St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral
Twenty-fifth Sunday after the Pentecost
November 15, 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 #594 *God of grace and God of glory* Cwm Rhondda

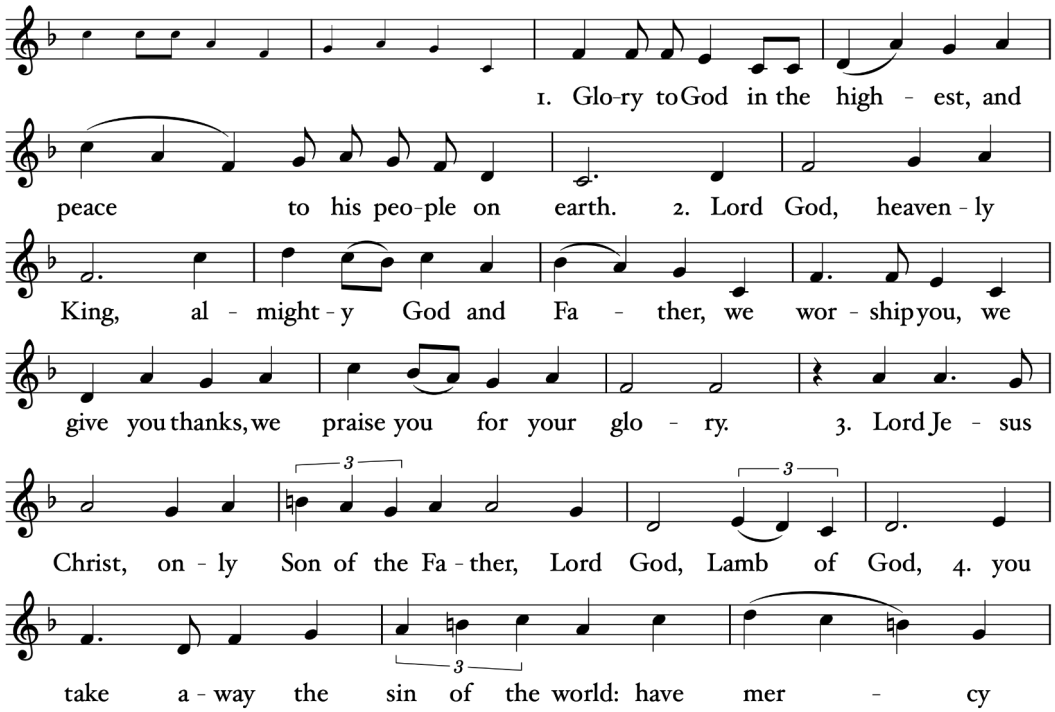
The Word of God

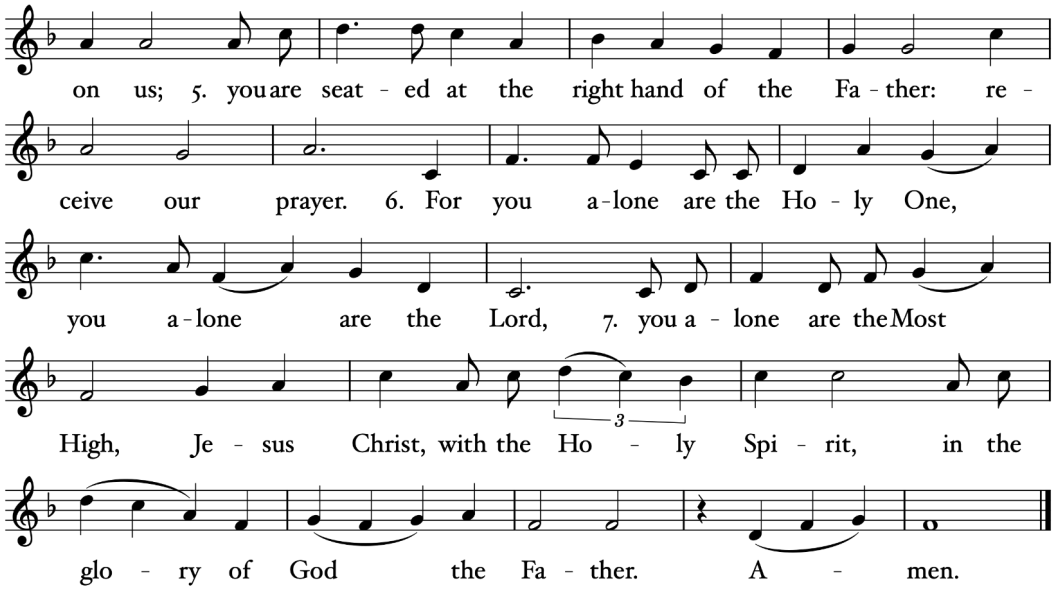
Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer (BCP), Page 355

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.**

Song of Praise, H-1982 #S-280 *Gloria in excelsis* Robert Powell





COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 ZEPHANIAH 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

THE PSALM PSALM 90:1-12

[1] Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

[2] Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

[3] You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

[4] For a thousand years in your sight are like
yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

[5] You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

[6] In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

[7] For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

[8] Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

[9] When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

[10] The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

[11] Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?

