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News & Events

Choir to Sing Compline September 3

In a first this season, the Cathedral Choir will sing the Office of Compline on Thursday, September 3, 7:30 p.m. in the Nave. Compline is one of the ancient monastic services sung before the close of day. The service will be led entirely by the choir out of the Book of Common Prayer and will provide a time of reflection, prayer, and reverence. We invite you to come and pray this special service with us, surrounded by the beauty of holiness.



Rally Day Is September 13; Parish Picnic Set for October 4

Save the dates for two important events which will take place on different days this year. Rally Day is Sunday, September 13, and the fall Parish Picnic will be Sunday, October 4, at Regions Field. Rally Day marks the beginning of the new program year



A Word from Mary Ann McCarty

While I was on vacation out West, I enjoyed unstructured, quiet days in nature, taking walks with no regard for the clock. I swam in cold lakes, enjoyed the sunshine sans humidity, and spent almost all my waking hours outside – peak relaxation for me. I reflected on the daily grind back home; I began to see the way the grind wears down my soul at times with its constant requirements and, often, fast pace. As I began to question how to avoid that upon my return, my dread grew. Was I stuck? Is this unavoidable in 21st-Century American life? I can get existential fast.

I walked into a church in an Idaho town for Sunday worship and heard the Epistle lesson read from Romans 8. “Therefore, there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,” the lector proclaimed. Though I have heard that verse countless times, I heard it that day as an answer to my dread. I could hardly believe the word had spoken so clearly through such famil-

iar words. Of course! I can return to the grind because God is not evaluating my performance against my failure, holding my life on a scale. No, Christ Jesus has fulfilled all that was required of me for peace with God. Hallelujah! I am free to live in the grind without fear or pressure of falling off some invisible but deadly cliff because Christ has accomplished the weight of my life for me. This old news became good news to me that day and has continued working on me after my return home.

As we return from summer, I pray you and I would continue to hear the voice of our Savior telling us over and over he has proven the worth of our lives by his own sacrifice of himself for us; we can respond by living the lives he has given us in freedom and love for him.

- Mary Ann

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

- Romans 8:1

This Sunday:

August 30, 2026

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Gardner

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Nave. Preacher: Canon Gardner

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Refectory. Preacher: Canon Pinter

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Preacher: Canon Pinter

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) – *A Few of Our Favorite Things* – Jay Gardner and Adam Young

Law and Gospel (Assembly Hall) – *The Word that Bids Us to Fly and Gives Us Wings* – Will McDavid and Gil Kracke

Children's & Youth Education:

4K meets at 9:00 a.m. Kindergarten through 3rd graders start the 9:00 service in church before leaving during the children's dismissal for Children's Church. 4th graders through 6th graders 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 (rising 3K) 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!



spiritual growth & fellowship

Women's Ministry

Kickoff Set for September 10

Join us to kick off the new program year on Thursday, September 10, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Meet new friends and learn about upcoming events as well as other ways you can get involved and get to know more women in the church. Refreshments will be served. Register through your Realm account or at AdventBirmingham.org/Women. Contact Leslie Housman (Leslie@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3511) with questions.

20s & 30s Ministry

New Season to Kick Off with Dinner September 13

Save the date for the 20s & 30s Fall Kickoff Dinner on Sunday, September 13, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the home of Sidney and Martin Clapp (57 Fairway Drive, 35213). In addition to fellowship and food, Jen Green – an Advent member and psychologist – will join us for a conversation about resilience during the significant life stages many of us are navigating and what the gospel has to say about them. The cost is free. Please sign up at AdventBirmingham.org/20s30s. Contact Will Fagan (Fagan@CathedralAdvent.com) with questions.

Men's Ministry

A Saturday Morning of Wood Splitting and Breakfast

Men of the Advent (and friends!) are invited to gather for some good old-fashioned wood splitting on Saturday, September 12, from 8:00-10:00 a.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). We will have some large logs and a maul, as well as coffee and donuts. Guys can come by at any point, split some wood, watch others attempt to split wood and laugh, or just hang out on a casual Saturday morning before football. You can take away wood for your fireplace or firepit. Questions? Contact Canon Young on his cell at 205-447-8647.

Caregivers Support Group

Lunch Gathering September 11

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, September 11, noon at Cranmer House. To RSVP or for details, contact Robin Turner (Robin@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3500).



worship

Lectionary

Sunday, August 30

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c • Psalm 26:1-8
Exodus 3:1-15 • Romans 12:9-21 • Matthew 16:21-28



making music

Concert Series



Trinity College Cambridge Choir in Concert September 17

The first concert of the season is coming up fast! The Choir of Trinity College Cambridge is one of the most highly regarded collegiate choirs in England, and they will kick off this season's Concert Series on Thursday, September 17, at 7:00 p.m. The Choir of Trinity College Cambridge is a mixed-voice ensemble comprising 36 Choral Scholars and two Organ Scholars, and was voted the fifth best choir in the world in *Gramophone* magazine's "20 Greatest Choirs." The college's choral tradition dates back to the all-male choir of the 14th century. For ticket information, please call the Music Office at (205) 443-8553, or visit AdventBirmingham.org/Music.

