, and chickens. She is married to Matt, and they have four children.



worship

City-Wide Prayer Service

Adventers Invited to Service March 15

On Sunday, March 15, Adventers are invited to participate in a gathering with Christians from a variety of churches across Birmingham to pray for our city. The service will be hosted by Sixth Avenue Baptist Church (1101 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW, 35211) at 5:00 p.m. Register online at UWePray.org or contact Canon Young (Adam@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

Lectionary

Sunday, March 8

Psalm 95

Exodus 17:1-7

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42



spiritual growth & fellowship

Club 456

Next Gathering for 4th-6th Graders Is this Sunday

The next Club 456 will be this Sunday, March 8, 4:00 p.m. at the home of Margot Cooney (2808 Cherokee Road, 35223). Club 456 is a monthly gathering for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders on Sunday evenings that includes dinner, Bible study, and fellowship. The group is currently studying and discussing the "I am" statements of Jesus in the Gospel of John. Contact Tara Davis (Tara@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

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).

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.



serving & outreach

Neighborhood Bible Study



The weekly Wednesday-morning Neighborhood Bible Study recently baptized a new person who came to faith through this outreach. The group celebrated with a sheet cake and lots of joy and gratitude. The Lord continues to call people to himself through his word studied and proclaimed. David Tanner and Tommy Kitsmiller have provided faithful leadership to this ministry. Thanks be to God!



education

Children's Sunday School



Our 2nd grade students made a take-home craft to remember John 4:13-14: *Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst."*

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The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda S. Curry, Bishop of Alabama

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 The Rev. William J. Fagan, Director of Parish Life and Evangelism
 The Very Rev. Dr. Paul F.M. Zahl, Dean Emeritus

transitions:

Birth: Althea "Thea" Stuart Hurt, daughter of Franny and Tucker, on February 2

Death: John "Jack" Wood Prugh, on February 19

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Stella Scott Schreiber: (Endowment Fund) by Lessie and Craig Brady

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calendar:

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Mar 15 Regular worship schedule	16 Lenten Preaching: Chad Bird - 12:05 p.m.	17 Lenten Preaching: Chad Bird - 12:05 p.m.	18 Lenten Preaching: Chad Bird - 12:05 p.m.	19 Lenten Preaching: Chad Bird - 12:05 p.m.	20 Lenten Preaching: Chad Bird - 12:05 p.m. John Barclay Dinner and Talk - Refectory - 5:30 p.m.	21 John Barclay Talks - Refectory - 8:30 a.m.

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.