

*South Aiken Presbyterian Church, dedicated to Jesus Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit, will deliberately foster an **inclusive, intergenerational congregation**. We will extend **revolutionary, Christ-Like hospitality** to everyone we encounter, embrace **diverse styles of worship**, and utilize a **tech-based relational outreach**.*

**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!

HELP KEEP OUR CAMPUS  
BEAUTIFUL!



## Church-wide Clean Up Day

Work together to help spruce  
up our campus!  
We are in special need of a  
*power washer.*

**March 16th**  
**9:00am - 12:00pm**

We will be meeting between the 2 church buildings

March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

(Please stand, if able, when indicated by an \*)

**Prelude**

*“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

**Kim**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Michelle Green (Pulpit Assistant, PA)**

**The Chiming** (*Handbell is rung three times, for God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.*)

**Introit**

*“A Clean Heart”*

**Benjamin Harlan**

## **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**\*Call to Worship** (*Psalm 107:1-3, 21-22*) (*Responsively*):

**One:** O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; for God’s steadfast love endures forever.

**All:** **Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those God redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

**One** Let them thank the Lord for God’s steadfast love, for God’s wonderful works to humankind.

**All:** **And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of the Lord’s deeds with songs of joy.**

**\*Hymn #475**

*“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

**Prayer of Confession** (*Together*): **Holy God, giver of all that is good, we rejoice that you are the source of all that is. The breath of life is a gift from your generous hand. Everything we have is a gift from you. Why, then, do we complain as though the manna, raining down from heaven for us even now, is not enough? Why do we worry that your well of living water will someday run dry? It is surely our sin that causes us to live as though we do not trust your goodness. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us again to put all our trust in your promises that never fail. Remind us that we are always in your loving care. Fill us with grace, so that our lives might show forth the fullness of your love for all people...**

*(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**

**Kim Goetter**

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

**Anthem**

**“Jesus Paid It All”**

**Grape**

**Prayer for Illumination**

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

**Old Testament Lesson:** **Numbers 21:4-9** *(page 139 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)*

**New Testament Reading:** **Ephesians 2:1-10** *(page 192 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*

**Gospel Lesson:** **John 3:14-21** *(page 94 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*  
*(fill-in the blanks on page 6)*

**One:** The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of our Lord endures forever. This is the word of God !

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**“Darkness and Light”**

**Rev. Frank Cunningham**

**\*Responsive Hymn #264**

**“At the Name of Jesus”**

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

## Offering of Gifts

Offertory

*“Open the Eyes of My Heart”*

Hayes

Olga Kuzmenkova, Pianist

\*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 #700

*“I’m Going to Live So God Can Use Me”*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude Hymn #743

*“O God, You Are My God”*

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise

You. O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise

You. I will seek you in the morning, and I will  
learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you’ll lead

Me, and I will follow you all of my days

**Sermon Scripture Activity (NRSVUE):**

*As the Scripture is read (John 3:14-21) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.*

<sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the \_\_\_\_\_ in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have \_\_\_\_\_ life.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his only \_\_\_\_\_, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have \_\_\_\_\_ .

<sup>17</sup> "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be \_\_\_\_\_ through him. <sup>18</sup> Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of the only \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved \_\_\_\_\_ rather than light because their deeds were \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>20</sup> For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>21</sup> But those who do what is \_\_\_\_\_ come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>[b]</sup>



## Feast and Fellowship at Camp Fellowship

457 Camp Fellowship Road

Waterloo, SC

*Young at Heart Ministry, All are welcome.*

April 2nd, 12:00-2:00

*(bus leaving at 10:30 from the Family Life Center)*

Meat+3 style meal, salad bar, tea, coffee, & dessert! \$10

additional bus fee of \$5

total cost is \$15

RSVP to the Church Office at [secretary@southaiken.org](mailto:secretary@southaiken.org) by March 24th.

*There is also a sign up sheet located in the Narthex for you convenience.*



# CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

VBS 2024  
Camp Firelight!  
M-F, July 8 - 12  
8:45am - 12:00pm

## *Calling all volunteers!*

We need people to help run our 2024 Vacation Bible School camp, which will run from July 8th through July 12th. Camp is from 8:45am-12:00pm. The more volunteers we have, the more kids we can host at our church! Please contact [families@southaiken.org](mailto:families@southaiken.org) with your interest in supporting this wonderful mission.



# Food for Thought

*Being Church for All Generations*

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

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

**Wednesday’s Topic: “A Win for Everyone” presented by Pastor Jason**

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

- Dinner (Chili Cook-Off, with Salad, Volunteers) 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 March 18th, 6pm at the Olive Garden.

