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News & Events

Mary Ann McCarty to Be Ordained as Deacon this Sunday

Mary Ann McCarty will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons this Sunday, April 12, 5:00 p.m. at the Advent. We will hold a reception for Mary Ann in Clingman Commons following the service. All Adventers are invited to attend the service and reception. See page 2 for more information.

A Note from Vice Dean Murray on Possible Property Acquisition

The Advent is exploring the possibility of acquiring the Birmingham Board of Education building (directly across 6th Avenue North from the church, along 20th Street), as a way to further support our growing ministries and partnerships. Over the six-month due diligence period, we will carefully and prayerfully be considering how this property may or may not be the right investment for us at this time. Please keep this in your prayers, and if you have ideas or opinions to share, please contact me (Tom@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3549) or either of the Wardens, Ricky Bromberg and Mike Lucas.

- Tom



A Word from Canon Pinter

We Have an Advocate

John, in his first epistle, names Jesus as our "Advocate" in the presence of the Father (1 John 2:1) who is there for us when we are overwhelmed by our sin and shame. This is the same word Jesus uses to describe the Spirit, the "Advocate," given to us by the Father, so that we will never be alone in our sin and shame (John 14:16). Jesus is our Advocate with the Father in heaven, and the Spirit is our abiding Advocate in our hearts. In one sense, the Advocate in our hearts is an echo of Jesus' praying voice, another instance of "on earth as it is in heaven." Jesus is praying for you and me, and the Spirit testifies to that truth.

The Scottish minister Robert Murray M'Cheyne wrote: "If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would not fear a million enemies. Yet distance makes no difference. He is praying for me" (*Memoir and Remains*).

Although I hear, and am often the one saying, the "comfortable words" from 1 John at worship on Sundays, they are words all of us need to hear every day. In the place of the indicting thoughts that bleat their accusations in our hearts daily, may we hear the echo of Jesus' prayers for us, filling us with Spirit-empowered courage and hope. Yet, whether we feel it or not, it is a fact; we have an Advocate in heaven, Jesus the Righteous One, and we have an Advocate in our hearts, the Spirit of Truth.

- Dean

We have an Advocate with the Father – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

- 1 John 2:1b

This Sunday:

April 12, 2026

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Young

9:00 a.m. Holy Baptism

In the Nave. Preacher: Canon Young

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Refectory. Preacher: Mary Ann McCarty

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Mary Ann McCarty

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

Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Live, YouTube, or Facebook Live to access our stream.

Adult Education (10:15-10:50 a.m.):

The Dean's Class (Refectory) – *Unto the Ends of the Earth: The Gospel at Work in Japan – Reflections by Our Students*

Inquirers' Class (Diocesan Conference Room) – Prayer – Will Fagan

Biblical "Barrenness" (Assembly Hall) – *A New Hope* – Derrill McDavid

Why Am I a Christian?: Challenges and Reasons for Believing (Chapter Room) – Bill Wortman

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.



GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!

Mary Ann McCarty's Ordination Is this Sunday



Bishop Glenda Curry will ordain Mary Ann McCarty to the Sacred Order of Deacons this Sunday, April 12, 5:00 p.m. at the Advent. We will hold a reception for Mary Ann in Clingman Commons following the service. All Adventers are invited to attend the service and reception.

A native of Meridian, Mississippi, Mary Ann graduated from Mississippi College and earned her M.Div. degree at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. She joined the Advent staff in 2022, serving first as Girls Youth Director and then as Director of Youth Ministry. Please join us in thanking God for Mary Ann and praying for her as she takes the next step in her ministry.



spiritual growth & fellowship

Ageless Adventers

Third Wednesday Luncheons Return April 15

After taking a break for Lent, the Ageless Adventers will gather for a Third Wednesday luncheon on Wednesday, April 15, noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209).

Whether you are still active, newly retired, or have been enjoying flexibility for decades, you are welcome! So that we have an accurate count for lunch, please RSVP by Friday, April 10, to Robin Turner (205-226-3500, Robin@CathedralAdvent.com).



servicing & outreach

Lenten Lunches

Table Centerpieces on Sale this Sunday

Healthy Pothos plants used in Lenten Lunches' centerpieces will be on sale this Sunday, April 12, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Clingman Commons. The cost per plant is \$10 (cash or check only) with proceeds benefiting Restoration Academy, Maranathan Academy, and Lovelady Center. Contact Hallie Rawls (205-870-0022) for more information.



education

Children's Sunday School

Bibles to Be Presented to 2nd Graders this Sunday

The Advent will present Bibles to our 2nd grade students this Sunday, April 12, 10:15 a.m. in the Nave. Children will receive the Adventure Bible (NIV) and hear encouragement about their lifelong journey of reading God's word. We hope your whole family can attend this special event. Please confirm your attendance with Tara Davis (Tara@CathedralAdvent.com).



spiritual growth & fellowship

Youth Ministry

Brunch Set for this Sunday

Advent youth in grades 7-12 are invited to the Second Sunday Brunch this Sunday, April 12, 12:30-2:00 p.m. at the home of Margot Cooney (2808 Cherokee Road, 35223). Contact Margot (Margot@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

Advent House Prayer Ministry



Intercessory Prayer Offered at Advent House

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).

