



# St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



December 7, 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](http://www.staug.org))

Second Sunday of Advent  
The Holy Eucharist  
December 7, 2025

Prelude

Advent Responsory Psalm 130:1, 3, 5-6

An Advent Responsory



My soul waits for the Lord; in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord; in his word is my hope.  
**My soul waits for the Lord; in his word is my hope.**



Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice.

**In his word is my hope.**

There is forgiveness with you;  
therefore you shall be feared.

**In his word is my hope.**

My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than watchmen for the morning.

**In his word is my hope.**

O Israel, wait for the Lord,  
for with the Lord there is mercy.

**In his word is my hope.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Ho-ly Spirit.

**My soul waits for the Lord; in his word is my hope.**

**Processional Hymn: #103    On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry**

**Announcements**

The Rev. Steve Bateman

**Children's Focus**

**The Gathering of the Community**

*Celebrant*        The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

*People*            **And with thy spirit**

*All*                **Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and  
from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by  
the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee,  
and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Kyrie Eleison        #678 (all kneeling)  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*        Let us pray

*All*                **Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare  
your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and  
stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that  
when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with  
confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Proclamation of the Word**

*At the conclusion of the reading, the reader shall say:*        The word of the Lord.

*And the people shall respond:*                                        **Thanks be to God.**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 11:1-10

Josh Penner

**Second Reading:** Romans 15:4-13

Cooper Roberts

## Gradual Hymn: Make Way - Dave Siverns

Prepare, make way for the Lord  
Hear the wilderness cries  
And witness the light coming soon  
Prepare, make way for the Lord

Turn away from the darkness you're tangled in  
Turn away from your anger and swords  
Turn away from complaining and grumbling  
Make way for the Lord

Prepare, make way for the King  
Whom the prophets foretold  
Watch His mercies unfold as He reigns  
Prepare, make way for the King

Lay aside all your idols of selfishness  
Lay aside all the pride that you bring  
Lay aside wrong desires for influence  
Make way for the King

Prepare, make way for the Word  
Who created all being  
And poured out Himself to be heard  
Prepare, make way for the Word

Taste and see that our King comes to rescue us  
Taste and see that our Lord God is good  
Taste and see the great feast he prepares for us  
Make way for the Word

### **Gospel:**

Matthew 3:1-12

Emmanuel Nai

*Reader*

The Lord be with you.

*All*

**And with thy spirit.**

*Reader*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*People*

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

*Reader*

The Gospel of Christ.

*People*

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Gillian Breckenridge

**Anthem**    The Longing

arr. Douglas Nolan

Julie Amundsen, cello

**The Nicene Creed** (*all standing*)

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the  
Father before all worlds, God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God;  
begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through  
whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down  
from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and  
was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He  
suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the  
scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the  
Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the  
dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth  
from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is  
worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one,  
holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the  
remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of  
the world to come. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People** (*all kneeling*)

Flora MacKay

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the church of Bangladesh.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: In our diocese we pray for Church of the Epiphany, Rimbey,  
The Rev. Daniel Hughes, Holy Trinity, Rocky Mountain House, The Lay Ministers and  
Wardens. We also pray for Companion Diocese Committee.

In our companion diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for St. Patrick, Barrouallie  
(barrel-ee) with St. David, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, All Saints, and Mary  
Magdalene, on St. Vincent and The Rev. Hanif Johnson.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for those who are involved in ministry of Administration:  
Parish Treasurer, Envelope Secretary, Welcome Ministry and Facility Booking  
Coordinator.

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

*Silence is kept. The celebrant and people say together,*

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things and judge of all people: we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*All stand, and one of the ministers addresses the people:*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit**

**Offertory: #100 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People**

### **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Prayer Over the Gifts**

The Rev. Steve Bateman

*All* **God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving (*all kneeling*) #682**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world; that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

*All*            **We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

*Celebrant*    And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** (*all kneeling*)

*Celebrant*    And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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.**

**The Breaking of the Bread #685**

*All*            **O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:  
grant us thy peace.**

**We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his blood, That we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.**

*Celebrant*    The gifts of God for the people of God.

