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## News & Events

### Preaching at Noonday: Bishop William Willimon, Dr. Langston Haygood, and Stuart Latimer

The Rev. Dr. William H. Willimon, Bishop of the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church, will preach Monday, March 1, at 12:05 p.m. Dr. E. Langston Haygood, Director of Covenant Counseling and Education Center in Birmingham, will speak Tuesday, March 2. The Rev. Stuart Latimer, Senior Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church in Chicago, Illinois, will preach Wednesday-Friday, March 3-5. See "Worship" on page 2 for more information.

### Stuart Latimer to Speak at Young Adults' Gathering

Stuart Latimer, one of our Lenten preachers this week, will offer a brief word during the next Open House for the Young Adults of the Advent. It's Wednesday, March 3, 6:30-8:00 p.m., at the home of Jane and Don Menendez. All are welcome! Please spread the word and invite friends - it's a great chance to connect with others from the Advent and beyond.

More information is on the website, [www.AdventBirmingham.org](http://www.AdventBirmingham.org). If you have questions, please contact Gil Kracke (226-3516, [gil@cathedraladvent.com](mailto:gil@cathedraladvent.com)).



## A Word from Canon Smalley

One of my favorite novels is by Leif Enger, a first novel, entitled *Peace Like a River*. It received good reviews calling it "a rich mixture of adventure, tragedy, and healing..." and its

"broad, sagacious humanity..." was praised. But what drew me was the title. It is an intriguing and moving book addressing the human condition with the hope of the Gospel of Jesus. Ultimately the novel closes with the peace and mercy of God but not before, in the words of the old hymn, no small amount of "strife closed in the sod."

I share one scene now as it pertains to the season of Lent. The main character, Reuben Land, through whose voice and eyes we follow the story, is at a place of resignation. Plagued with sickness and weakness from the beginning of his life, he now finds himself wracked with shame and guilt, alienated and broken spiritually and physically.

To this point his story has contained no shortage of miracles and divine intervention. But now his asthma has severely taken hold

of him, his airways are closing, and combined with everything else that life has thrust upon him, his hope and energy are gone. And then we read these words...

"One thing I wasn't waiting for was a miracle. I don't like to admit it. Shouldn't that be the last thing you release: the hope that the Lord God, touched in His heart by your particular impasse among all others, will reach down and do that work none else can accomplish - straighten the twist, clear the oozing sore, open the lungs? Who knew better than I that such holy stuff occurs? Who had more reason to hope?"

I offer to you that Lent is a season of hope and opportunity for peace. Yes, it is a season of penitence, of confession, of self-denial, but for the purpose of turning us away from paths of destruction to the path of life. It is a turning with a purpose to bring us to the one, Jesus, who alone can reach down and address the issues and impasses of the human heart. He has reached out through his incarnation, his life and ministry; and through faith resigned to find our hope and salvation in him we realize, through his cross and resurrection, at long last, peace. - Craig

**Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God.** - Romans 5:1-2

## This Sunday:

February 28, 2010

Second Sunday in Lent

Services:

**7:30 a.m. Holy Communion**

**9:00 a.m. Holy Communion**

**11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer**

Dean Limehouse will preach at all morning services.

**5:00 p.m. Evening Service**

Preacher: Canon Kinner

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

**The Dean's Class** (Refectory) - *A Messianic Jew Tells His Story* - Eric Walker

**The Vice Dean's Class** (Staff Conference Room) - *Studies In 2 Peter* - Vice Dean Harper

**The Newcomers' Class** (Living Room) - *What About My Wavering Faith?* - Marilyn Dixon

**Trinity Bible Study - An Open Study of Ruth** (Diocesan Conference Room) - Steve Tilghman and Jon Harbuck

**Young Adults' Class** (Chapter Room) - *The Angularity of Jesus: How He Treats Leprosy* - Gil Kracke



The 9:00 a.m. service is broadcast live on WXJC 850 AM, 92.5 FM, and [www.850WXJC.com](http://www.850WXJC.com). Sermon text and audio are available on our website, [www.AdventBirmingham.org](http://www.AdventBirmingham.org).

