



St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral
Celebration of St. Francis and All Animals

October 4, 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.

PRELUDE

HYMN H-1982 #405

All things bright and beautiful

ROYAL OAK

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER (BCP), PAGE 351

Celebrant 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.**

GLORIA H-1982, #280

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
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People may be seated.

THE FIRST READING

JOB 39:1-18

‘Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them. ‘Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing. ‘Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?’ ‘The ostrich’s wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage.’ For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal

may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft,* it laughs at the horse and its rider.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM (*read in unison*)

PSALM 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

² My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

³ He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

⁴ Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

⁵ The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

⁶ So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

⁷ The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

⁸ The Lord shall watch over your going out
and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

THE SECOND READING

ACTS 4:32-35, 5:1-11

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. 'Ananias,' Peter asked, 'why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!' Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him. After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, 'Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price.' And she said, 'Yes, that was the price.' Then Peter said to her, 'How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.' Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

1 O Fa - ther, the mak - er of beau - ti - ful things,
 2 All crea - tures are kin in the world and be - yond,
 3 The lambs and the calves and the foals that are born,

Like ros - es and dai - sies and but - ter - flies' wings,
 The bee in the pol - len, the fish in the pond,
 The beans and po - ta - toes, the roots and the corn,

And mount - ains and for - ests, and wa - ter and snow;
 The fox in his bur - row, the bird on the bough,
 The ap - ple and cher - ry trees, row af - ter row:

All show us thy love for thou mak - est them so.
 All show us thy love for thou mak - est them so.
 All show us thy love for thou mak - est them so.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 12:13-21

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

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

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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 Annie Elliott

MUSICAL REFLECTION

The People stand at the invitation of the Celebrant.

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

O God, we thank you for making the animals to brighten our lives. Help us to protect animals as Noah did. Help us to love them and care for them as St. Francis did. And when we see the animals that you have made, help us to remember that you are holy and worthy of praise. In the name of the Father (who thought up the giraffe and the zebra) and of the Son (who was named after the beautiful white Lamb) and the Holy Spirit (who came to us as a Dove). **Amen.**

We pray for those who have asked our prayers, especially, Toddy, Gaines, Pepe, Jane, Fernanda, Sebastian, Mary Ann, Matt, Susan, Kristen, and Kathy. *silence*

We pray for those who serve in the military, especially Charlie Sewell.

We pray for those who have died especially, Dr. Dickie Yelverton; and Barbara Quiriconi, mother of Stephanie Scott.

We pray for those animals we have loved and lost. *silence*

We pray for those species of animals whose lives are endangered. *silence*

We give thanks for these animals, whose companionship brings us joy. *silence*

We give thanks for our community partner The Jackson Free Clinic.

We give thanks for those celebrating a birthday today.

We give thanks for the birth of Margot James Mitchell, daughter of Molly and J.T. Mitchell.

Holy Immortal One, in whom all creation has its being: No sparrow falls without your knowing it; nothing dies but is remembered by you; nothing comes into being that you do not see. Give us courage and resolve to build up the common good, holding fast to the hope of a new creation in which all shall dwell eternally, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. **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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

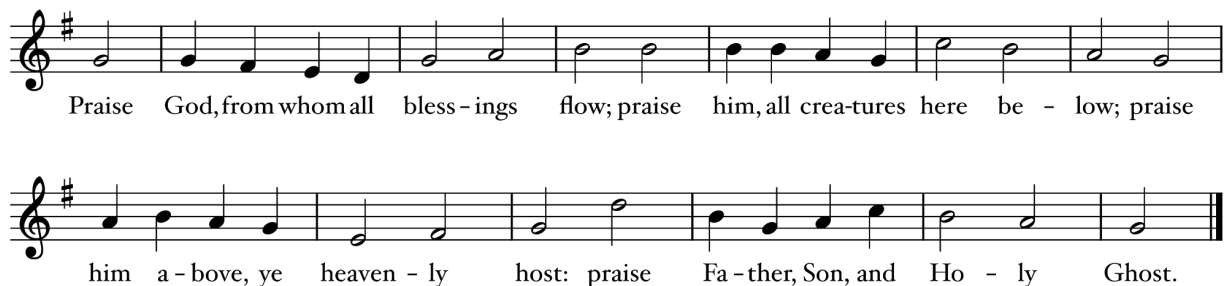


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AT THE PRESENTATION

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, PRAYER B

All stand.

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

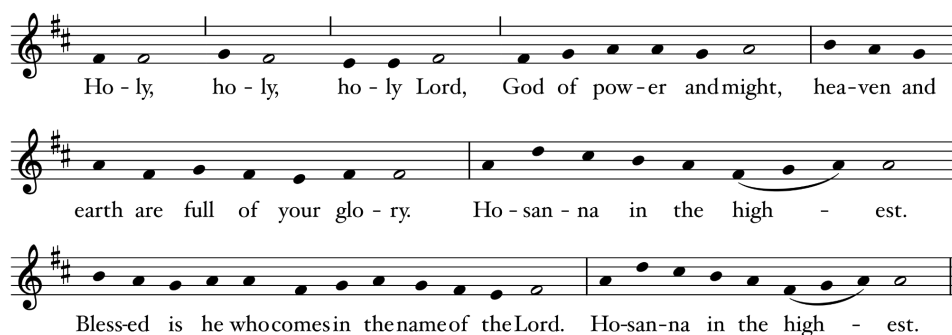
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant 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:



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

BCP, PAGE 364

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMN, H-1982 #711

Seek ye first

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.

