# Your Cathedral in the City Monthly

September/October 2025

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# Letter From the Dean

Godly Play begins September 14th for grades 1st-5th.

September 7th we will bless our newest children's formation space—all are welcome.

The room is newly renovated, brand new materials placed, teachers trained, we are ready! Godly Play is a creative,

Montessori-inspired approach to Christian formation that honors children's innate sense of God and nurtures their spiritual lives through story, wonder, and play. It is not about simply telling them what to think—but rather inviting them into Scripture and the Christian story, helping them to find their own place in it through imaginative engagement.

In a Godly Play session, a trained storyteller presents a sacred story using tactile, hands-on materials and follows it with open-ended "I wonder..." questions. This encourages children to explore the story deeply, in their own way. Progressing from hearing stories to speaking about them to synthesizing meaning, Godly Play is matched to children's developmental stages.

Godly Play values openness, discovery, process, community, and relationship, mirroring patterns of worship through symbols, stories, and rituals in sacred space.

Grace and Peace,

The Very Rev. Anne M. Maxwell, Dean

Joyfully proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through grace-filled worship, radical hospitality, and incarnational faith.

#### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

starting in september

#### sunday

8:30a | Holy Eucharist | Chapel

9:30a | Formation Hour

10:30a | Holy Eucharist | Cathedral Nave and St. Julian's Chapel (Online)

10:30a | Children's Chapel | Chapel

#### wednesday

12:00n | Lunch Bunch Bible Study (Eastbrooke Clubhouse) resumes September 10th

5:00p | Enneagram

(1st Wed. of the Month), St. Francis Hall

#### thursday

12:00p | Noon Eucharist (chapel)

#### **SUNDAY FORMATION**

#### Adults

9:30a | Dean's Forum, Parish Hall

resumes September 14th

9:30a | Theology & Literature, Yelverton Room

#### Youth

9:30a | EYC Group, EYC Room

5:00p | EYC, EYC Room

all EYC activities resume September 7th

#### Children

9:30a | Godly Play, upstairs classrooms

resumes September 7th

10:30a | Children's Chapel (during 10:30 service)

# A Look Ahead

### Next month and beyond at Your Cathedral in the City

#### **Music in the City**

Tuesday, September 2nd,

5:15pm cash bar, 5:45pm performance

At the Mississippi Museum of Art, sponsored by the Cathedral. This month, pianist Stephen Sachs.

#### Mississippi Symphony Orchestra

Saturday, September 6th, 7:30pm

The orchestra will perform their 'Beloved Baroque' program, featuring music by Vivaldi, Corelli, and Bach. Tickets available at msorchestra.com.

#### **Godly Play Room Blessing**

Sunday, September 7th, 9:30am

We will bless our newly renovated Godly Play Room and show off the space with an open house as we prepare for this exciting new program!

### Food Pantry Sunday

Sunday, September 7th

Bring your non-perishable food items for the Stewpot food pantry. Place your bags in the front of the nave on the pulpit side.

#### **EYC Kickoff and Parent Meeting**

Sunday, September 7th, 5:00pm

The first EYC gathering of the fall semester! Parents are invited to meet with Director of Youth Ministries Kat Penton at 5:00 for a brief chat about plans for EYC for this school year.

#### **Lunch Bunch Bible Study resumes**

Wednesday, September 10th, 12:00noon

Lunch Bunch meets weekly on Wednesdays at the Eastbrooke Clubhouse. Contact Rev. McAbee (cmcabee@standrews.ms).

# **Sunset Chords featuring the Dog Island Quartet**

Sunday, September 14th, 5:00 - 7:00pm

On the columbarium—bring a beverage, snack, & chair.

#### **EYC Party**

Sunday, September 14th, 5:00pm At Sky Zone trampoline park.

#### **Pride Eucharist**

Tuesday, September 16th, 6:30pm

Join us for a special Pride Eucharist to celebrate the dignity, belovedness, and belonging of our LGBTQIA+ siblings in Christ. Open to all.

#### **Burnt Offerings** (men's dinner)

Thursday, September 18th, 6:30pm

Burnt offerings is a monthly dinner and followship event for men of the Cathedral. Bring your own beverage and meat for the grill.

#### **Capital City Pride**

Saturday, September 20th, 9:00am - 7:00pm

The Cathedral joins with other Jackson area churches to represent the church at the annual Pride festival in downtown Jackson. Volunteers will be needed for shifts throughout the day. Keep your eyes out for a sign up form soon.

#### Supper Club kickoff luncheon

Sunday, September 21st, 11:30am

Supper Club kicks off with a luncheon on September 21st, where registrants will be assigned to a group that will gather for monthly meals from October to April. Register now at standrews.ms/supper-club.

#### **EYCentral delegate elections**

Sunday, September 21st, 5:00-6:30pm

EYC groups of the Central Convocation will gather at the Cathedral to elect delegates to diocesan council.

#### **Parish Party**

Saturday, September 28th, 6:00pm (newcomers @ 5:00pm)

At the home of Ellen Ann Fentress. Join us for food, drinks, and fellowship with fellow parishioners and friends! RSVP to come.

#### **Food Pantry Sunday**

Sunday, October 5

#### Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 5th, 10:30am

Bring your furry, feathered, or scaly friends to receive a blessing at the 10:30 service. This service will be outdoors on Capitol Street. Also marks the last day of our annual Pet Supply Drive.



#### **Music in the City**

Tuesday, October 7th, 5:15pm cash bar, 5:45pm performance

## Sunset Chords featuring The Wild Flowers

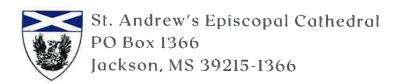
Sunday, October 12th, 5:00 - 7:00pm

Burnt Offerings (men's dinner)

Thursday, October 16th, 6:30pm

#### **EYC** serves at **S**tewpot

Sunday, October 19th, 10:30am



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ON THE COLUMBARIUM (RAIN LOCATION PARISH HALL)

SEPTEMBER 14, 5PM THE DOG ISLAND QUARTET

OCTOBER 12, 4PM THE WILD FLOWERS

BRING A
CHAIR, A
SNACK, AND
A BEVERAGE!





Join us at St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. for a special Pride Eucharist to celebrate the dignity, belovedness, and belonging of our LGBTQIA+ siblings in Christ.

Whether you are LGBTQIA+, a friend, a family member, or an ally, this service is a sacred space of welcome, affirmation, and celebration. Come as you are. All are welcome. All are needed.