

*Second Sunday  
of Lent*



**South Aiken Presbyterian Church  
1711 Whiskey Rd.  
Aiken, SC 29803**

# Welcome!

Welcome to God-Encountered worship at South Aiken Presbyterian Church! We are thankful that you have been called to worship with us this morning. We believe all people are children of God. We believe that the redeeming grace of God can transform our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit. We believe all people are loved with a love that has no end in Jesus Christ.

Today, may you encounter Jesus Christ through Spirit-inspired worship including dynamic preaching, specific prayers, and beautiful music. May the blessings of the triune God give you joy and hope that can only come from God with us. Let us worship God!

## Welcome, Our Guest Pianist

Camille Rosier, an accomplished piano teacher with over 20 years instructing and 30 years performing experience, is a graduate of the Petrie School of Music at Converse College where she earned a Bachelor of Music degree with summa cum laude honors. Her majors are in both Piano Performance and Piano Pedagogy, a detailed study of the art of teaching the piano. She is an active member of the South Carolina Music Teachers Association, the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) and the South Carolina Piano Festival Association (SCPFA). She is currently serving the SCPFA on the executive board as the Region II Festival Chairman. She is a lifelong member of Delta Omicron, an international music honor fraternity, and Pi Kappa Lambda, a prestigious national music honor society. She has received the coveted permanent professional certification from the MTNA as a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music in the field of Piano.

Camille was honored with Steinway & Sons “Top Piano Teacher” award in 2021 and again in 2022 for the Central Savannah River Area. Camille is a frequent substitute on both piano and organ, which she has played for over 25 years, for both Aiken and Augusta area church services and rehearsals. She also holds the faculty positions of School Organist, Choral Director, and K-4 Music Teacher for St. Mary’s Help of Christians School in downtown Aiken.

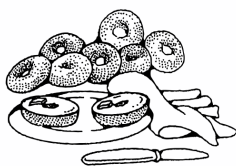
# TODAY



## SABBATICAL 2025 JOIN the JOURNEY



## BAGELS & BRAINSTORM



- What is a Pastoral Sabbatical?
- What is your hope for Pastor Jason during his Sabbatical?
- How will SAPC grow into our vision with this time?

**FEB. 25TH, 11AM**  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER GYM



**Prayer of Confession** *(Together)*: Gracious God, we confess that we want to control everything in life. We spend more time thinking about what others should do than healing from our own unresolved emotional and spiritual damage. Forgive us, O God from not wanting to do the work through Jesus Christ.

*(in silence confess personal sins to God)*

PA: Amen

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

PA: As you hear the water being poured into the font, remember Jesus Christ washes away the sins of the World.

**The Font** *(pouring of the water)*

**\*Responsive Hymn #581**

***“Glory Be to the Father”***

**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.**

**\*The Peace** *(Responsively)*:

PA: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.** *(share fist bumps, high fives, hugs, and other signs of forgiveness and peace to each other.)*

## **RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD**

**Children’s Moment**

**Pastor Jason**

*(Children are invited to come to the stage steps for a small lesson, then walk together to Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall.)*

**Anthem**

***“For The Beauty Of The Earth”***

**Rutter**

## Prayer for Illumination

**Scripture Reading** *(New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition, NRSVUE):*

**Old Testament Reading:** **Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16** *(page 13 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)*

**New Testament Reading:** **Mark 8: 31-38** *(page 44 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*  
*(fill-in the blanks on page 7)*

**One:** Hear what the Spirit of God says to the Church!

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**                                   **“Preparing to Die, Remembering to Live”**                                   **Rev. Jason Hammersley**

**\*Responsive Hymn #718**                                   **“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”** *(stanzas 1-2, 4)*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *(Together):* **The Brief Statement of Faith** *excerpt*

**We trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Amen.**

**Prayer of Intercession** *(prayers for the Church, the world, the nation, the community and our loved ones)*

## Offering of Gifts

**Offertory**   **“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”**   **Maker, arr. Ham**

**\*Doxology: Hymn #606**     *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*  
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