[12] So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

THE SECOND READING 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN H-1982 #632 *O Christ, the Word incarnate*
MUNICH

THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 25:14-30

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The

one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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 Right Reverend Morris K. Thompson, Jr.

The People stand at the invitation of the Celebrant.

NICENE CREED — BCP, PAGE 358

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 — BCP, PAGE 387

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 bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Donald, our president, Tate, our governor, 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***

Celebrant
O God, the Father of all creation, our prayers this day are with the children of Ukraine, who have borne the pain and destruction of war. We ask your protection for all who live in fear and hopelessness. Give them hope in their dark world, that your presence will lead to new beginnings and that they may come to know peace that only you can give. This we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Celebrant
O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession — BCP, Page 360

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 — BCP, Page 360

Celebrant
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

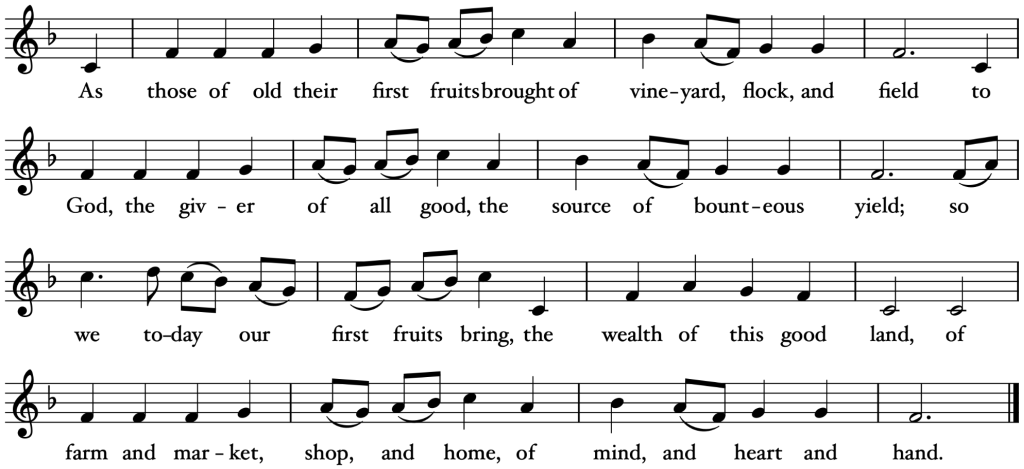
BCP, Page 360

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

The Holy Communion

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

Hymn at the Presentation *All stand and sing.* Forest Green

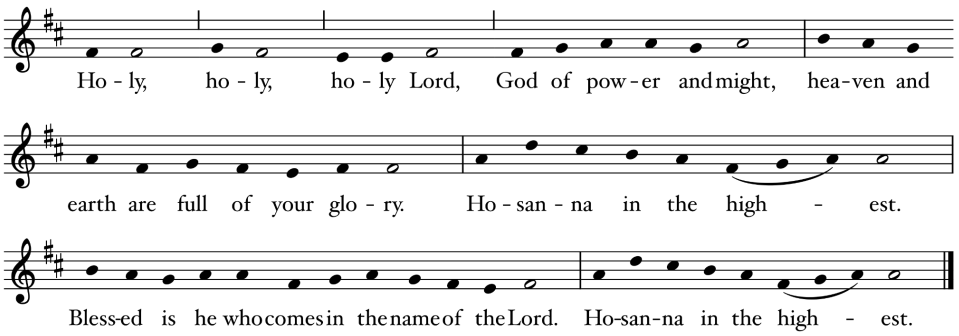


The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B *All stand.* BCP, Page 367

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:

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;
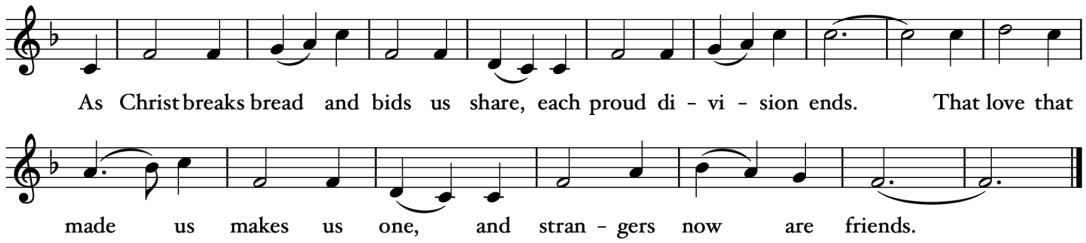
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite 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 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.

Fraction H-1982 #304, v. 3 Land of Rest



The Invitation
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion of the People

Music during Communion

Hymn H-1982 #554 *Tis the gift to be simple* Simple Gifts

At the Celebrant's invitation People kneel or stand.

