



St. John AUGUSTA

January 25, 2026

Season of Epiphany

The Reverend Jenny Anderson

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

**All who are able, standing*

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

After the gathering, a bell will ring to signal the beginning of worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, Shine!

Gary Alan Smith

* HYMN

Would I Have Answered When You Called

Kingsfold

See next page

* GREETING

Come to Christ, that living stone,
rejected by the world, but in God's sight chosen and precious.

**We have responded to Christ's call
and seek to be built into a spiritual house,
a living reminder of God's presence on earth.**

Once we were no people, but now we are God's people,
called out of the darkness into God's marvelous light.

Therefore we sing with the Church in all ages:

Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer.

**By your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

* OPENING PRAYER

God of blazing light,
through the power of the cross you shattered our darkness,
scattering the fears that bind us
and setting us free to live as your children.

Give us courage and conviction
that we may joyfully turn and follow you
into new adventures of faithful service,
led by the light that shines
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Would I Have Answered When You Called



1. Would I have an - swered when you called, "Come,
2. Would I have fol - lowed where you led through
3. Would I have matched my step with yours when
4. O Christ, I can - not search my heart through



fol - low, fol - low me!"? Would I at once have
an - cient Gal - i - lee, on roads un - known, by
crowds cried, "Cru - ci - fy!" when on a rock - y
all its tan - gled ways, nor can I with a



left be - hind both work and fam - i -
ways un - tried, be - yond se - cu - ri -
hill I saw a cross a - gainst the
cer - tain mind my stead - fast - ness ap -



ly? Or would the old, fa - mil - iar round have
ty? Or would I soon have hur - ried back where
sky? Or would I too have slipped a - way and
praise. I on - ly pray that when you call, "Come,



held me by its claim and kept the spark with -
home and com - fort drew, where truth you taught would
left you there a - lone, a dy - ing king with
fol - low, fol - low me!" you'll give me strength be -



in my heart from burst - ing in - to flame?
not dis - turb the or - dered world I knew?
crown of thorns up - on a ter - rible throne?
yond my own to fol - low faith - ful - ly.

* THE PEACE

* ACT OF PRAISE

70 Glory be to the Father

Meineke

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:1-4

Old Testament p. 780

PSALM

Psalms 27:1, 4-9

UMH p. 758

***Sung response: For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.***

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**
One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
**That I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in the Lord's temple.**

Sung Response

The Lord will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble,
will conceal me under the over of his tent,
and will set me high upon a rock.
And now my head shall be lifted up

above my enemies round about me;
 and I will offer sacrifices in the Lord's tent
 with shouts of joy;
 I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Sung Response

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
 be gracious to me and answer me!
"Come," my heart said, "seek the Lord's face."
Your face, O Lord, I seek.
 Hide not your face from me.
 Turn not your servant away in anger,
 for you have been my help.

Sung Response

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

* GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 4:12-23

New Testament p. 4

* HYMN

206 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Houston

I want to walk as a child of the light
I want to follow Jesus
God set the stars to give light to the world
The star of my life is Jesus

Chorus:

In Him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus

I want to see the brightness of God
I want to look at Jesus
Clear Sun of righteousness shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father

Chorus

I'm looking for the coming of Christ
I want to follow Jesus
When we have run with patience the race
We shall know the joy of Jesus

Chorus

SERMON

Jesus the Proclaimer

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

DUET

Follow Me

SC spiritual, arr. John Carter

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH p. 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth;
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 the third day he rose from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 forever. Amen.**

THE OFFERING

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Jesu, Priceless Treasure

Cruger/Bach

Text: See hymn 532

* DOXOLOGY

95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise him, all creatures here below;
 praise him above, ye heavenly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

* HYMN

399 Take My Life and Let it Be

Messiah

**Take my life, and let it be
 consecrated, Lord, to thee.
 Take my moments and my days;
 let them flow in ceaseless praise.
 Take my hands, and let them move
 at the impulse of thy love.
 Take my feet, and let them be
 swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing
 always, only, for my King.
 Take my lips, and let them be
 filled with messages from thee.
 Take my silver and my gold;
 not a mite would I withhold.
 Take my intellect, and use
 every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will, and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne.
 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure-store.
 Take myself, and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee.**

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* POSTLUDE

Ministry of Worship

Preacher	Reverend Jenny Anderson
Liturgist	Rev. Dr. Timothy McNeil
Lay Reader	Mary Ottinger
Greeters	Shery Howard, Alexandra Anderson, Ulrike Arntz
Ushers	Chip Matson, Warren Spooner
Acolyte	Robert Thomas
Crucifer	Micah Quattlebaum
Organist and Director of Music	Jamie Council Garvey
Guest Organist and Choir Director	Larry Millen
Choir	The St. John Choir
Cantor	Heather Daughterty
Soloists	Courtney Kalbacker, Sawyer Branham
Offering Counter	Georgia Vesely
Worship Technicians	Donald Tilton, Adam Kuehl

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Weekly Giving	\$8,829
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