At the Celebrant's invitation People may kneel or stand.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Toddy, Gaines, Pepe, Jane, Fernanda, Sebastian, Mary Ann, Matt, 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: Susan, 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, Clay, Rob and Rhett.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE IN OUR MILITARY: Charlie Sewell.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Dr. Dickie Yelverton; and Barbara Quiriconi, mother of Stephanie Scott.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE BIRTH OF: Margot James Mitchell, daughter of Molly and J.T. Mitchell.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK: Oct. 4: No birthdays; Monday, Oct. 5: Betty Heatherly, Grace Smith, Alexandra Long Tuesday, Oct. 6: Iain Brumley; Wednesday, Oct. 7: Barbara Adams; Thursday, Oct. 8: Virginia Powell, LaDana Joseph; Friday, Oct. 9: Kim Sewell, Mary Alice Browning; Saturday, Oct. 10: Angela Evans; Sunday, Oct. 11: Mary Baughn.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER: Nancy and Bill Cheney, Oct. 4, 1997; Missye and Mike Scott, Oct. 13, 2018; Virginia and David Allen, Oct. 18, 1997; Ellen and Charles Johnson, Oct. 23, 2003; Liz and Kent Burnham, Oct. 26, 2024; Katherine and Larry Landrum, Oct. 27, 2001;

IN OUR COMMUNITY CYCLE OF PRAYER, WE PRAY FOR THE JACKSON FREE CLINIC: was founded in 2001 as a medical clinic dedicated to serving the homeless. Over the past 20 years, the clinic has expanded its services to offer much more than just free medical care for the homeless. JFC now provides care to uninsured Mississippians, giving them access to a broad range of health services. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Thorne Butler at thornebutler70@gmail.com

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HOLY BAPTISM | Please contact The Right Rev. Morris K. Thompson, Jr. at mthompson@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 Right Rev. Morris Thompson at mthompson@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.



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At the Monday, September 28th Vestry Meeting, Bishop Thompson opened the gathering with a reflection on our call to release fear and live freely. The Vestry asked that this message also be shared with the Cathedral parish.

See Bishop Thompson's reflection below.

Dear Cathedral Parishioners,

Recently, I visited someone in her final earthly days. The person was weak and tearful. She was not ready to say goodbye and was afraid of what lies ahead. To be honest, the encounter was an emotional moment for me. The fear of the unknown is always at our door.

For the past couple of weeks, I've been thinking about the experience. Fear and death are as natural as any emotion. The unknown can be tormenting, paralyzing and cause us to question core beliefs. The disciples often found themselves fearing what Jesus was doing and saying. Peter was fearful of Jesus' miracles and told Jesus to leave. Yet, Jesus stayed and offered his hand.

Congregations, too, can be fearful and anxious about dying. Whenever congregations start to cry, we need more youth, we need younger couples, you can bet they are concerned about dying. Everything has a life cycle. We are born, we have birthdays, and we die. Everything has a beginning and an ending. Even churches die. Knowing this truth can be freeing. Instead of wringing our hands, fearful of dying, we can choose to be alive now. In the movie, *The Shawshank Redemption*, Morgan Freeman's character, Ellis "Red" Redding, quips, "you either get busy living or get busy dying."

Learning to live freely is life-changing. We no longer worry about dying because that is a given. Now, we can focus on being alive, giving freely of ourselves. Being alive is living generously and hopefully. My friends, let us choose to be fully alive, now.

Brave journey,

+Morris

Interim Dean

A Look Ahead



Music in the City featuring Cecelia Stearman, mezzo-soprano

Tuesday, October 6 at 5:15pm | at the Mississippi Museum of Art

Together with the Mississippi Museum of Art, the Cathedral offers this series as a gift to the Jackson community. These free salon-style recitals take place at MMA and feature mostly Mississippi musicians. Cash bar at 5:15pm, performance at 5:45pm.

Wednesday Noon Bible Study

Wednesday, October 7 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

Enneagram Group

Wednesday, October 7 at 5:00pm

This group meets monthly on the first Wednesday to explore the Enneagram personality system and related topics. Contact Avery Rollins if you are interested in joining, averyrollins@gmail.com

Sunset Chords featuring The Rangers

*Sunday, October 11 at 4:00-6:00pm**

**NOTE the earlier start time due to sunset timing*

For our final Sunset Chords of the year, we welcome The Rangers as our musical guests of the evening. This free concert will take place on the columbarium. Bring a chair, a snack, a beverage, and a friend!

Mahjong Group

Monday, October 12 at 1:00pm | AT BANNER HALL

Join us to play Mahjong on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month! Our first meeting in October will take place at Banner Hall instead of the Cathedral as the church offices will be closed for a holiday this day.

Contact Susan Duke to participate: 601-937-3828

Burnt Offerings

Thursday, October 15 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.

EYC Serves Lunch at Stewpot

Sunday, October 18

Our youth group (EYC) prepares and serves lunch at Stewpot one Sunday every other month. All youth in 6th - 12th grades are welcome to attend. Contact Kat Penton for more information, kpenton@standrews.ms

Young Adult Gathering: Faith & Folly

Tuesday, October 20 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.

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