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News & Events

Lessons and Carols Sunday Morning

Two services of Advent Lessons and Carols will be held this Sunday, December 4, at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. See "Worship" on page 3 for details.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

This Sunday the Settle family, Jennifer and Scott, Caroline (2nd grade) and Samantha (4K), along with grandparents Joe and Jane Ziegler and great-grandmother Alma Ziegler, will light the second candle on our parish Advent wreath immediately before the 9:00 a.m. service.

Two Events for Women this Week

The annual Christmas Meeting & Bazaar with the women of St. Mary's and St. Luke's will be Monday, December 5, 11:00 a.m. at St. Luke's Church.

Lucy Dunn McCain will offer *Christ in the Christmas Crunch* on Friday, December 9, 9:15 a.m. at The Country Club of Birmingham. See page 2 for more information.

Radio Broadcast Moves to New Station

Starting this Sunday, December 4, the Advent's broadcast of the 9:00 a.m. service will be heard on WERC, 960 AM and 105.5 FM, with an audio stream available at www.WERCFM.com. See page 3 for details.



A Word from Canon Smalley

Leaving is hard. In this instance, however, our leaving is perhaps less substantial than some, as I am referring to a family trip. As I write this, my family is in the process of preparing to travel to New York, as Maizie, who is in the Homewood High School band, will be participating in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Maizie will be dropped off at the school at three in the morning (yikes) with the rest of the band, and then the rest of us will load up in the car and begin to make our way to New York, and well... again, leaving is hard.

One reason this is hard is we are attempting to pack in such a way that we can load our stuff along with the gear of another family who will also ride in our car. All told there will be seven of us in our vehicle, and I have visions of the Beverly Hillbillies as we pull

into town. Once in New York we will meet a friend of mine outside the city, leave the car at his home, and navigate the trains and subways with all of our people and gear.

I have to admit that, as my father told me years ago, with each year I find myself more cautious, and more resistant to change, new adventures, and taking leaps into the unfamiliar. Though this is simply a family trip for which we are very thankful, it does bring to mind a small sliver of our life with God.

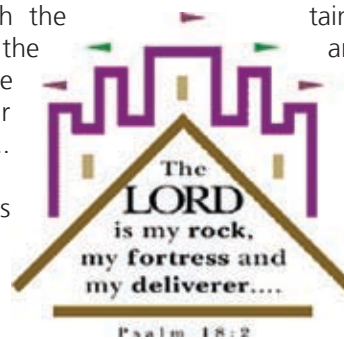
God gives us, in Himself, a sure and certain foundation; He is our rock and our stronghold. We are called and equipped to step out beyond what is comfortable and familiar. In doing so we find our lives enlarged, God's grace sufficient, and His power made perfect in our weakness. We find He is the Good Shepherd who is with us and who has gone before us.

Thanks be to God,

Craig

The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge.

- Psalm 18:2



This Sunday:

December 4, 2011

Second Sunday of Advent

Services:

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Service of Advent Lessons and Carols
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Advent Lessons and Carols

Dean Limehouse will preach at all morning services.

5:00 p.m. Evening Service

Preacher: Canon Smalley

Adult Education: 10:10 - 10:50 a.m.

The Dean's Class (Refectory) - *The Life and Times of Andrew Pearson (In One Act)* - Canon Pearson

Anticipating Christ: The Advent of Liberation (Day School Library) - Canon Gibbes

Trinity Bible Study - An Open Study of Luke/Acts (Diocesan Conference Room) - "My soul doth magnify the Lord" - Jon Harbuck and Steve Tilghman

Burn Down the Trailer Park: Nanobots in the Blood, YouTube on the Cross, and the Thirty-Nine Articles in 140 Characters or Fewer (Chapter Room) - Part 3 of 5 - Jack Sharman



Sermon texts and audio recordings are available at www.AdventBirmingham.org.

The 9:00 a.m. service is broadcast live on WERC 960 AM, 105.5 FM, and www.WERCFM.com.

Children's & Youth Education:

Classes are offered for 3-years and older. See Sunday's service leaflet for details. Nurseries are open 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Lectionary:

7:30 a.m.: Psalm 82:1-2, 8-13; Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; St. Mark 1:1-8

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.: Genesis 3:1-15; Isaiah 64:1-9; Micah 5:2-4; Isaiah 35:1-10; Isaiah 40:1-11; St. Luke 1:26-38



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servicing & outreach

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Youth to Wrap Up "Mission Mondays" December 5

Advent Youth will serve in Fairfield for the last time in this "Mission Mondays" series after school on December 5. If you attend Mountain Brook Junior High, we'll pick you up at the Mountain Brook Baptist Church parking lot at 3:00 p.m. Everyone else will depart from Advent Park at 3:25. We'll return to Advent Park at 5:30.

