**CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT**

IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

NINE O'CLOCK

*in the Nave*

NOVEMBER 1, 2026

*All Saints' Day*

Holy Baptism and Holy Communion

# WELCOME!

We are delighted to have you join us today.

If you are visiting and are interested in learning more about the Advent, please complete an information card (located in the pew rack in front of you) so we can get to know you better.

Except for hymns, page numbers listed in the bulletin refer to the Book of Common Prayer in the pew racks. Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal.

The Lord be with you.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH CLASSES

3K – Room 105
4K – Room 106
Kindergarten – Room 213
1st Grade – Room 214
2nd Grade – Room 217
3rd Grade – Room 218
4th Grade – Room 307
5th Grade – Room 309
6th Grade – Room 310
7th-8th Grade – The Undercroft
9th-12th Grade – Lower Morton Meeting Room

## ADULT CLASSES

*Adult Classes take place from 10:15 to 10:50 a.m. and will be available online at AdventBirmingham.org/Audio.*

**The Dean's Class** (Refectory) – *What's in a Name?: David and Bathsheba* – Dean Pinter and Daniel Stulac

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

**From Bad to Worse** (Chapter Room) – *Assyria and Babylon in the Apocalypse of Habakkuk* – Wilson Hunter

**Becoming Whole** (Living Room) – *Replacing Destructive Outreach Ministry Practices* – Adam Young and Lisa Yeager

**The Birds and the Bees** (Assembly Hall) – Tara Davis

**VISITOR'S CARD**

**TO GIVE ONLINE**

VOLUNTARY Improvisation on *Gaudeamus* Everett Titcomb

THE PEOPLE STAND.

## HYMN IN PROCESSION NO. 287 (vv. 1-4) *Sine Nomine*

## THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit,
**People: There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
**People: One God and Father of all.**
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
**People: And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE PEOPLE KNEEL.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE PEOPLE SIT.

## A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, [10]and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" [11]And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, [12]saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." [13]Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" [14]I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. [15]"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. [16]They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. [17]For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (7:9-17)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
**People: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 34:1-10, 22

READ RESPONSIVELY, BY HALF-VERSE.

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
**his praise shall ever be in my mouth.**
2 I will glory in the Lord; *
**let the humble hear and rejoice.**
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
**let us exalt his Name together.**
4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
**and delivered me out of all my terror.**
5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
**and let not your faces be ashamed.**

6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
**and saved me from all my troubles.**
7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
**and he will deliver them.**
8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
**happy are they who trust in him!**
9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
**for those who fear him lack nothing.**
10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
**but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**
22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
**and none will be punished who trust in him.**

THE PEOPLE STAND.

## HYMN NO. 293 *Grand Isle*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW.

**People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2]And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: [3]Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [4]Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. [5]Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. [6]Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. [7]Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. [8]Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. [9]Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. [10]Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [11]Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12]Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (5:1-12)

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.
**People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE PEOPLE SIT.

## THE ORDER FOR HOLY BAPTISM

*Children to be baptized:*

Addison Celia Burke, daughter of Paige and Michael

Emmeline Hill Hagood, daughter of Claire and Jeff

Stella June Pendley, daughter of Emily and Robert

Jackson Ransom Reeves, son of Kristina and Jackson

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant: The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and
Godparents: I present *[name]* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

WHEN ALL HAVE BEEN PRESENTED THE CELEBRANT ASKS THE PARENTS AND GODPARENTS:

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and
Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and
Godparents: I will, with God's help.

THE CELEBRANT ASKS THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS AND GODPARENTS, ON BEHALF OF THE CANDIDATES:

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer: I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer: I do.

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer: I do.

AFTER ALL HAVE BEEN PRESENTED, THE CELEBRANT ADDRESSES THE CONGREGATION, SAYING:

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ?
**People: We will.**

THE PEOPLE STAND.

Celebrant: Let us join with *those* who *are* committing *themselves* to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?
**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**
**and born of the Virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**
**was crucified, died, and was buried.**
**He descended to the dead.**
**On the third day he rose again.**
**He ascended into heaven,**
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,**
**the holy catholic Church,**
**the communion of saints,**
**the forgiveness of sins,**
**the resurrection of the body,**
**and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Let us now pray for *these persons* who *are* to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Celebrant: Deliver *them*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Open *their hearts* to your grace and truth.
**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Fill *them* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Keep *them* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Spirit.
**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Send *them* into the world in witness to your love.
**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Bring *them* to the fullness of your peace and glory.
**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEOPLE SIT.