## Children's & Youth Education:

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

## Lectionary:

Psalm 27  
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18  
Philippians 3:17-4:1  
St. Luke 13:31-35



# GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!



## servicing & outreach

### Sing and Shout

#### Fundraiser Set for March 7

M-Power Ministries will host its fifth annual Sing and Shout on Sunday, March 7, 5:00 p.m. at the Alys Stephens Center. The evening will feature performances by Colla Voce, Riverchase UMC Choir, and UAB Gospel Choir. Admission is free, and donations will be accepted. For more information, contact M-Power at 595-5959 or visit [www.singandshout.org](http://www.singandshout.org).

### Gumbo Gala

#### Episcopal Place Seeks Cook-Teams

Episcopal Place is looking for professional and amateur teams for its fifth annual Gumbo Gala cook-off, set for Saturday, May 8, in Caldwell Park. Proceeds go to support services to seniors and young adults with disabilities who live at Episcopal Place. Call 939-0085 for more information.



## spiritual growth & fellowship

### EYC

#### Guys: Paintball on Saturday

On Saturday, February 27, the men of EYC will go paintballing at Fort Red Rock. Jr. High and Sr. High are welcome to attend. The group will leave Advent Park at 8:15 a.m. Bring \$50 to cover expenses. We will grab lunch on the way home and return to Advent Park at 1:45. Please call or email Cameron if you have questions (226-3545, [cameron@cathedraladvent.com](mailto:cameron@cathedraladvent.com)).

#### Girls: Cookie Decorating (Also on Saturday)

All girls in grades 7-12 are invited to come to a cookie decorating party at Icing on the Cookies in Homewood (2907 Central Avenue, Suite 1010) on Saturday, February 27, 2:00-3:30 p.m. Each person will get to decorate five-to-six cookies. Cost is \$20. Contact Ginger to reserve a spot (238-9411, [ginger@cathedraladvent.com](mailto:ginger@cathedraladvent.com)).

### Grief Recovery Group

#### Spring Program to Begin March 23

The Grief Recovery Group will meet on Tuesdays, March 23-April 27, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the home of Laurie and Frank Jones, 3001 Woodleigh Road. The six-week program will be led by Canon Joe Warren along with others who have experienced significant loss in their own lives. To register, call Laurie at 967-7402. For more information, call 226-3500.

**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 226-3500.



## worship

### Lenten Noonday Preaching

#### Bishop, Teacher, Author William Willimon to Preach Monday

The Rev. Dr. William H. Willimon, Bishop of the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church, will preach Monday, March 1, at 12:05 p.m.

William Willimon was called as Bishop in 2004. For 20 years he served as Dean of the Chapel and Professor of Christian Ministry at Duke University. He also served as pastor of churches in Georgia and South Carolina.

A 1996 Baylor University international study named Bishop Willimon one of the Twelve Most Effective Preachers in the English-speaking world. He has published about 600 articles and written 60 books, more than a million of which have been sold. His *Pulpit Resource* is used each week by more than 8,000 pastors in the United States, Canada, and Australia. He is married to Patricia.



#### Langston Haygood to Speak Tuesday

Dr. E. Langston Haygood, founder and Director of Covenant Counseling and Education Center in Birmingham, will be the noonday preacher Tuesday, March 2.

An old friend of the Advent, Langston Haygood is a Licensed Professional Counselor holding five degrees in theology and psychology. He leads conferences and workshops in the United States and Canada on subjects including marriage, parenting adolescents and children, men's issues, and various emotional problems.

Dr. Haygood served as a pastor for 25 years and is currently an Adjunct Professor at Beeson Divinity School. He and his wife Emily have three grown daughters and one granddaughter.



#### Stuart Latimer Returns to Preach Wednesday-Friday

The Rev. Stuart Latimer, Senior Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church of the North Shore in Chicago, Illinois, will be the speak Wednesday-Friday, March 3-5, at 12:05 p.m.

