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News & Events

Stewardship Sunday: Making Your Pledge for 2027

Many thanks to those who have already made a pledge to support the Advent financially in 2027. For those who have not, please prayerfully consider doing so this Sunday, October 11, to support the Advent financially in 2027. You may place your Pledge Card in the offering plate at all services or at the Stewardship Table in Clingman Commons. You may also return your Pledge Card by mail or in-person at the church office, or you may complete it online: AdventBirmingham.org/Pledge. The pledges of parishioners fund more than 90 percent of the Advent's annual operating budget, and it is from pledges that we move forward in our budgeting process.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.
— Ephesians 2:8

Grief Recovery Series Begins October 14

The Grief Recovery Group will begin a six-part series on Wednesday, October 14, 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the Living Room at the Advent. Jay Gardner and Tracey Anderson will lead the sessions. See page 2 for more information.



A Word from Canon Pinter

A theologian is "one who prays, and who stumbles in their prayer, and who thinks of their stumbling."

— Karen Kilby

For most of my life, I have been quick to laugh and slow to speak. I wish the slowness was because I am wise and thoughtful, but really it is because it often takes me longer than I would like to articulate my thoughts, and even then I tend to stutter and stumble over my words. I would prefer to be the kind of person who thinks well on their feet, asks the clever question, and has witty repartee at the tip of the tongue. When learning through reading and study, it can take me days or weeks to formulate my thoughts or grasp a concept. Maybe you can relate.

I am grateful for the time and space I am given to reflect and read Scripture in preparation to preach and teach at the Advent. A dear friend is also helping me learn to lighten up, enter the freedom and joy of a less-scripted life, and embrace the posture of improvisation. At 61, I'm still learning, growing, and adapting as a priest and

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

scholar. I think that is a good thing.

While I will probably always tend toward overpreparation, one place I have been trying to improvise is during Thursday morning gatherings of Sunrise Sinners. This group, open to anyone, gathers Thursdays at 7:00 a.m. in the Refectory to enjoy coffee and conversation about the upcoming Sunday's biblical lessons. These gatherings are typically led by the preacher scheduled for the 9:00 a.m. Nave service.

Each preacher can lead the discussion as they choose, but I'm trying to lean into improvising and spontaneous conversation about the text. I have usually done considerable preparation already, but I take this time to be unscripted and let ideas and words flow freely. This is not my natural "mode," but for me the gathering has become one of the most stimulating spaces for learning.

I encourage you to join the Sunrise Sinners on Thursday mornings. I've found the company and conversation engaging and energizing. More importantly, I think it is a great way to arrive with ears tuned and mind engaged for the upcoming Sunday's service. Try it out, if you can. You might find it fun.

—Dean

— 1 Peter 3:15

This Sunday:

October 11, 2026

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Mary Ann McCarty

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Nave. Preacher: Mary Ann McCarty

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Refectory. Preacher: Canon Pinter

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

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) — *What's in a Name? Judah and Tamar* (Matthew's Genealogy) — Dean Pinter

All Shall Be Well: Seeing Jesus with Julian of Norwich (Living Room) — Kristen Padilla

20s and 30s Class (Lower School Library) — *Christ for You: The Gospel's Alluring Word* — Will Fagan and Leslie Housman

Breakfast:

8:15-9:00 a.m. in Clingman Commons

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!

Stewardship

Loosening Our Grip on One of Our Most Precious Idols



Above: Colton Houston with his wife Megan and their children

We give to the Advent for two simple reasons:

1. The church needs it. To put it quite plainly, if the members of the church do not give, then the church cannot pay its staff and its bills. The beauty and the reality is that the church is dependent upon the generosity of its members for financial stability. We like doing our small part to help ensure that the work of the Advent can continue.
2. We need it. This realization was later in arriving for us but is actually the deeper and more profound truth. Giving away our money to the church is good for us. It loosens our grip on one of our most precious idols (money) and reminds us in a very tangible way that we are dependent upon God and upon others. It can be hard to give away one's money. There have been seasons of our life when we haven't done so consistently. But when we do, what happens at the heart level for us is not that we experience an increase of fear or worry. In fact, it's the opposite.