*All*            **Thanks be to God.**

**The Communion**

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Eucharist.*

*All (baptized or not) are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

*If you require a gluten free wafer, please inform the person administering the bread.*

**Communion Music:**

Owen Ukrainetz and Sarah Viejou

LET US ADORE

For the unclean, the unholy  
For the broken, the unworthy  
You came, Jesus you came

[Verse 2]

For the wounded, for the hurting  
For the lost, and for the lonely  
You came, Jesus you came

[Chorus]

O come all ye faithful  
Bow before our Savior  
Come let us adore  
The one who came for us  
Glory in the highest  
Praise the name of Jesus  
Our King has come

[Verse 3]

For the outcast, the defeated  
For the weary, for the weakest  
You came, Jesus you came

[Chorus]

[Bridge]

O come let us adore him  
For He alone is worthy  
Our King has come  
Our King has come  
O give Him all the glory  
For He alone is worthy  
Our King has come  
Our King has come

Drive Out the Darkness

(Chorus)

Come, O Come

Be our light

Drive out the darkness

Come, Jesus, Come

[Verse 1]

Every year under the thorn

Every wrong that we have known

Every valley will be raised

Ancient ruins will be remains

(Chorus)

[Verse 2]

Every weapon made for war

Every gun and every sword

Will be melted in the flame

To be used for gardening

(Chorus)

[verse 3]

In the emptiness of grief

Through the night of suffering

In the loss and in the tears

God of comfort, O be near...

(Chorus)

Come, and end all the violence

Come, do not be silent

Come, cling to your promise

Come, break all injustice

Come, Jesus, Come

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. *(all kneeling)*

*All* **Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

### **The Doxology** *(all standing)*

*Celebrant* Glory to God,

*All* **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn: # 106      There's A Voice in the Wilderness**

### **Dismissal**

*Minister* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**    Laudamus Te

Antonio Vivaldi

Karen Hudson, Erinn Roberts

### **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

In loving memory of Bob Hall by Jacky and family

In loving memory of Ruby and Cecil Gordon, Mary Atkinson, William Lester and Hugh and Joy Cameron by Phyllis Cameron and family

In loving memory of brother Charles McFarlane by Jennifer Greve and family

In loving memory of our husband and Papa Jim Monti by Wendy and Aletheia

In loving memory of Gordon Henley and mother Shirley Henley by Sherris Henley and family

## **SHARING IN MINISTRY TODAY**

**GOSPELLER:** Emmanuel Nai

**INTERCESSOR:** Flora MacKay

**LAY ASSISTANTS:** Chris Burton, Karen Hudson, Jean Larson, Kathy Leonard, Judith Robinson, Francis Stillwell, Greg Young

**LECTORS:** Josh Penner, Cooper Roberts

**LITURGICAL ASSISTANT:** Greg Young

**MUSICIANS:** Julie Amundsen, Keith Griffioen, Flora MacKay, Owen Ukrainetz, Sarah Viejou and St. Augustine's Senior Choir.

**SANCTUARY GUILD:** Chris Burton, Jackie Hall-Buckland, Brenda McGrath, Sue Milne, Shelagh Stefan, Diana Young

**SERVERS:** Rory Ball, Levi Penner, Mark Penner

**SIDESPEOPLE:** Bob Gschaid, Juanita Loucks

**COUNT SUPERVISOR:** Doug McLaughlin

**TECHNICAL CREW:** Sound: Brad Gillespie, David Hignell; Videography: Bryson Duda, Keshaka Rubesinghe

**NEWCOMERS MINISTRY:** Gladys Mwanza and Liz Raymond

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Rector  
Associate Priest  
Rector Emeritus  
Rector Emeritus  
Children & Family Ministries  
Nursery Coordinator  
Music Director  
Organist  
Administrative Assistant  
Lead Verger  
Assistant Verger  
Acolyte  
Rector's Warden  
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  
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