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving** *(with 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

## **SENDING INTO THE WORLD**

**\*Hymn #812**                             *“O Save Me, God, and Hear My Cry”*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude Hymn #742:**                     *“We Will Walk With God”*  
We will walk with God, my brothers; we will walk with God.  
We will walk with God, my sisters; we will walk with God.  
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.  
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

**Sermon Scripture Activity (NRSVUE):**

*As the Scripture is read (Mark 8: 31-38) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.*

**Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection**

<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_ must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the \_\_\_\_\_, the chief priests, and the scribes and be \_\_\_\_\_ and after three days \_\_\_\_\_ again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And \_\_\_\_\_ took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, \_\_\_\_\_! For you are setting your mind not on \_\_\_\_\_ things but on \_\_\_\_\_ things."

<sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come<sup>[a]</sup> after me, let them deny themselves and take up their \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will \_\_\_\_\_ it, and those who lose their life for my \_\_\_\_\_, and for the sake of the gospel,<sup>[b]</sup> will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it \_\_\_\_\_ them to gain the whole world and \_\_\_\_\_ their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words<sup>[c]</sup> in this adulterous and \_\_\_\_\_ generation, of them the Son of \_\_\_\_\_ will also be ashamed when he comes in the \_\_\_\_\_ of his Father with the holy angels."



# Food for Thought

*Being Church for All Generations*

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

**“Reaching People under 30 while Keeping People over 60”**

**Wednesday’s Topic: “Shifting Cultural Realities” presented by Greg Burkes**

**Dinner 5:30-6:00 pm, Program 6:00-7:00pm (Video & Discussion), in the Church Gym**

- Dinner (BBQ Brisket, Potatoes, Veggie, The Glances) No reservations or payment required and donations can be made at dinner.
- Childcare is available. Please contact Cissy Kelley at 803-270-5808 or email her at her email: ([cissyksapk@yahoo.com](mailto:cissyksapk@yahoo.com)) to sign up.
- Book is available for purchase in the church office for \$10. Rides are available, please let the Church Office know at 803-648-9574.

## Living in Faith Together (LIFT)

*(Women's Small Group)*



*Meetings will be held the 3rd Monday of the month unless agreed by the group.*

The next LIFT will be meeting on February 26th, 6pm at Lynn Burkes’ home. Bring toppings for a baked potato bar.

Let Lynn know if you need childcare. To join our group on Facebook, scan this QR Code.



## Online Donations

available on our website, or by scanning this QR code with camera.



## Come Strum With Us at our Ukulele Fellowship

*(Day & Time Change)*

When: Thursday, 5-6 pm (Beginner Players)  
6-7 pm (Intermediate Players)

Where: Family Life Center, in the Music Room

Questions? Contact Jackie at [jlscherman@gmail.com](mailto:jlscherman@gmail.com).



**Please Note: We can no longer determine who has donated stocks to the church, due to a recent change in laws. However we want to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone who has made this type of contribution to SAPC. We are extremely grateful for your donation. If you would like a letter for your taxes, please notify us of your donation and we will be glad to provide it to you.**

**Has your Address Changed?** If so, we kindly ask that you provide us with your updated address and/or phone number so that we can update our Church records. Thank you



## ***Did You Know?***

There is a Nursery for infants - 3yrs/toddlers available during the weekly service with Cissy Kelly. Just bring your child to the Nursery Room in the SAPC School.



Children are welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall for Sunday School which is held after the Children's moment. *It is not mandatory for the children to sit up front for the children's moment to be welcome in Sunday School.*



Reserve your date by visiting the new "Sanctuary Flowers" web page found under the Worship menu tab, or call the Secretary's office at 803-648-9574.

