



St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral
Twelfth Sunday after the Pentecost

August 16 2026 | Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 10:30 a.m.
305 E. Capitol St. | Jackson, MS 39201 | standrews.ms | 601-354-1535

Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral!

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

We are glad we can worship together today. Children are always welcome in our service. If you would rather your child be in the nursery or supervised playroom, feel free to take them out the pulpit side arch and through the chapel.

You are welcome to bring them back into the service at any time.

PRELUDE

Fantasia on "Adoro te devote"

Alexander Boëly

HYMN H-1982 #493

O for a thousand tongues to sing

AZMON

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER (BCP), PAGE 355

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

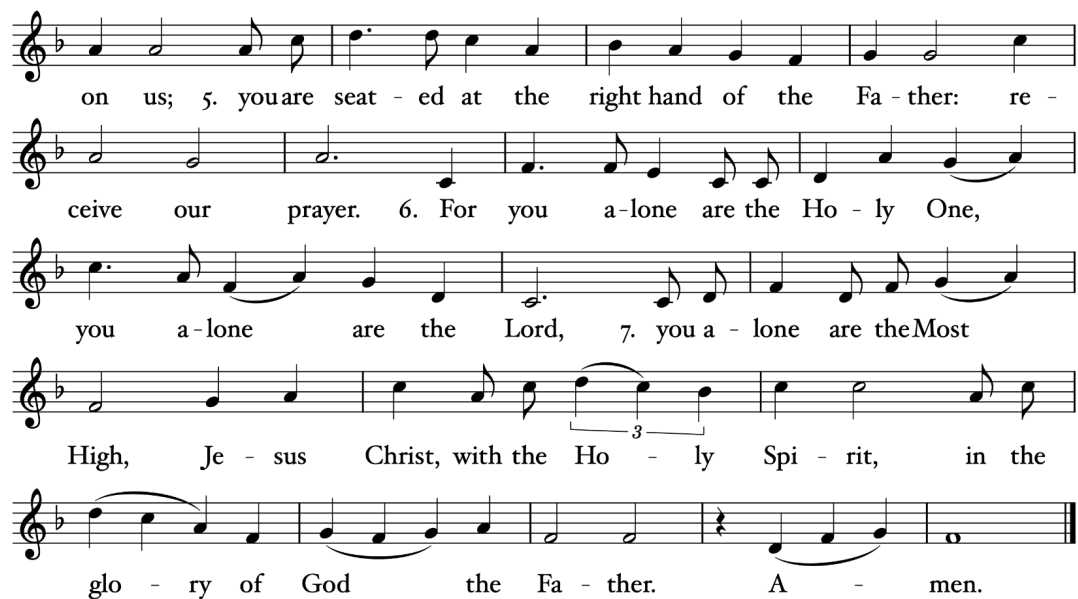
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE, H-1982 #S-280

Gloria in excelsis

Robert Powell

1. Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People may be seated.

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant--these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

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

THE PSALM

PSALM 67

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

² Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

⁷ May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

THE SECOND READING

ROMANS 11:1-2A. 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN H-1982 #209

We walk by faith, and not by sight

ST. BOTOLPH

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 15:10-28

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The People are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Christopher McAbee

THE MUSICAL REFLECTION

The People stand at the invitation of the presider.

NICENE CREED

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM III

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Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Dorothy, our Bishop, and all other priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Donald, our president, Members of Congress, Justices of the Supreme Court and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

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Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

BCP, PAGE 360

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

THE HOLY COMMUNION



OFFERTORY SENTENCE www.standrews.ms/offertory *This link will take you to our giving page for donations.*

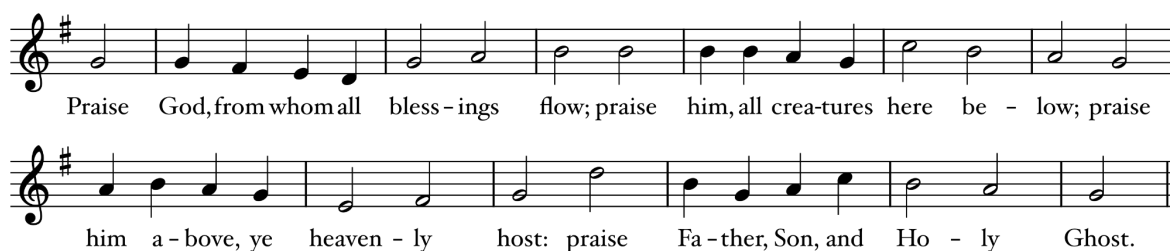
At the offertory, acknowledging all we are given from God, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, sacramentally in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

organ voluntary

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION H-1982 #380 v. 3 *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*

OLD 100TH



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, PRAYER A

All stand.

