



St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



December 28, 2025, 10:00 AM

Welcome to St. Augustine's Anglican Church!

We are so glad that you are worshiping with us today.

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after the service (downstairs)



Children

Our staffed **nursery** is downstairs, with a pager system for parents/guardians. There is a change table available for use in the nursery.

Sunday School is during the service:

- + preschool to grade 12 (divided into classes with age-appropriate activities)
- + follow the crowd after the children's focus
- + please go with young children to register them if it is their first time at Sunday School



Eucharist

All baptized Christians of any denomination are invited to receive the bread and wine. If you are not baptized, or if you would rather not receive communion today, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Sidespeople will let you know when to come forward. To receive the Eucharist in your seat, please let a sidesperson know and it will be brought to you.

You can:

- + Say nothing – a wafer will be dipped in the wine and placed in your hand
- + Say “common cup” – a wafer will be placed in your hand and then you will be offered the common cup
- + Say “bread only” – a wafer will be placed in your hand
- + If you need a gluten-free wafer, please let us know at the altar
- + If you would like a blessing, cross your arms over your chest



To learn more about St. Augustine's

- + introduce yourself to Rev. Steve or Rev. Gillian after the service
- + fill in a Welcome Card and put it in the offering plate/hand it to a sidesperson
- + join us for coffee hour following the service
- + Sign up for our weekly Parish Pulse email newsletter (www.staug.org)

First Sunday after Christmas
Morning Prayer
December 28, 2025

Prelude

Opening Hymn: #143 Angels from the Realms of Glory

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Gillian Breckenridge

Children's Focus

The Penitential Rite

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. *Colossians 3.15, 16*

The officiant says to the people,

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

All kneeling and silence is kept. The officiant and people say together,

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 neighbours 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.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

(all standing)

Christmas Responsory

Blessed are you, O Christ, Son of God, you were before time began and came into the world to save us. Blessed are you, Sun of righteousness; you shine with the Father's love and illumine the whole universe. Blessed are you, Son of Mary; born a child, you shared our humanity.
Let heaven and earth shout their praise.

Blessed are you, Son of David; born to rule, you received gifts from the wise men. Blessed are you, Son of Man; baptized by John, you saved us from ourselves. Blessed are you, heavenly King; teaching and preaching, healing and comforting, you proclaimed the kingdom.

Let heaven and earth shout their praise.

With all the voices of heaven we celebrate the coming of our Saviour.

Let heaven and earth shout their praise.

With all the creatures on earth we sing and dance at his birth.

Praise and honour and glory to you, O Lord most high.

The Invitatory

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us: **O come, let us worship.**

Jubilate

Psalm 100

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his name.**

**For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

The Invitatory

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us: **O come, let us worship.**

The Proclamation of the Word

At the conclusion of each reading, the reader shall say: **The Word of the Lord.**
And the people shall respond: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148

Flora MacKay

George Black



(*) Hal-le-lujah!

- (1) Praise God from the heavens;
- (2) sing praise in the heights.
- (3) Sing praise, all angels,
- (4) sing praise, all you heavenly host. **R.**

- (1) Sing praise, sun and moon;
- (2) sing praise, all you shining stars.
- (3) Sing praise, heaven of heavens,
- (4) and you waters above the heavens. **R.**

- (1) Let them praise your name, O God;
- (2) for you commanded, and they were created.
- (3) You made them stand fast for ever and ever;
- (4) you gave them a law which shall not pass away. **R.**

- (1) O praise God from the earth,
- (2) you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- (3) Fire and hail, snow and fog,
- (4) tempestuous wind, doing God's will; **R.**

- (1) Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars:
- (2) Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;
- (1) Rulers of the earth and all peoples,
- (2) princes and all sovereigns of the world;
- (3) Young men and women,
- (4) old and young together. **R.**

- (1) Let them praise your name, O God,
- (2) for your name only is exalted,
your splendour is over earth and heaven.
- (3) You have raised up strength for your people
and praise for all your loyal servants,
- (4) the children of Israel, a people who are near you.
- (*) Hallelujah! **R.**

Gradual Hymn: #125 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

The Gospel Matthew 2:13-23

Judith Robinson

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Olufemi Ogundimu

Offertory Hymn: #122 In the Bleak Midwinter

The gathered pledge cards will be brought forward with the offering plates

Offertory Prayer

Officiant Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Apostles' Creed *(all stand)*

Officiant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the People *(all kneeling)*

Pamela Ukrainetz

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Anglican Church of Canada.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: In our Diocese we pray for Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, Calgary, The Very Rev. Dr. Chris Dowdeswell, The Rev. Jim McDermott (Hon.) and The Rev. Eyad Ajji (Hon.). We pray also for The Refugee Committee.

In Our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for St. George with St. Vincent, St. Peter, St. Luke and St. Alban on Grenada, The Ven. Michael Marshall, Rector. We also pray for St. Patrick with St. Mary and St. Francis on Grenada and The Rev. Coleridge Brooker, Priest-in-Charge.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for those who minister to young people: Sunday School teachers, Nursery volunteers, Middle School and High School youth groups and leaders.

The Collect of the Day *(remain kneeling)*

Officiant Let us pray.

All **Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

All **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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: #135 Shepherds in the Field Abiding

Dismissal May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Postlude

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In loving memory of the Siewert and Bres family loved ones by Delynn and Marc Siewert

In loving memory of James Moch, David and Gladys Carse and Shirley Reidel by Irene Moch

In loving memory of our mother Doreen Gray by Roxanne and Laura and family

SHARING IN MINISTRY TODAY

GOSPELLER: Judith Robinson

INTERCESSOR: Pamela Ukrainetz

LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: Greg Young

LECTORS: Bev Dorchak, Ken Dorchak

MUSICIANS: Flora MacKay, Meagan Nicol

SANCTUARY GUILD: Nikki Gordon, Barb Hignell, Judy Moore, Marc Siewert, Dorothy Tipper

SERVERS:

SIDESPEOPLE: Patti deGorter, Cathy Gillespie

COUNT SUPERVISOR: Jacky Hall-Buckland

TECHNICAL CREW: Sound: Barry Adams, Michael Larsen; Videography: Ayo Aramide, David Olubiyi

NEWCOMERS MINISTRY: Patricia and Tim Pope

Rector
Associate Priest
Rector Emeritus
Rector Emeritus
Children & Family Ministries
Nursery Coordinator
Music Director
Organist
Administrative Assistant
Lead Verger
Assistant Verger
Rector's Warden
Acolyte
Assistant Rector's Warden
People's Warden
Assistant People's Warden
Deputy Warden (Worship)
Deputy Warden (Caring)
Deputy Warden (Fellowship)
Deputy Warden (Missional Outreach)
Deputy Warden (Facilities)
Deputy Warden (Financial Stewardship)
Deputy Warden (Communications)
Deputy Warden (Discipleship and Evangelism)

The Rev. Steve Bateman
The Rev. Dr. Gillian Breckenridge
The Rev. Canon Allan McCuaig
The Rev. Canon James Robinson
Stef Collins
Esther Oluwagbemi
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