A preacher in our Lenten series last year, Stuart Latimer has served at Grace Presbyterian since 2007. He was the Reformed University Fellowship campus minister at Vanderbilt University from 1996 to 2001, and then served as Associate Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Nashville.

A graduate of Clemson University, he holds degrees from Westminster Seminary and Covenant Theological Seminary. He is married to Camille, and they have three children.



(Gospel is) news because it is not common knowledge, not what nine out of ten average Americans already know. Gospel doesn't come naturally. It comes as Jesus.

- William Willimon

“Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the church of the Lord which he obtained with his own blood.” Acts 20:28



## making music

### Choral Evensong

#### Traditional Anglican Service Set for March 7

The Cathedral Choir will sing Choral Evensong for Lent on Sunday, March 7, 4:00 p.m. in the Nave. The service will feature two works for double-choir: “Evening Service in G minor” by Henry Purcell, and “Faire is the Heaven” by William Harris. Canon Smalley will officiate. Parking will be available in the Financial Center Deck. You are warmly invited to attend.

### Children’s Choirs

**The St. Nicholas Choir** will sing at the 9:00 service this Sunday, February 28. Choir members will gather in the Assembly Hall at 8:15 a.m.

## Parking During Lent

During Lent the Advent’s parking lot at the corner of 6th Avenue North and Richard Arrington Jr. Boulevard (21st Street) is especially hard-pressed. We must accommodate volunteers making deliveries for Lenten Lunches and other short-term visitors to the church and Day School. We also must maintain access for emergency vehicles and adequate space to get the bus in and out.

You can help! Please do not block any parking spaces, entrances, or exits at any time.

Parking is available at reasonable rates at meters and at a number of lots and decks within a block of the Advent. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Diocese to Hold Lenten Retreat March 19-20

The Commission on Spirituality of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama will sponsor a Lenten Retreat Friday-Saturday, March 19-20, at St. Stephen’s Church in Birmingham. The Very Rev. Alan Jones, Dean Emeritus of Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, is the guest speaker. The retreat’s theme is *Making a Family Out of Strangers: God’s Work Making Us Human*. For more information contact Sarah Sartain (715-2060, ext. 314; [ssartain@dioala.org](mailto:ssartain@dioala.org)).

## memorials:

### Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

**John “Jack” Bingham:** (Endowment Fund) by Hatton C. V. Smith

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**Hugh Wharton Nelson:** (Dean’s Discretionary Fund) by Carolyn and Stephen Greene

**Chatham:** (Dean’s Discretionary Fund) by William M. Slaughter

**Edwin Harbuck:** (Fine Arts) by Mrs. James W. Bledsoe, Jr. • (Dean’s Discretionary Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce A. Rawls

**Virginia Bland Denney:** (Altar Guild) by Amy and Frank Ager; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce A. Rawls

**In Honor of Mildred Knight:** (Altar Guild) by Mary Williamson

**In Honor of Milner Benedict Owens:** (Endowment Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Owens

**In Thanksgiving for the Pastoral Care Ministry at the Advent:** (Pastoral Care Discretionary Fund) by Suzanne Hanahan



## book store

### Books by Lenten Speaker William Willimon

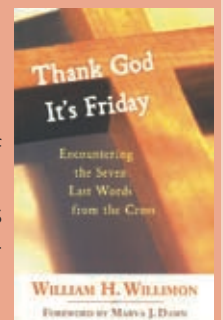
*Thank God It’s Friday* - Offers afresh the challenge and grace of Jesus’ message from the cross

*Lord, Teach Us* - As you work through each phrase of the Lord’s Prayer, this book will help you experience Christianity as a framework for the Christian life, as attractive and inviting, not distant, difficult, or foreboding.

*Resident Aliens* - In this bold book, two Christian thinkers explore the “alien” status of Christians in today’s world and offer a compelling new vision of how the Christian church can regain its vitality, battle its malaise, reclaim its capacity to nourish souls, and stand firmly against the illusions, pretensions, and eroding values of today’s world.

