



St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral
Sixteenth Sunday after the Pentecost
September 13, 2026 | Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 8:30 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 through the front right side door.

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

HYMN H-1982 #372

Praise to the living God

LEONI

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

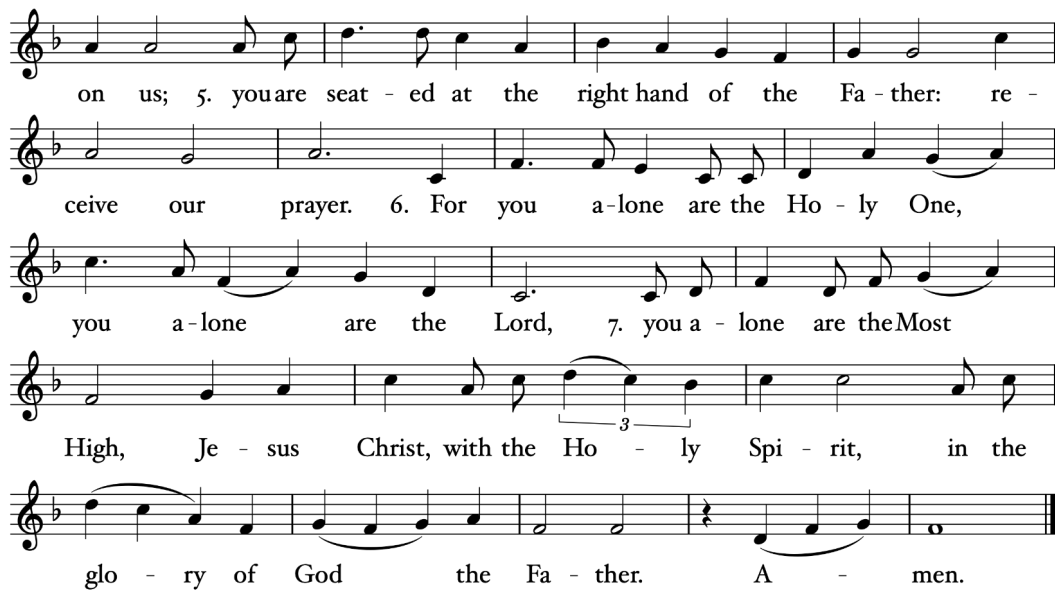
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ 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

GENESIS 50: 15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

THE PSALM

PSALM 103:1-13

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

² Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.

³ He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;

⁴ He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

⁵ He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶ The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.

⁷ He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.

⁸ The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

⁹ He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

¹⁰ He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

¹² As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.

¹³ As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

THE SECOND READING

ROMANS 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN H-1982 #469

There's a wideness in God's mercy

ST. HELENA

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

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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 Very Reverend Anne M. Maxwell

MUSICAL REFLECTION

The People stand at the invitation of the presider.

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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.

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

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Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION



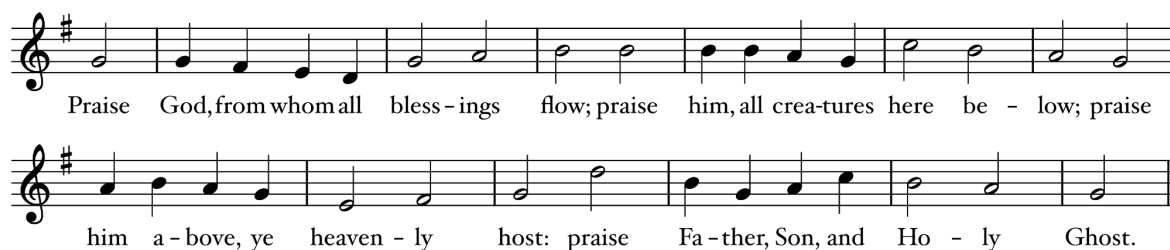
OFFERTORY SENTENCE www.standrews.ms/offertory *This link will take you to our giving page for donations.*

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.

OFFERTORY

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION H-1982 #380 v. 3

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, PRAYER B

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.**

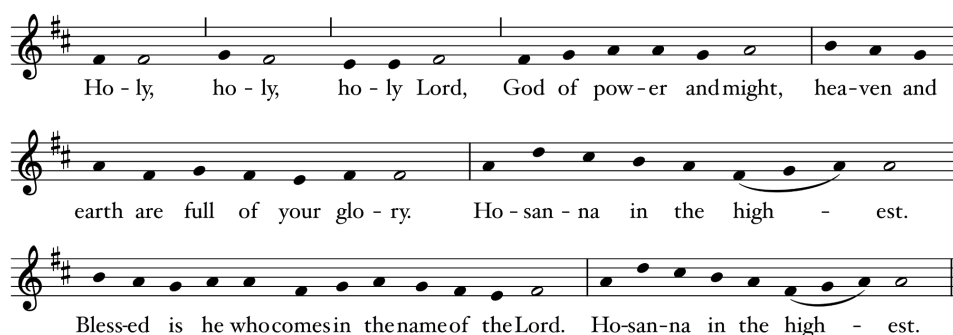
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him 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*



We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand

before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Andrew, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.