## **GriefShare** **Grief Support Ministry**



***Grieving a Loved One? Need help understanding your feelings of grief?***

***Come to GriefShare!***

GriefShare is an educational and compassionate grief support ministry of SAPC to help people who grieve understand their emotions and learn what to do with their feelings as God heals.

It has three components: video, workbook (\$20), and small group discussion.

The 13 week sessions are held on Mondays that began on **Jan 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Library.** Come and work through your grief so that you can go from mourning to joy!

Visit the GriefShare website at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org).

## **Jesus & Music (JaM)**



**What is JaM?** Children's Choir for South Aiken Presbyterian Church

**Where will this be held?** South Aiken Presbyterian Church's Fellowship Hall

**When?** Sunday Mornings, 9 – 9:20 AM. After dismissal the children will go to the nursery until church. Practice will follow closely to the Aiken County Public School District Calendar.

**Next Practice**  
**Next Performance**

March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
March 24<sup>th</sup>



***Want to get the digital newsletter of announcements each week?***

Email [secretary@southaiken.org](mailto:secretary@southaiken.org) to join the Spirit Express emailing list!

## Easter Lilies



It's time to sign-up for your Easter Lily for the Sanctuary display on Easter morning, March 31<sup>st</sup>. The cost is \$22 per lily.

If you wish, you can have a dedication printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

You may pickup your lily following the service or donate it to brighten someone's day.

Please see Sandy Haines at Food for Thought on Wednesdays or in the Narthex on Sundays following the service.



## February Collection

**(Pasta Sauce - No Glass Please)**

ACTS collection baskets are located in the narthex by the church entrance and across from the church office. Monetary donations may be made by placing a check made out to SAPC in the offering plate and noting 'ACTS' on the memo line. *Thanks for sharing with others!*

## The Chapter Chat Book Club



**“The Last Thing He Told Me”**

**By Laura Dave**

**Thursday,**

**March 7<sup>th</sup>, at 2 pm.**

**Meet in the Church Library**

Contact Maureen Dunn at  
[maureendunn14@bellsouth.net](mailto:maureendunn14@bellsouth.net)  
for more info.

## PRIVACY OF CONTACT INFORMATION

If you wish for your phone number and/or address to be withheld from any printed publication which may be seen by the public, please contact Monica at [secretary@southaiken.org](mailto:secretary@southaiken.org) or (803-648-9574) to let your wishes be known.

## Prayer Requests

**Tim T (son in law of Cheryl M.)** for healing.  
**Joyce C** - for health concerns.  
**Snyder Family** in season of grief.  
**Meggs Family** (Becky H.'s Uncle) season of grief.  
**Robin E.** for health concerns.  
**Ralph** (friend of Larry H.) - for healing.  
**Bill M.** for comfort.  
**Jim and Shirley S.** for healing and comfort.  
**Marilyn H.** in season of grief.  
**Scott M.** for comfort.  
**Brooke R.** (friend of Jimmy B.) for health concerns.  
**Myra R.** (friend of Jimmy B.) for health concerns.  
**Linda S.** (friend of Scott M.) for healing.  
**Emily L.** for season of grief.  
**Leona F.** for comfort.  
**Ethel** (mother to Steve H.) for comfort.  
**Jeff B.** (family friend to Sarah S.) for health concerns and in season of grief  
**Pethick Family** in season of grief.  
**Lewis Family** in season of grief.  
**Edwards Family** in season of grief.  
**Samuel M** (Becky H's Uncle) for health concerns.  
**Pat M.** (Linda B's sister) for health concerns.  
**Mike G.** (brother in-law to Steve K.) - for health concerns.  
**Kari M.** for health concerns.  
**Mary Louise S.** (Mary S.'s granddaughter) for health concerns.  
**Leslie C.** for health concerns.  
**Doug M.** (Linda B.'s nephew) for healing and comfort.  
**Ray P.** (cousin of Sarah Scott) for healing and strength  
**Lynn S.** - for comfort  
**Scott Family** - in season of grief.  
**Dot M.** - for comfort  
**Gail** (friend of Kitt M.) for healing as her treatments have changed.  
**Steve & Linda H.** for comfort.  
**Bob A.,** for comfort and strength  
**Lois V.** sister of Lyn V., for continuing improvement.  
**Peg P.** for comfort.  
**Jayne B.** for comfort.  
**Barbara K.** for healing.  
**Anita & Bob P.** for comfort and discernment.  
**Homebound Members**