*Sinning Like a Christian* - Willimon gives an honest, updated look at the Seven Deadly Sins, including their origins, not just in the Bible, but in early church history. He explains why these sins are still sins, even the ones we like to say aren’t so bad.

*Store hours* are Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and Sunday, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Contact us: 323-2959, [ebinfo@episcobooks.com](mailto:ebinfo@episcobooks.com). Visit us 24/7: [www.episcobooks.com](http://www.episcobooks.com).



## education

### Sixth Grade Confirmation

#### Get Ready to Retreat

The Sixth Grade Confirmation Retreat will begin Saturday, March 6; please be at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens by 1:00 p.m. We will return on Sunday, March 7; please plan to pick-up children at 2:00 p.m. at the Botanical Gardens. Get excited about a fun time at Camp McDowell! Questions? Contact Elizabeth Wilson (226-3547, [elizabeth@cathedraladvent.com](mailto:elizabeth@cathedraladvent.com)).

# calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 28 Regular worship schedule	Mar 1 Allen Ross Bible Study - Advent Park - 7 a.m. Lenten Noonday Preaching - The Rev. Dr. William H. Wilimon - 12:05 p.m.	2 Lenten Noonday Preaching - Dr. E. Langston Haygood - 12:05 p.m.	3 Holy Communion - Chapel - 11:30 a.m. Lenten Noonday Preaching - The Rev. Stuart Latimer - 12:05 p.m. Young Adults' Open House - 6:30 p.m.	4 Vice Dean's Bible Study - Clingman - 7:15 a.m. Lenten Noonday Preaching - The Rev. Stuart Latimer - 12:05 p.m.	5 Women's Bible Study - Latimer House - 9:15 a.m. Lenten Noonday Preaching - The Rev. Stuart Latimer - 12:05 p.m.	6 Sixth Grade Confirmation Retreat - Camp McDowell
Mar 7 Regular worship schedule Choral Evensong for Lent - Nave - 4 p.m.	8 Allen Ross Bible Study - Advent Park - 7 a.m. Lenten Noonday Preaching - The Rev. Shay Gaillard - 12:05 p.m.	9 Lenten Noonday Preaching - The Rev. Shay Gaillard - 12:05 p.m.	10 Holy Communion - Chapel - 11:30 a.m. Lenten Noonday Preaching - Dr. Andrew Bush - 12:05 p.m.	11 Vice Dean's Bible Study - Chapter Room - 7:15 a.m. Lenten Noonday Preaching - The Rev. Joseph A. Gibbes - 12:05 p.m.	12 Women's Bible Study - Latimer House - 9:15 a.m. Lenten Noonday Preaching - The Rev. Joseph A. Gibbes - 12:05 p.m.	13

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

Monday-Friday: AA - Coe Conference Room, 12:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday: Lenten Lunches - Refectory/Clingman Commons, 12:05 p.m.

## coming up:

• Daylight Saving Time begins: Sunday, March 14, 2:00 a.m.

• Organ Recital: Gillian Weir, British Concert Organist - Sunday, March 21, Nave, 4:00 p.m.

• Grief Recovery Group: Tuesdays, beginning March 23, 6:30 p.m.

## transitions:

**Birth:** Lila Kathryne Tynes, daughter of William and Kelley, on February 15

**Marriage:** Frances Reynolds Drennen and William Steven Nichols, on February 13

**Death:** The Rev. John Thomas Speaks, on February 8

## memorials:

### Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

**Harold A. Bowron, III:** (Endowment Fund) by Jeanie and Doug Centeno; Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer S. Poynor; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gorrie; Bob and Hasell Handrahan; W. T. Ford; Kimberly M. Rieger; Camie Griffin; D. Paul Jones, Jr.; Bess Owen Yeilding; Carolyn D. Sankey; Paula, Tom, Sara, and Summer Adams; The Jetmundsens; Samuel E. Urme; Robert F. Esdale; Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Lee Kracke, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Magnus, III • (Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Jane Van Eaton; Carolyn and Stephen Greene • (Altar Guild) by Amy and Frank Ager • (Advent House) by Mr. and Mrs. Gregory S. Curran

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