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

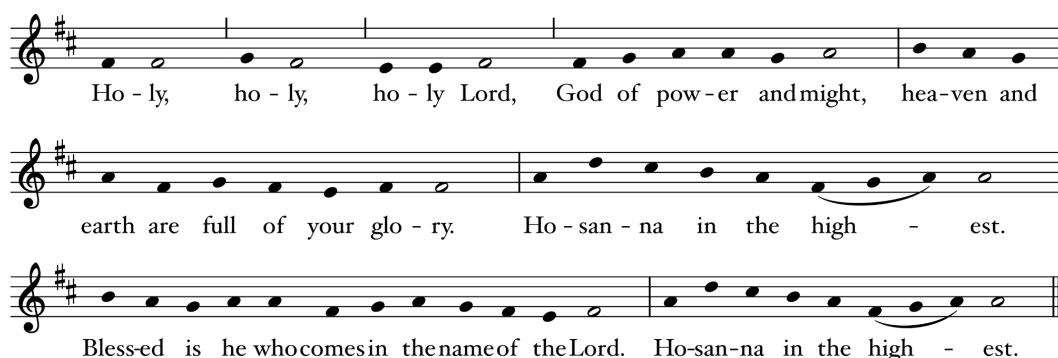
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *proper preface* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS, H-1982 #S124

David Hurd, *New Plainsong Mass*



Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

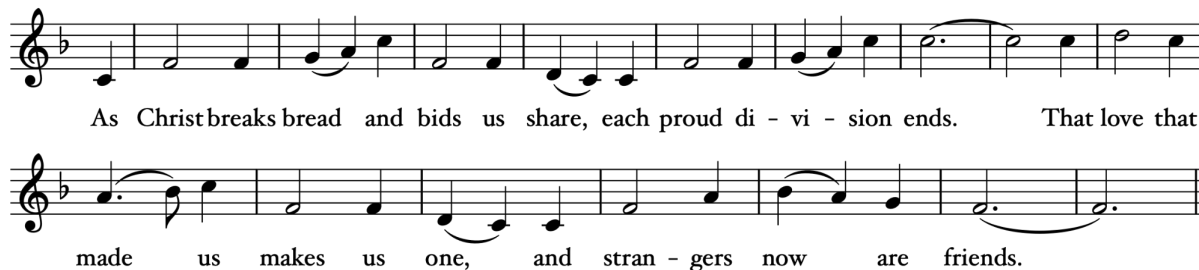
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with Blessed Virgin Mary, Andrew, and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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 INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The People may be seated. If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you may come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten free bread is available upon request. The table of bread and wine is the table of company with Jesus, and all those who love him. So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this Sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus in the world, and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMN H-1982 #686

Come thou fount of every blessing

NETTLETON

HYMN H-1982 #382

King of glory, King of peace

GENERAL SEMINARY

At the Presider's invitation People stand, and remain standing through the end of the service.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN, H-1982 #376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

HYMN TO JOY

THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon**People* **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Prelude on "Nun lob, meine seele den Herren"

Johann Pachelbel

Flowers on the altar are given to the
Glory of God, and in loving memory of
Howard Spencer Jones on his birthday
Given by his family

OUR PRAYER LIST

Bob, Fernanda, Sebastian, Dickie, Gina, Mary Ann, Joslyn, Matt, Marshall, Ashley, Rob, Lily and family, Johnny, Andrew, Susan, Kristen, Ruth, Joe, Betty, Rhett, Clay, Kathleene and Kathy. (*The last names are not listed to provide some privacy for those who have asked our prayers but do not necessarily want to answer questions. Our prayers come from the heart and don't need details to be effective*).