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
**People:** **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
**People:** **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

AT THE FOLLOWING WORDS, THE CELEBRANT TOUCHES THE WATER.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE BAPTISM

EACH CANDIDATE IS PRESENTED BY NAME TO THE CELEBRANT, WHO THEN IMMERSES, OR POURS WATER UPON, THE CANDIDATE, SAYING:

Celebrant: I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
**Amen.**

THEN THE CELEBRANT PLACES A HAND ON THE PERSON'S HEAD, MARKING ON THE FOREHEAD THE SIGN OF THE CROSS AND SAYING TO EACH ONE:

Celebrant: *[Name]*, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

WHEN THIS ACTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED FOR ALL CANDIDATES, THE CELEBRANT, AT A PLACE IN FULL SIGHT OF THE CONGREGATION, PRAYS OVER THEM, SAYING:

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your *servants* the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *them* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

THEN THE CELEBRANT SAYS:

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All:** **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

THE PEOPLE STAND.

## THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
**People:** **And with thy spirit.**

## HYMN NO. 708 *Sicilian Mariners*

THE PEOPLE SIT.

## THE WELCOME AND BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 3RD GRADE CAN DEPART FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING THE SINGING OF THIS HYMN. CHILDREN SHOULD WALK DIRECTLY TO THE GYM TO MEET THEIR TEACHERS.

THE PEOPLE STAND.

## HYMN NO. 296 *Engelberg*

## THE SERMON Dean Smalley

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

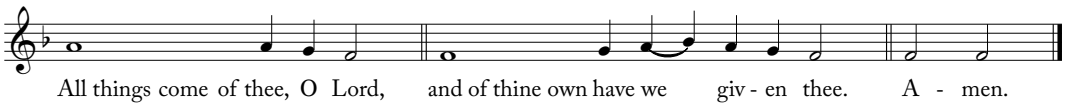
## ANTHEM Thomas Tomkins

I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me:
Write; from henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord:
ev'n so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours.

*-Revelation 14:13*

Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656) was one of the greatest Welsh-born composers of the Golden Age. A pupil of William Byrd and colleague of Orlando Gibbons, he held positions at the Chapel Royal and Worcester Cathedral. Most of his sacred music was published by his son in 1668 under the title *Musica Deo sacra*, which otherwise would have been lost in the Civil War. Tomkins was a prolific composer of verse anthems (works that contain "verses" sung by soloists alternating with full choir), and he had a particularly expressive and chromatic harmonic expression in his writing. Though not a verse anthem, *I Heard a Voice* is a brief anthem that exemplifies Tomkins's compositional style. The shifts in harmony and chromaticism work to paint and bring drama to the text; listen particularly as the choir sings the word "labours" as an example.

THE PEOPLE STAND.



Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
**People: And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
**People: It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. *[A proper preface is added here.]* Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

THE PEOPLE SING:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts,**
**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:**
**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**
**Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.**
**Hosanna in the highest.**

THE PEOPLE KNEEL OR SIT, AS THE CELEBRANT CONTINUES WITH THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again...

...through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE PEOPLE SIT.

## THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

INTERCESSORY PRAYER IS AVAILABLE IN THE REAR OF THE NAVE.

*All baptized Christians are warmly invited to receive Communion. You may receive at the rail or one of the stations. If you prefer not to receive the wine, simply cross your arms across your chest after receiving the bread. To receive the wine, you may drink from the cup or dip the bread in the small vessel inside the cup. (If you are not baptized but would like to be, please see one of the ministers following the service.)*

## MOTET

from *Ein deutsches Requiem*

Johannes Brahms

Selig sind, die da Leid tragen,
denn sie sollen getröstet werden.

Die mit Tränen säen,
werden mit Freuden ernten.

Sie gehen hin und weinen und tragen edlen Samen,
und kommen mit Freuden
und bringen ihre Garben.

*Blessed are they that mourn:*
*for they shall be comforted.*

*The that sow in tears*
*shall reap in joy.*

*They that go forth and weep, bearing precious seed,*
*shall doubtless come again with rejoicing,*
*bringing their sheaves with them.*

*-Matthew 5:4, Psalm 126:5-6*

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897) composed *Ein deutsches Requiem* (A German Requiem) between 1865-1868. Brahms repurposes the Latin Requiem Mass for Protestant theology by replacing the Latin prayers for the dead with Scripture, taking the texts directly from Martin Luther's own German translation of the Bible. *Selig sind, die da Leid tragen* is the first movement of Brahms's Requiem, and sets Matthew 5:4 as well as portions of Psalm 126.

Let us pray.

THE PEOPLE KNEEL.

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE PEOPLE STAND.

## HYMN IN PROCESSION NO. 618 *Lasst uns erfreuen*

## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
**Thanks be to God.**

## VOLUNTARY Marcel Dúpre

Placare Christe servulis, from *Le Tombeau de Titelouze*, Op. 38
(Christ, Spare Thy People)

THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF

Frank E. Spain
Margaret Cameron Spain
Frances Spain Hodges
Peggy Spain McDonald
William Clifford McDonald Jr.
*by Members of the Family*

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In Memoriam

| *Term Ending Parish Meeting 2027* | *Term Ending Parish Meeting 2028* | *Term Ending Parish Meeting 2029* |
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*Come to me,*
*all who labor and are heavy laden,*
*and I will give you rest.*

Matthew 11.28

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