*Email [secretary@southaiken.org](mailto:secretary@southaiken.org) to change information or removal of name.*

## Volunteers Today

**Pulpit Assistant:** - Paul Ebel

**Ushers:** Hank Hayes, Bonnie Hayes,  
Chuck Abele, Heidi Abele

**Sound:** Steve Kuhl

**Video:** Haley Culp

**JaM Director:** Lyn VanDervort

**JaM Helper:** Emily Martin

## Volunteers Next Week

**Pulpit Assistant:** Greg Burkes

**Ushers:** Jenny Chase, Shirley Colburn,  
Gordy Colburn, Cheryl MacCrum

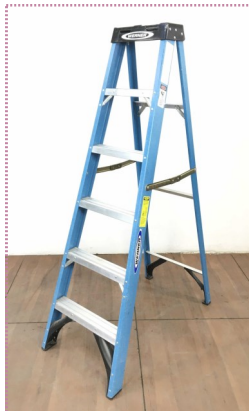
**Sound:** Robert Glance

**Video:** Anthony Williamson

**JaM Director:** Lyn VanDervort

**JaM Helper:** Emily Martin

*We are looking for the church's 20 foot A-Frame blue ladder. Please let us know if you are aware of where it may be located.*



## *Did You Know?*

Each planned church activity may need a specific set up. A drawing of the gym is used to plan out what is needed and then provided to Kirk so that he can set things up as requested. A **“Gym Set-up and Tear Down Request Form”** can be found in the Admin Office (Room F100) in a mailbox labeled “Gym Layout”. We ask for this information at least 2 days prior to the event. Thank you!

**The church email address is:**

[secretary@southaiken.org](mailto:secretary@southaiken.org)

## *SAPC THIS WEEK*

### Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

9:00a - Apocrypha Sunday School (Library)  
9:00a - JaM (Fellowship Hall)  
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR) “Original Sin”  
10:00a - Worship Service - Communion (Sanctuary)  
11:00a - Sabbatical 2025 Meeting (Gym)  
11:00a - Bethel Studies (Library)  
11:00a - Confirmation Class (Youth Room)  
12:30a - Nominating Committee-Initial Meeting (PCR)  
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)  
4:00p - Session Meeting (Library)  
6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

### Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)  
1:00p - GriefShare Meeting (Library)  
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)  
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)  
6:00p - LIFT Meeting (Lynn's Home)

### Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)  
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)  
4:00p - Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)  
4:30p - Belles Canto (Music Room)  
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)  
7:00p - Scouts Meeting (Upstairs Scouts Classroom)

### Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)  
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)  
5:30p - Food for Thought (Gym)  
5:30p - Food for Thought-Children (Rm F203)  
7:00p - Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

### Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>

8:50a - SAPK Chapel (Sanctuary)  
12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)  
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)  
4:00p - Aiken Kinderchoir (Fellowship Hall)  
4:00p - Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)  
5:00p - Beginner Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)  
6:00p - Interm. Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)  
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)

### Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)

### Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

10:00a - Kids First Training (PCR)  
1:00p - Dancing for Dollars (gym)

### Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:00a - Apocrypha Sunday School (Library)  
9:00a - JaM (Fellowship Hall)  
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR) “Original Sin”  
10:00a - Worship Service - Communion (Sanctuary)  
11:00a - Bethel Studies (Library)  
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)  
6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

\* FLC - Family Life Center

\*\* PCR - Pastor's Conference Room

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