Upcoming Events

Food Drive Sunday: December 18, Clingman Commons

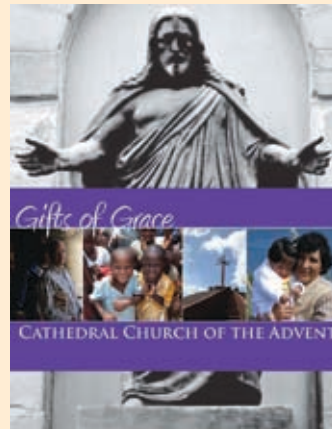
Coat Drive Sunday: January 22, Clingman Commons

For more information about upcoming events, please contact Becky Rone (rebecca@cathedraladvent.com, 226-3512).

Gifts of Grace

Reach Out this Christmas

Honor friends and family this Christmas by supporting students in Haiti, orphans in Bolivia, and homeless families in Birmingham. Visit www.AdventBirmingham.org to view the catalog and download an order form. For a hard copy, contact Carol Williams (carol@cathedraladvent.com, 443-8550).



Women's Ministries

Christmas Meeting & Bazaar at St. Luke's on December 5

The annual Advent/St. Luke's/St. Mary's Christmas Meeting & Bazaar will be Monday, December 5, at St. Luke's Church (3736 Montrose Road). Fisher Humphreys will speak on *The Hopes and Fears* at 11:00 a.m. Fisher is Professor of Divinity, Emeritus, at Beeson Divinity School and Resident Scholar at St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands. The Bazaar will follow at 11:30, with shopping, fellowship, and a bite of lunch. Advent women will sell pound cakes and bread at the Bazaar. You can bring them that morning or leave them in Clingman Commons this Sunday, December 4. Call Mary Hanson (967-4923) for more information.

Seek Christ in the Christmas Crunch on December 9

Dean Limehouse cordially invites the women of the Advent and their guests to hear Lucy Dunn McCain's *Christ in the Christmas Crunch* on Friday, December 9, 9:15-10:15 a.m. at The Country Club of Birmingham. Light breakfast will be served. Please RSVP by Monday, December 5, to Tamara Sansbury (249-3523, tamara77@charter.net).



spiritual growth & fellowship

EYC

Progressive Dinner is Served

Time to dig out your best tacky Christmas attire - bring on the bubble-painted sweaters, ice-skating reindeer t-shirts, jingle bell necklaces, and Christmas pajamas! The Jr. High dinner will be Sunday, December 4, 6:00-8:00 p.m., and the Sr. High dinner will be Friday, December 9, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Don't forget your gift for Dirty Santa (\$5 and under, please).

Guild Meetings

St. Amelia's Guild will host its Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 7, 11:30 a.m. at The Club. All young women of the Advent are encouraged to join us for lunch and fellowship. For reservations or questions, please contact Anna Colvin, colvin1932@att.net.

St. Martha's Guild will meet Monday, December 12, 11:00 a.m. at the home of Frances Blount, 50 Cross Creek Drive West.

Seniors' Ministry

Next Luncheon to Feature the Seasoned Performers

Advent Seniors will host a luncheon Thursday, December 8, 11:30 a.m. in Clingman Commons. The Seasoned Performers (including our own Jim Anderson) will offer *The Magic of Christmas*: holiday stories, songs, and remembrances created by Martha Haarbauer. The shuttle will leave Advent Park at 11:00. Call Katherine Kilpatrick at 443-8559 to reserve a lunch or shuttle seat.

Fellowship Groups

Saints and Sinners: Advent 30-somethings will meet for a Christmas Gathering this Sunday, December 4, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Emily and Chips Pruet, 102 Crestview Drive, 35213. Canon Pearson will speak. Cost is \$10/person. To make reservations or ask questions, please email adventSaintsandsinners@gmail.com.

Marriage Retreat

Register at Our Website

Registration continues for the Advent's upcoming marriage retreat, January 20-22 at The Hotel at Auburn University. Trey Hill, a psychologist at Covenant Counseling who combines faithfulness, humor, and insight, will be our leader for the weekend. Details and registration are all online at www.AdventBirmingham.org. Questions? Contact Gil Kracke (gil@cathedraladvent.com, 226-3516).

By grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God - not because of works, lest any man should boast.
Ephesians 2:8-9



making music

Children's Choirs

The **St. Nicholas Choir** (grades 1-2) and **The Gabriel Choir** (grades 3-6) will sing at the 9:00 a.m. service this Sunday, December 4. Choir members will gather at 8:00 in the Assembly Hall. For more information, please contact Sharon Benefield (871-1914, sharon@cathedraladvent.com).

Advent Radio Broadcast to Move to New Station This Sunday

The Advent has been broadcasting its 9:00 a.m. service over the radio for many years. Beginning this Sunday, December 4, the broadcast will be carried by WERC on FM 105.5 and AM 960. Streaming audio of the service will be available through the website www.WERCFM.com.

WERC "News Radio" is a popular station in Birmingham, with excellent facilities, equipment, and staff. We are very pleased to have this opportunity to extend the reach of our Sunday morning preaching and worship.