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



## Calling All Ushers!



A training session will be held on March 23rd from 10 to 12 in the Sanctuary. Please plan to attend to review the current procedures involved in ushering here at SAPC. If you would like to become an usher, please call the church office at 803-648-9574 and leave a message for Diane Davies for more information. *All are welcome!*

*See you on March 23rd !*

## Easter Egg Donations Requested

It's that time of year! To prepare for our annual **Easter Egg Hunt**, we need to have eggs for children to find!



We are asking for donations of pre-filled, non-chocolate (to prevent melting!) Easter eggs to be hidden throughout the church grounds. Donations can be dropped off in the church office, or in the Narthex on Sundays. *Mark your calendars now - the SAPC Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 30th at 9:00am!*

## Online Donations

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



**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.

### To My SAPC Friends:

*My heart is full of gratitude for all the kindnesses that has been shown to me and my family after the death of my husband, John. From the moment I called Pastor Jason to this very day the support of everyone has been overwhelming. As just one example, the reception that Vicki and her team arranged for us after the service was perfect in every way. The many cards and phone calls have gone straight to my heart. Once again, I thank all of you. In Christ I pray. Phyllis Roy*

## 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

March 17<sup>th</sup>

Next Performance

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 31st. 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.

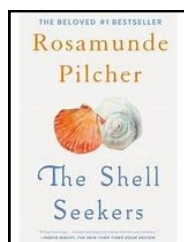
Please see Sandy Haines at Food for Thought on Wednesdays or in the Narthex on Sundays following the service.



## March Collection (Canned Vegetables)

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 Shell Seekers" By Rosamunde Pilcher

Thursday,  
April 4<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

**Anthony B** (grandson of Linda B.) for healing.  
**Beth R.** for healing & comfort (Home).  
**Tim T (son in law of Cheryl M.)** for healing.  
**Joyce C** - healing from surgery.  
**Snyder Family** in season of grief.  
**Meggs Family** (Becky H.'s Uncle) season of grief.  
**Robin E.** 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:** - Michelle Green

**Ushers:** Maureen Dunn, Debbi Reboul,  
Jim Barber, Mary Barber

**Sound:** Scott Reboul

**Video:** Anthony Williamson

**JaM Director:** Lyn VanDervort

**JaM Helper:** Margie Hammon

## Volunteers Next Week

**Pulpit Assistant:** John Kelly

**Ushers:** Mary Bunch, Jim Bunch, Vickie Schmidt,  
George Schmidt

**Sound:** Larry Hinson

**Video:** Kelly Frontroth

**JaM Director:** Lyn VanDervort

**JaM Helper:** Lynn Burkes

## **Sabbatical 2025**

I am grateful for the love shown to me at SAPC. The Bagel and Brainstorming helped know what SAPC's wish for me and renewal activities living into the vision.

Clergy Renewal Grant Application is due 3/13/2024.

*Join the Journey!*

*Pastor Jason*

## ***Gym Setup for Events***

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 required. 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, March 10<sup>th</sup>

9:00a - Bethel New Test Sunday School (Library)  
9:00a - JaM (Fellowship Hall)  
10:00a - Worship Service - Communion (Sanctuary)  
11:00a - Mission/Membership Meeting (Library)  
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)  
5:00p - Confirmation Class (Youth Room)  
6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

### Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)  
1:00p - GriefShare Meeting (Library)  
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)  
5:00p - SAPK Board Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
5:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)  
6:30p - Christian Education Team Meeting ( High School Room)

### Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)  
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)  
4:00p - Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)  
4:30p - Belles Canto (Music Room)  
5:30p - Worship & Music Team Meeting (Library)  
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)  
7:00p - Scouts Meeting (Upstairs Scouts Classroom)

### Wednesday, March 13<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, March 14<sup>th</sup>

8:50a - SAPK Chapel (Sanctuary)  
12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)  
1:30p - Prayer Shawl (Library)  
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 15<sup>th</sup>

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)  
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)  
4:00p - Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)  
5:30p - Carolina Flight Basketball (Gym)

### Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

7:30a - ACTS Senior Food Distribution (340 Park Ave)  
9:00a - Church Clean Up Day - (meet between the 2 buildings)  
11:00a - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)  
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)  
4:30p - Carolina Flight Basketball (Gym)

### Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

9:00a - Bethel New Test Sunday School (Library)  
9:00a - JaM (Fellowship Hall)  
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR) "Original Sin"  
10:00a - Worship Service - Communion (Sanctuary)  
11:00a - Diaconate Meeting (Library)  
12:00p - Admin & Stewardship Meeting (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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