FRACTION H-1982 #304, v. 3

LAND OF REST



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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMN H-1982 #711

Seek ye first

SEEK YE FIRST

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

DISMISSAL OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

In the Name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these Holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many share one bread, one cup, because we are one body in Christ Jesus. Amen.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN, H-1982 #655

O Jesus, I have promised

NYLAND

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

People **Thanks be to God.**

Flowers on the altar are given to the
Glory of God, and in loving memory of
Robert "Bob" Frank Morris
Given by his family

OUR PRAYER LIST

Pepe, Jane, Fernanda, Sebastian, Dickie, Mary Ann, Matt, Susan, Kristen, 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: Ashley, Margaret, Alex, Chip, Bob, Jackson, Tasha, Barbara, Betsy, Matt, Betty, Chris, Paula, Floyd, Anthony, Norma, Mary, Martha, Mike, Anne, Elizabeth, Jeff, Joanne, Harrison, Joel, Johnny, Kathleen, Lily, Andrew, Clay, Rob and Rhett.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Bob Morris, brother of Joe Morris and Sarah Morris

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE BIRTH OF: Weston Greer Frese, granddaughter of Ashley and Bobby Lacoste.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK: Sunday, Sept. 13: Leslie Kennedy; Monday, August 14: Frances Croft; Tuesday, Sept. 15: Lee Jackson, Eddie Vandiver; Wednesday, Sept. 16: Betty Vandiver, Heather Welch; Thursday, Sept. 17: No birthdays; Friday, Sept. 18: Bert Brown, John Weaver, Bobby Moore; Saturday, Sept. 19: Gerald McCormick, Jim Looime; Sunday, Sept. 20: Prentiss Franklin.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER: John Lever and John Davis, Sept. 3, 2016; Danielle and Robert Ireland, Sept. 13, 2003; Jean and Tim Medley, Sept. 13; LaDana and Dean Joseph, Sept. 25, 2001.

IN OUR COMMUNITY CYCLE OF PRAYER, WE PRAY FOR STEWPOT COMMUNITY SERVICES: Stewpot, offers myriad services to both homeless and less fortunate members of our community. One of the founding entities of Stewpot, St. Andrew's provides volunteers who donate to the clothes closet, bag groceries, serve lunch, provide meals for the Opportunity Center on cold winter nights and serve in many other capacities. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Gina Halfacre at gchalfacre@gmail.com.

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



Mahjong Group

Monday, September 14 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

Young Adult Gathering: Faith & Folly

Tuesday, September 15 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.

Volunteer Days at Stewpot

Wednesday, September 16 - Friday, September 18 at 11:00am-12:30pm

It is the Cathedral's turn to rotate in as volunteers to serve lunch at Stewpot!

Sign up for a spot at standrews.ms/stewpotserve | Contact Gina Halfacre for more details gchalfacre@gmail.com

Wednesday Noon Bible Study Returns

Wednesday, September 16 at Noon

This group meets each week on Wednesday on the 2nd floor of the Cathedral in room 26. The fall curriculum will kick off with listening to and discussing Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's *Short Stories by Jesus*. No need to read or prepare in advance! The group will listen to passages from the audiobook together followed by group discussion

Burnt Offerings

Thursday, September 17 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. Contact Davis Dalton for more details davidaldalton@hotmail.com

Mississippi Symphony Orchestra: Baroque Splendor

Saturday, September 19 at 7:30pm | Tickets \$30

The Mississippi Symphony Orchestra will kick off their 2026-27 season with a performance at the Cathedral featuring Baroque pieces. Purchase tickets in advance at standrews.ms/orchestra

Sunset Chords featuring The Jackson Gypsies

Sunday, September 20 at 5:00-7:00pm

This free outdoor concert takes place on the columbarium. Bring a chair, a snack, a beverage, and a friend!

Fall Formation: Returns September 20

Sundays at 9:30am | Classes for all ages

- **Dean's Forum**, Parish Hall | Adults
- **Theology and Literature**, Yelverton Room | Adults
- **Embracing the Questions**, Downstairs EYC Room | 6th- 12th graders
- **Godly Play**, Godly Play Room | 1st - 5th graders
- **Mustard Seeds**, Scout Room | pre-K - Kindergarteners
- **Nursery** | infants and toddlers

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