Please tell everyone you know - if you can't be here in person on Sunday morning, listen on WERC!



education

The Posada

Welcome "Mary and Joseph" into Your Home

The Posada is a Christmas tradition that originated in Latin America, dramatizing Mary and Joseph's search for lodging in Bethlehem. During the season of Advent, we invite your family to share in our version of this tradition. Each child in 3K through 1st grade can sign up for a turn to host "the holy couple" overnight by taking home his or her class's set of Mary and Joseph figures. Please sign up in your child's Sunday School classroom for your turn to symbolically open your home to Jesus as we prepare for the coming of Christ. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Wilson (226-3547, elizabeth@cathedraladvent.com).

Nursery

Do you have a retired rocking chair that needs a new home? We would love to put it back to work in our nursery! Contact Leslie Housman at leslie.housman@gmail.com.

Book Group

The **Advent Book Group** will meet Wednesday, January 18, 2012, to discuss Albert Camus' *The Plague* (available through the Book Store). New participants are always welcome. Call John Adams at 321-1236 for details.



worship

Service of Lessons and Carols

Advent Worship Tradition Continues Sunday

Two services of Advent Lessons and Carols will highlight the Second Sunday of Advent, December 4, at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. These services, which include prayers, lessons, and carol-anthems, are intended as a preparation for the Christmas celebration. The six lessons will be followed by Dean Limehouse's unifying sermon.

The Children's Choirs will sing "Feed My Lambs" by Natalie Sleeth and "Come, Messiah Come" by Bailey and Mayo at the 9:00 service. This year's Cathedral Choir anthems at both services will include "Adam Lay in Bondage" by Conrad Susa, "Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People," arranged by John Ferguson, "There Is No Rose of Such Virtue" by Kenneth Mahy, and "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" by Paul Manz. Come and prepare for what is to come at these beautiful Lessons and Carols services.



A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."
- Isaiah 40:3-5



book store

Telling the Nativity Story with Fontanini Art

The angel said, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest." - Luke 1:30-31

Nativity Stories, featuring the Art of Fontanini by Gail Cohen - This book features a collection of the stories behind the Fontanini five-inch scale figures, which we have in the store. It includes stories of the Holy Family, the Three Kings, Shepherds and the animals, and all the Bethlehem villagers who were touched by the new-born King (80 pages, hardcover).

We will be at St. Luke's on Monday, December 5, for the Women's Christmas Meeting & Bazaar, with a smattering of our gifts, books, and jewelry. Regular store hours are Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and Sunday, 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Contact us: 323-2959, ebsinfo@episcobooks.com. Visit us anytime: www.episcobooks.com.



calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 4 Regular worship schedule Service of Lessons and Carols - Nave - 9 and 11 a.m. EYC: Jr. High Progressive Dinner - 6 p.m.	5 Allen Ross Bible Study - 7 a.m. Women's Christmas Meeting & Bazaar - St. Luke's - 11 a.m. EYC Mission Mondays - 3:25 p.m.	6	7 Holy Communion - Chapel - 12:05 p.m.	8 "Sunrise Sinners" Bible Study - 7 a.m. Seniors' Luncheon - Clingman - 11:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Conf. Rm. - noon	9 <i>Christ in the Christmas Crunch</i> - Country Club of B'ham. - 9:15 a.m. EYC: Sr. High Progressive Dinner - 6 p.m.	10
Dec 11 Regular worship schedule	12 Allen Ross Bible Study - 7 a.m.	13 Diocesan Ordination Service - Nave - 5:30 p.m.	14 Holy Communion - Chapel - 12:05 p.m.	15 "Sunrise Sinners" Bible Study - Refectory - 7 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Undercroft - 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Conf. Rm. - noon	16 Women's Bible Study - Latimer House - 9:15 a.m. Midday Musical Menu - Nave - 12:30 p.m.	17

Every Sunday: Breakfast - Refectory, 8:00 a.m.

Monday-Friday: AA - Coe Conference Room, noon

coming up:

- Outreach Food Drive: Sunday, December 18, Clingman Commons
- Fifth Grade Pageant: Sunday, December 18, Nave, 9:00 a.m.

- Christmas Eve: Saturday December 24 - Children's Service at 3:30 p.m.; Festal Holy Eucharist at 5:00, 8:00, and 11:00 p.m., The Music of Christmas at 10:25 p.m.
- Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25 - Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m.

transitions:

Birth: Emory Bedell O'Keefe, daughter of Ross and Casey, on November 11

Marriage: Lee Ellen Avant and Bryan James Ramsey, on November 19

Deaths: William Mims Jones, on November 15; Thomas Richard (Tripp) Head, III, on November 17

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Seth Houston McCoin: (Endowment Fund) by Gil and Mae Mae Kracke

Elizabeth (Liz) Petesch Vogtle: (Outreach) by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson

In Honor of Gil Kracke: (Endowment Fund) by Drew and Rita Wright

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