Needlepoint Guild



The new Needlepoint Guild held its first gathering the afternoon of Sunday, August 16, at Cranmer House. Co-chairs Rebecca Campagna and Catherine Kirpalani welcomed 25 stitchers – beginners, advanced, and everywhere in between – for a fun and productive afternoon. The Needlepoint Guild plans to meet the third Sunday of each month. Join them on September 20 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. for their next gathering. Contact Catherine Kirpalani (Catherine.Hall1@me.com) with questions or to be added to the list.

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



serving & outreach

Episcopal Place



Advent Women to Host Annual Birthday Party

If you like gospel hymns and birthday cake, we have just the right volunteer opportunity for you! The Women of the Advent will throw a birthday party for the residents at Episcopal Place (1112 26th Street South, 35205) on Tuesday, September 15, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. For this fabulous annual event, we decorate the party room; serve cake, ice cream, and drinks; pray for September birthdays; and host an old-time gospel hymn sing-along with the residents (accompanied by the talented duo of Eve Nash and Dwight Williams). All women are welcome to help by: 1) providing food or supplies, or 2) attending the party – where you can choose to serve, socialize, sing, and/or simply smile; no experience or skill required. To sign up or find out more, contact Anne Lynn Langloh (ALangloh@gmail.com, 205-504-0911).

Please join us for this special opportunity to engage with a mission partner, celebrate our Episcopal Place friends, and share the joy of the gospel.

Local Outreach

Restoration Academy School Kick-Off Lunch September 3

Join Advent mission partner Restoration Academy on Thursday, September 3, for the first luncheon of the school year as they kick off a new year centered around the theme inspired by Colossians 3:17: *"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."*

Come enjoy lunch, hear encouraging updates about the campus, connect with members of the RA community, and learn how God is continuing to work through the lives of students, faculty, and families. Whether you've been a longtime supporter or are just getting to know RA, you are warmly invited to attend. Registration is open now and includes a free lunch! Contact Canon Young (Adam@CathedralAdvent.com) for the registration link.

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.



education

The Inquirers' Class

Fall Series to Begin September 13

Are you deciding whether to make the Advent your church home? The Inquirers' Class will help you make that decision. This seven-week series will give you an idea of what the Advent believes and why we believe it. It will begin on Sunday, September 13, from 10:15-10:50 a.m. Please contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-443-8562) for more information.

Galatians Small-Group Study

Zoom Group Forming for Women and Men

Are you 75 or older? If so, please join us for the parish-wide Galatians study, facilitated by Mary Ann McCarty via Zoom on Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., beginning September 23. Come in your pajamas with a cup of coffee, or dressed for lunch. Just come! To sign up, contact Fontaine Pope (205-443-8562, Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com).

Local Outreach

Oak Tree Ministries Lunch & Learn September 11

You are invited to a free lunch at the Treehouse in East Lake on Friday, September 11, at noon with Advent mission partner Oak Tree Ministries (6517 Kimberly Avenue, 35212). Whether you've just been introduced to the ministry or you've been a friend of Oak Tree for years, come discover what's new around the Treehouse this year! Enjoy a box lunch from a nearby local business, hear updates from OTM staff, and enjoy table fellowship with new and old friends of Oak Tree. Reserve a seat today for you (and for a friend!). Contact Canon Young (Adam@CathedralAdvent.com) for the registration link.

Did You Know... about the Tithe.ly App?

We have used Tithe.ly as our online platform for giving for several years now. When you visit AdventBirmingham.org/Give, you are able quickly and easily to give a one-time gift or set-up a recurring gift, by using either a credit card or bank draft. From a pull-down menu, you can select what the gift is for: as a payment for your pledge, a single plate offering, or towards a specific fund or ministry.

Even easier, if you download the Tithe.ly app, you can give from your phone the way many of us use Venmo or other peer-to-peer payment platforms. (Venmo is not a good option for us as a church. As a peer-to-peer platform, it is great for splitting the bill at dinner or paying a babysitter, but it does not track your gifts well and operates with daily maximums.) After downloading the app and saving your information, the rest is as simple as pressing "Give," specifying where the gift is being given, and filling in information in the "Memo" line. We hope you'll try it if you're interested! If you have any questions, please email Communications@CathedralAdvent.com.

advent clergy

The Very Rev. R. Craig Smalley, Dean and Rector
 The Rev. Canon Thomas P. Murray, Vice Dean
 The Rev. Canon James "Jay" W. Gardner III, Canon Pastor
 The Rev. Canon Dr. Dean L. Pinter, Canon Theologian
 The Rev. Canon Adam A. Young, Canon Missioner

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

diocese of alabama

The Rt. Rev. Richard T. Lawson III, Bishop

transitions:

Death: Stuart Elliott Roberts,
 on August 17

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Harry Edward "Ed" Logue: (Pastoral Care) by Virginia and John Hornsby; Leslie and Kevin Housman; Sandra and Gordon Goddard; Donna Seibels; Amie and Kyle McLain; Glenda and Jim Sparacio

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 30 Regular worship schedule	31	Sept 1	2 Youth Park Place Partners - 4:00 p.m.	3 Compline Service - Nave - 7:30 p.m.	4	5
Sept 6 Regular worship schedule	7 Labor Day Church office closed	8	9	10 Women's Ministry Kickoff - Cranmer House - 6:30 p.m.	11 Caregivers Support Lunch - Cranmer House - noon	12 Men's Wood Splitting - Cranmer House - 8:00 a.m.

Monday-Friday (No meeting on September 7): 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.