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 BCP, Page 366

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 #616 *Hail to the Lord's anointed* (vv. 1, 2, 3) Es Flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

The Dismissal

Deacon

People **Thanks be to God.**

Flowers on the altar are given to the
Glory of God and in thanksgiving
for family and friends
Given by
Meredith and Jimmy Creekmore

OUR PRAYER LIST

WE PRAY FOR: Phil, Bettye, Conn, Bill, Jeff, Andy, Natalie, Toddy, Gaines, Mary Ann, Kristen, and Kathy.

AT WEEKDAY PRAYERS, WE PRAY FOR: Susan, Margaret, Alex, Chip, Bob, Tasha, Barbara, Betsy, Matt, Betty, Chris, Paula, Floyd, Anthony, Norma, Mary, Martha, Mike, Elizabeth, Harrison, Johnny, Kathleen, Lily, Rob and Rhett.

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

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Nell Tavlin, mother of Steve Browning and grandmother of Virginia and Philip Browning;Rosemary Jacobs, mother of Frank Alley; and Jane Smith, mother of Lucien Smith and grandmother of Liam, McEwen and Cooper Smith.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK: Sunday, Nov. 8: Christopher Skelton, Halley Strickland, Kim Konradi; Monday, Nov. 9: Kevin Lewis, Libby Wray; Tuesday, Nov. 10: T Rueff; Wednesday, Nov. 11: Henry Rueff; Thursday, Nov. 12: Cary Cox, Hazel Misenar, Aubrey Lucas; Friday, Nov. 13: RobertWise, Katherine Landrum; Saturday, Nov. 14: Ivy Alley, Joe Robinson; Sunday, Nov. 15: Taylor Menist, Bobby Morgan.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER: Betsy Bradley and Robert Langford, Nov. 2; Frances and Justin Croft, Nov. 5, 2005; Sibyl and Jim Child, Nov. 20; Melissa and Thomas Cribbs, Nov. 24, 2018; Betty and John Allin, Nov. 29, 1974.

IN OUR COMMUNITY CYCLE OF PRAYER, WE PRAY FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Habitat For Humanity is a Christian organization that builds homes for people in need in over 100 countries world-wide. Since 1986, over 635 new homes have been built in Greater Jackson by sponsors, corporations and thousands of Habitat volunteers For more information, contact Bill Osborne at **wgoii2@gmail.com.**

WEDDINGS | Please contact The Right Rev. Morris K. Thompson, Jr. at mthompson@standrews.ms

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.

A Look Ahead

Vestry Meeting

Monday, November 16th at 5:45pm

The November Vestry meeting will take place on the second floor in Room 26.

Dean's List (Men's Dinner Group)

Tuesday, November 17th at 6:00pm

The Dean's List (formerly Burnt Offerings) is a gathering for church men to share a meal and fellowship. All men, whether a Cathedral member or joining as a friend, are welcome to attend. Bring your own meat to grill, BYOB, and sides are $15.

Faith & Folly (Young Adult Group, 20s and 30s)

Tuesday, November 17th at 6:00pm | Fertile Ground Beer Co., 800 Manship St., Jackson

Faith & Folly is a series in partnership with the Jackson-area Episcopal Young Adults (JEYA) group that brings together Episcopalians from metro-area churches. Faith & Folly meets every month on the third Tuesday at Fertile Ground, and each gathering will focus on a different theme about navigating faith in young adulthood. Your first drink (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) will be covered, and there will be snacks to share.

Metropolitan Chamber Orchestra Concert

Sunday, November 22nd at 3:00pm

Join us for a free performance provided by the Metropolitan Chamber Orchestra (MCO). The MCO is a community orchestra bringing classical music to the greater Jackson area. All performances are hosted at St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral.

Thanksgiving Day Eucharist

Thursday, November 26th at 9:00am

Join us for worship on the morning of Thanksgiving. We will gather in the Chapel for Eucharist.

Advent Wreath Making

Sunday, November 29th at 9:30am

Join us to mark the beginning of Advent by creating our Advent wreaths together! We will have wreath rings and candles available for purchase, or you may bring your own. Greenery and other materials will be available for all to share. All are invited to contribute greenery clippings to our community supply this day! Evergreen, holly, magnolia, berries, etc. are all great options.

The Journey Series Advent Retreat

The Practice of Spiritual Imagination: Stretching our Spiritual Muscles in Uncertain Days

Guest Speaker: The Reverend Stuart Higginbotham

Saturday, December 5th at 9:00am-2:00pm | Tickets $50, includes lunch

In a time when so much feels uncertain and anxious, we are called to nurture our spiritual practice even more intentionally. Our practice strengthens our posture so that we can remain grounded while embodying compassion in the world. The key to this strengthening and resilience is spiritual imagination, a curiosity that invites us to pay attention to the living presence of the Spirit. Register at standrews.ms/journey

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