Oh taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him (Psalm 34:8).

- Colton Houston

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.

Advent House: Intercessory prayer for healing is on-going at Advent House. If you would like to schedule a prayer session, please call Kathy Logue at 205-410-4622.



spiritual growth & fellowship

Ageless Adventers

Next Third Wednesday Luncheon Is October 21

The Ageless Adventers will gather for the Third Wednesday luncheon on Wednesday, October 21, 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, October 16, to Robin Turner (205-226-3500, Robin@CathedralAdvent.com).

Grief Recovery Group

Series Begins October 14

The Grief Recovery Group will start a six-part series on Wednesday, October 14, 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the Advent Living Room. Jay Gardner and Tracey Anderson will lead the group, which will meet on six Wednesdays, ending on December 2. The group will not meet on November 11 (Veterans Day) or November 25 (Thanksgiving Wednesday). Contact Robin Turner (Robin@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3500) with questions.

Men's Ministry



Sporting Clays Event November 7

The men of the Advent are invited again to shoot sporting clays at Pursell Farms on Saturday morning, November 7, starting at 7:45 a.m. The course at Pursell Farms is top-notch and beautiful. Whether you are a first-time shooter or a veteran, all are invited. Friends and co-workers are more than welcome.

Early registration is helpful, so we can know whether we need to reserve additional space on the course (while it is still available).

For more information and to register, visit AdventBirmingham.org/Men. As space remains, the deadline to register is Sunday, November 1.

Questions? Contact Adam Young (Adam@CathedralAdvent.com) or Gil Kracke (Gil@CathedralAdvent.com).

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- Ephesians 2:8-9



serving & outreach

Coat Drive

Collection Set for October 18 and 25

Please bring new or gently used coats and jackets on Sunday mornings, October 18 and 25, for a coat drive to support women at The Lovelady Center. The Lovelady Center provides much-needed services in a Christ-centered environment with the goal of breaking the cycle of poverty and incarceration. Look for the table in Clingman Commons.

Local Outreach



Save the Date: Park Place Fall Festival Is October 29

Grab a few friends from your small group to come support our neighbors at Park Place at a family-friendly Fall Festival on Thursday, October 29, 4:30-6:00 p.m. across from Marconi Park. As in years past, we will provide trunks for the trunk or treat. Decorate your car trunk with a theme, wear fun costumes, and pass out candy! There will be bounce houses, a DJ, and other organizations participating. It's a tremendous way for the Advent to participate in our central-city neighborhood with the joy and hope of Christ. Sign up your group on the church website (AdventBirmingham.org/Mission) or contact Canon Young (Adam@CathedralAdvent.com).

Brother Bryan Mission

Mission Graduation at Advent October 22

We all love a good redemption story. It's exciting to see men having their lives completely changed by Jesus Christ. Come be a part of an evening celebrating the accomplishments of our friends at Brother Bryan who are leaving lives of addiction to become Christ-honoring productive citizens. The testimonies of these men are deeply moving!

This graduation will take place Thursday, October 22, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Refectory. The Advent is hosting and serving Taziki's for dinner. Contact Canon Young to sign up and be a part of encouraging 60 men from Brother Bryan Mission (Adam@CathedralAdvent.com).



making music

Midday Music

Music for Viola and Piano October 22

Our Midday Music series continues on Thursday, October 22, at noon in Clingman Commons with a free 30-minute concert by Lucina Horner Cosby, viola, and Ken Watson, piano. Lucina has held positions in numerous symphony orchestras, and has been a member of the viola section in the Alabama Symphony Orchestra since 1998. Her program will include a variety of interesting music covering a wide range of styles. Please note the change this season from Fridays to Thursdays for the Midday Music Series. Please also note we are unable to livestream concerts from Clingman Commons at this time.