AT WEEKDAY PRAYERS, WE PRAY FOR: Margaret, Lisa, Alex, Robert, Chip, Bob, Jackson, Tasha, Barbara, Betsy, Matt, Betty, Chris, Paula, Floyd, Anthony, Cindy, Trey, Norma, Mary, Martha, Gray, Mike, Chip, Anne, Elizabeth, Vee, Jeff, Joanne, Linda, Harrison, James and Joel.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Marshall Roberson, brother in law of Frances Jean Neely; David Crispin, son of Adele Crispin; Carole Miles; and De'ja Evans, friend of Madalyn Roach Roberts.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK: Sunday, August 16: Jessica Nelson, Libba Wilkes, Katharine Todd; Monday, August 17: Noel Didla, Warren Kennedy; Tuesday, August 18: Sis Holland, Lillie Ivison; Wednesday, August 19: David Pharr, Glenn Watts; Thursday, August 20: Hadley Chalk, Jan Gadow Friday, August 21: Frank Briggs; Saturday, August 22: Forrest Broadway; Sunday, August 23: Leslie Bear, Sam Shockey.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST: Katie and David Blount, Aug. 1, 1992; Hailey and Jack Allin, Aug. 4, 2001; Kathryn and Gerald McCormick, Aug. 5, 2006; Morgan and Ben Bryant, Aug. 7, 2010; Crystal and Will Skelton, Aug. 9, 2003; Susan and Jimmy Nix, Aug. 14, 1982; Frances Jean and Walter Neely, Aug. 19, 1972; Barbara and Andrew Mallinson, Aug. 22, 1980; Donna and Robbie Evans, Aug. 25; Holly and Alan Lange, Aug. 28, 1999.

IN OUR COMMUNITY CYCLE OF PRAYER, WE PRAY FOR THE MCCLEAN FLETCHER GRIEF CENTER: Their mission is to provide support and understanding in a safe and hopeful environment where children, teens and their families grieving the death of a loved one can embrace their grief and move through the healing process. Open to children ages 4-18 and their families.

WEDDINGS | Please contact The Very Rev. Anne M. Maxwell at amaxwell@standrews.ms.

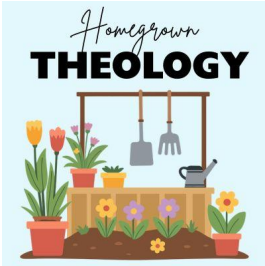
HOLY BAPTISM | Please contact The Very Rev. Anne M. Maxwell at amaxwell@standrews.ms

PRAYER LIST | On Sunday mornings, our prayer list holds those in acute need of prayer. During the week, another prayer list holds those whose need for prayer is less longer term. To add or renew a name on either of these lists, please contact The Very Rev. Anne M. Maxwell at amaxwell@standrews.ms.

PRAYER CHAIN | For prayers at any time, please call in your prayer request to one of our confidential Prayer Chains. For the morning or evening prayer chain, call Melissa Crouch at 601-672-8952.

HOSPITAL VISITS, HOME VISITS, AND PASTORAL CARE | Please call the Cathedral and speak to one of our clergy if you or a family member are in need of pastoral prayer or conversation. Voicemails are sent to our email inboxes. The Cathedral number is 601-354-1535 or you may call the Lay Pastoral Minister on call as listed on the back page.

A Look Ahead



Summer Offerings for All Ages

Through August 23 | Sundays at 9:30am

Homegrown Theology | Parish Hall | Adults | standrews.ms/adult-formation

- August 9, 16, & 23: “The Music and Lyrics of John Prine”,
led by David Elliott and Jim Looome

Nursery and Playroom | Infants - 5 year olds

Godly Play | Upstairs hallway classroom | Rising 1st - 5th graders

Youth Gathering | Downstairs EYC Room | Rising 6th - 12th graders

Young Adult Gathering: Faith & Folly

Tuesday, August 18 at 6:00-7:30pm | Fertile Ground Beer Co.

A monthly gathering for young adults in their 20s and 30s to meet and discuss topics on navigating faith in their current stage of life. Attendees' first drink will be covered, and there will be snacks to share.

Choir Rehearsals Resume

Wednesday, August 19 at 6:30pm

Our choir meets weekly to rehearse on Wednesday evenings. Rehearsals resume on Wednesday, August 19. If you are interested in participating or have any questions, contact Canon for Music Jessica Nelson at jnelson@standrews.ms

Burnt Offerings

Thursday, August 20 at 6:30pm

A monthly gathering for men of the Cathedral to share a meal and fellowship. All are welcome! Bring your own meat for the grill, a beverage, and \$15 to pay for sides, which are provided.

St. Andrew's Lower School Ribbon Cutting

Friday, August 21 at 9:00am | South Campus, 4120 Old Canton Road

All are invited to celebrate this exciting milestone in the St. Andrew's Episcopal School community!

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Addison Sharp at sharpad@gosaints.org

Acolyte Training

Sunday, August 23 at 9:30am

Calling all 6th-12th graders! This training is intended for new and seasoned acolytes alike.

Please attend this session to prepare for serving in the coming year.

Mahjong Group

Monday, August 24 at 1:00pm

Join us to play Mahjong on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month!

Contact Susan Duke to participate: 601-937-3828

Cornhole Tournament

Sunday, August 30 at 9:30am

Join us to celebrate the end of summer with a Cornhole Tournament for all ages.

No need to prep a team in advance, just show up with your game face on!

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