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

- John 20:19-20

[Jesus prayed to the Father] "As you sent me into the world, so I have sent [those you have given me] into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth." - John 17:18-19

making music

Midday Music

Music for Voice, Horn, and Piano April 17

Our 2025-2026 Midday Music series will conclude on Friday, April 17, at noon, with a concert in Clingman Commons by David Tayloe, tenor; Valerie Sly, horn; and Kevin Chance, piano. Their program will feature music of English composer Benjamin Britten, written for the special combination of tenor, horn, and piano.

David (*above right*), praised as a "lovely tenor that sings with Mozartean finesse," is active as a recitalist in the United States and the UK, and has served as Associate Professor of Voice at the University of Alabama since 2014. Valerie (*center right*) is Principal Horn of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra, and teaches at Samford University and the Alabama School of Fine Arts. She has performed with the New York Philharmonic and other major symphony orchestras. Kevin (*below right*) is Assistant Professor of Piano and Chair of Piano Studies at the University of Alabama. He has performed throughout the United States and abroad as a soloist and collaborator.

All are cordially invited to this free, 30-minute performance. Please do not miss the opportunity to hear beautiful music performed by three of the area's finest musicians!



Concert Series

Cathedral Choir to Offer Preview of England Tour April 26

The Cathedral Choir will sing a concert on Sunday, April 26, 4:00 p.m. in the Nave. The performance is offered as a preview of the choir's tour to England in July. Admission is free.

The choir will have residencies in Winchester Cathedral and St. George's Chapel, Windsor, and the concert will feature in large part the music they will sing while on tour. Come support our Cathedral Choir and wish them well on their upcoming pilgrimage.

worship

Lectionary

Sunday, April 12

Psalm 16 • Acts 2:14a, 22-32 • 1 Peter 1:3-9 • John 20:19-31

education

Thursday Morning Moms

Study for Moms of Young Children to Run Through May 7

Thursday Morning Moms Bible study continues through May 7 before taking a break until August 20. This Bible study is open to all moms with young children. We are glad to welcome new members at any time. Nursery is available, but your little one is more than welcome to join us. Contact Leslie Housman (Leslie@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3511) with questions.

Children's Sunday School



Above: On Palm Sunday, kindergartners reflected on the stories of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection and then made a special keepsake to remind them that he died and rose for them.

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Ella Cobbs Cook: (Children's Ministry) by Mr. and Mrs. James L. Richardson; William K. Nicrosi, II; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie T. Jordan; Mr. and Mrs. John J. McMahon, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bynum; Mr. and Mrs. Carter Bryars; Mr. and Mrs. Philippa Bainbridge; Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Pasqualini; James A. Davis, III; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bessette; Harlan I. Prater, IV; Elisabeth Lyman; Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Byrd; Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Metzger; Mr. and Mrs. William L. Thuston; Wendy W. White; Betty B. Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. W. Stancil Starnes; Mr. and Mrs. Willis J. Goldsmith; Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. McCallum; Mr. and Mrs. John Carter; John Stivender; Joseph P. Pridgen, Jr.; Wanda B. Monroe; Mr. and Mrs. Peter G. Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Shackelford; Whitney W. Long

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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
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transitions:

Births: Kenneth Ross Blankenship, son of Din and Ross, on March 26; Jackson Ransom Reeves, son of Kristina and Jackson, on March 26; Drew Wilson Shaw, son of Helen Cumbee and Andrew, on March 27; Eloise Elizabeth Irwin, daughter of Savannah and Anthony, on March 30; Paul "Ford" Anthony Irwin, IV, son of Savannah and Anthony, on March 30

Baptism: Alice Collins Limbaugh, daughter of Ann Ashton and Bennett, on March 29

Death: David Clifton Dailey, on March 29

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Sarah Britton Neal: (Mission and Outreach) by Frank and Kathie Taylor

Nancy Sharp Lundberg: (Pastoral Care) by the Lundberg Family

Andrew Burton DeAtkine: (Endowment Fund) by Marjorie Johnston



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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 12 Regular worship schedule Youth Second Sunday Brunch - 12:30 p.m. Mary Ann McCarty Ordination - Nave - 5:00 p.m.	13	14	15 Ageless Adventers Third Wednesday - Cranmer House - noon	16	17 Midday Music - Clingman Commons - noon	18
Apr 19 Regular worship schedule	20	21	22	23	24	25

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.