



St. John

AUGUSTA

March 15, 2026
 The Fourth Sunday of Lent
 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

PRELUDE

Oboe Sonata in a minor, I

Georg Philipp Telemann

* HYMN

138 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

St. Columba

1 all 2 trebles 3 men 4 choir 5-6 all

All **The King of love my shepherd is,
 whose goodness faileth never.
 I nothing lack if I am his,
 and he is mine forever.**

Trebles **Where streams of living water flow,
 my ransomed soul he leadeth;
 and where the verdant pastures grow,
 with food celestial feedeth.**

Men **Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
 but yet in love he sought me;
 and on his shoulder gently laid,
 and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

Choir **In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
 with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
 thy rod and staff my comfort still,
 thy cross before to guide me.**

All **Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thy unction grace bestoweth;**

**and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!**

All **And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.**

* GREETING

For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness."
who has shone it in our hearts.

**To give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.**

* OPENING PRAYER

Discerner of hearts,
you look beneath our outward appearance
and see your image in each of us.
Banish in us the blindness
that prevents us from recognizing truth,
so we may see the world through your eyes
and with the compassion of Jesus Christ who redeems us. **Amen.**

* 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

Ephesians 5:8-14

New Testament p. 237

PSALM

Psalm 23

response 2

UMH p. 137

*The Good Shepherd comes that we may have life
And have it abundantly*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me I the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me

in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

* GOSPEL LESSON

John 9:1-41

New Testament p. 125

SERMON

Rabbi, How Did This Happen?

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

In desperation we cry to you, O Lord.

We know you hear. We know you care.

We pray for those whose hope is lost,

who feel dried up and cut off from you.

By your grace, open their graves;

bring them back to the land of the living.

We pray for those who are oppressed,

held captive by the power of death.

Release them from their chains;

unbind them and let them go!

We pray for those who weep,

lost and lifeless in fear and regret.

**Grant them the peace of your presence;
show them what your love can do.**

We pray for those who are dying,
the light of life fading in their eyes.

**Help them to believe in you
so that they may live and never die.**

We thank you, O Lord,
for having heard our prayers.

**Enable us to trust in you,
and thus to see your glory;
through Jesus Christ,
the resurrection and the life. Amen.**

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

The Lord is My Shepherd

John Rutter

* 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

451 Be Thou My Vision

Slane

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
 Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
 Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
 I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
 thou and thou only, first in my heart,
 great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of Heaven, my victory won,
 May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's sun!
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* POSTLUDE

Hymn Prelude on *Slane*

Paul Manz

Ministry of Worship

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| Preacher | Reverend Jenny Anderson |
| Liturgist | Vic Johnson |
| Lay Readers | Jim Garvey, Roy Lewis, Jeff Pullium |
| Greeters | Alison Wright, Sherry Howard, Ulrike Arntz |
| Ushers | Chip Matson, Charles Piercey |
| Acolyte | Robert Thomas |
| Crucifer | Micah Quattlebaum |
| Organist and Director of Music | Jamie Council Garvey |
| Oboist | Daniel Ellis |
| Pianist | Larry Millen |
| Choir | The St. John Choir |
| Cantor | Heather Daugherty |
| Offering Counter | Becky Rogers |
| Worship Technicians | Donald Tilton, Adam Kuehl |

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God,
in memory of Clint Lewis by his family*

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| Weekly Stewardship | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2026 Budget | \$631,305 |
| Weekly Giving | \$7,625 |
| YTD Giving | \$77,176 |
| YTD Other Income | \$5,293 |
| YTD Expenses | \$119,898 |
| Attendance 3/8 | Sanctuary: 124 Online: 26 |

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