Please come and hear what promises to be a half-hour of magnificent and beautiful music!



worship

Lectionary

Sunday, October 11

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 • Exodus 32:1-14

Psalm 23 • Philippians 4:1-9 • Matthew 22:1-14

Did You Know... How Important Sunday Volunteers Are?

If you are one of the many who serve on Sundays, thank you!!! So much of what we enjoy on Sundays happens only because of the faithful work of so many volunteers.

Here are a few of the volunteer teams that serve faithfully and well nearly every Sunday of the year: breakfast cooks, Altar Guild members, Children's Ministry and Youth Sunday school volunteers, acolytes, ushers, chalice bearers, readers, sound board and livestream operators, Welcome Team members, and more. A lot goes into every Sunday!

If you would like to serve in one or more of these capacities, we would love to connect you to the right place. Email Communications@CathedralAdvent.com and we will connect you with the right person on staff.

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Frederick "Ricky" Wilkinson Bromberg: (Advent House) by Dr. and Mrs. Paul Petznick • (Mission and Outreach) by Elizabeth and Bayard Tynes; Mary and Victor Hanson; John and Jean Oliver; Suzanne and Jack Bowness; Carolyn Lankford; Anne Oliver; Trudy Evans • (Endowment Fund) by Kate Cotton; Perry Given; Charles and Ellen Lacy; Peggy Goodwin

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:

Baptism: Charles Anderson Kent, son of Caroline and Raleigh, on September 27; Phillip George Sander Jr., son of Katherine and Phillip, on September 27

Marriage: Katherine Forrester Patton and Richard Hill Stockton, on September 26

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Joe Sprigg: (Garden Fund) by Amy Baddour

Clay Flournoy: (Garden Fund) by Amy Baddour

Rollo William Gilbert Knight: (Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Roy F. Knight

Robert William Klyce: (Garden Fund) by Latham and Belle Saddler; Mr. and Mrs. Elam Holley; Carolyn Delk

Georgia Bibb Tweedy Paschall: (Lenten Lunches) by Eliza Petznick

In Honor of Caroline Margaret Dacre Knight: (Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Roy F. Knight



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upcoming events:

Interested in more information?

Watch the *Adventurer*, check social media and the website, or call the church office (205-251-2324).

Parish-Wide

Coat Drive

Sundays, October 18 and 25
Clingman Commons

Midday Music

Thursday, October 22
Noon in Clingman Commons

Brother Bryan Graduation

Thursday, October 22
5:30 p.m. in the Refectory

Park Place Fall Festival (Trunk or Treat)

Thursday, October 29
4:30-6:00 p.m. at Park Place

Ordination of Mary Ann McCarty

Thursday, October 29
6:00 p.m. in the Nave

Choral Evensong for All Saints' Day

Sunday, November 1
5:30 p.m. in the Nave

Midday Music

Thursday, November 12
Noon in the Nave

Groups

Ageless Adventers Third Wednesday Luncheon

Wednesday, October 21
Noon at Cranmer House

Men's Sporting Clays

Saturday, November 7
7:45 a.m.-Noon at Pursell Farms

Women's Quiet Day

Saturday, November 7
9:00 a.m.-Noon at the Advent

Caregivers Support Luncheon

Friday, November 13
Noon at Cranmer House

Women's Christ in the Christmas Crunch

Thursday, December 3
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in Clingman Commons

Children and Youth

Club 456

Sunday, October 18
4:00-6:00 p.m. at Margot Cooney's home

5th/6th Grade Bible Study and Pizza

Sunday, October 25
6:00-7:30 p.m. at Ashley Essig's home

Youth Paintball

Sunday, November 1
4:00-6:00 p.m. at Central Alabama Paintball Park

Youth Park Place Partners

Wednesday, November 4
4:00-5:00 p.m. at Park Place

BigTime Ministries Retreat for 7th-9th Grade Girls

Friday-Sunday, November 6-8

AA: Monday-Friday, Coe Conference Room, noon