



*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!

CONNECTION SUNDAY:

Connections for All:
Embracing the
Vision and Fostering
Inclusion

SERIES 1



Staff Announcement

We are excited to announce our new part-time Pianist, **Olga Kuzmenkova**. Olga is a skilled and experienced Pianist who will connect the music of the ear to the heart and spirit of all who worship in the sanctuary and online.

Please take a moment to welcome her to SAPC.

Mar. 24, 11:00am, immediately following
the Sunday service



Children and Infants are Welcome !

Infants to 3yrs/toddlers are welcome in the Nursery with Cissy Kelly throughout the service - out the back entrance and down at the end of the hall or ask an usher for directions.

Children are welcome to....

- use the Worship bag of activities during the service – located in the Narthex and by the back entrance hallway
- come up front during the Children's Moment.
- join us in Sunday School after the Children's Moment (even if they didn't come up front), parents can pick them up in Fellowship Hall after the service.
- stay in Worship with their adults (even if they did come up front).



***Assurance of Forgiveness in song Hymn #441 “Hear the Good News of Salvation”**

**Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God’s love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above**

Refrain

**Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within**

**All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring.
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:**

*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*)

***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

“Hosanna! Praise the Lord!”

Liebergen

Prayer for Illumination

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

Gospel Reading: John 12:9-19 (*page 106 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible*)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Palms and The Passion”

Rev. Jason Hammersley

***Responsive Hymn #197**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

***Affirmation of Faith (Together):**

The Apostles’ Creed

**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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell.
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on 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 Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen**

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

Minute for Mission: Honduras Agape Mission

Offering of Gifts

Offertory

“In Christ Alone”
Olga Kuzmenkova, Pianist

Alex-Szolt

***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 #305**

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" (stanzas 1-3)
**Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!**

Refrain

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

**Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!**

**Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission magnify the Crucified!**

***Blessing 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**



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 by March 24th.

A clip board will also be in the Narthex to sign up for this trip.



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 with your interest in supporting this wonderful mission.

SAPK is looking for Volunteers for Summer Camp!

Dates: June 3-7 and June 10-14; 9:00am -12:00 noon

We have volunteer spots available for Crafts, Games, and Snacks.



Camps are open to SAPK students and siblings and SAPC children nursery to rising 2nd graders.

Please contact Jennifer Huntley (jennifer.huntley76@gmail.com) or Cissy Kelley (cissyksapk@yahoo.com) for more information.

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 meeting will be on April 15th, 6 PM at 142 Mallard Lake Drive. We will be having a salad buffet and devotion. Lynn will provide lettuce & grilled chicken. Please bring your favorite toppings to share. *We will also be planning our Girls Getaway for the weekend of July 12th at the Burkeshire on Clark Hill/ Thurmond Lake.*

Let Lynn know if you need childcare.

To join our group on Facebook, scan this QR Code.



Presby Café

Topic: Original Sin

Where?: Pastor Conference Room (PRC) in the Family Life Center

When? Each Sunday at 9:00am



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

*A Great Big
Thank You*

.... to all who participated on the Church Wide Clean Up Day!

Everyone's participation (your time and efforts) and enthusiasm is very much appreciated. A special thank you goes out to Martin McCrum and his crew who spread a mountain of mulch.

Thank you, Thank you!!



Sanctuary flowers for this Sunday's Service were given by Heidi Abele in honor of all the many blessings we are given daily

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 29th 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.

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

April 14th
May 12th



Want to get the digital newsletter of announcements each week?

Email secretary@southaiken.org to join the Spirit Express emailing list!

Parking Lot News

During the week of April 1-5, the SAPC parking lot is scheduled to be repaved and parking lines redone.

Please watch for specifics on this in the upcoming bulletins.



Prayer Requests

Frontroth Family in season of grief.
Christopher K. (brother of Steve K.) for healing.
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.
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.
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 to change information or removal of name.

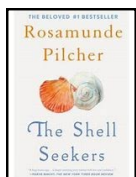
March Collection



(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 4th, at 2 pm.

Meet in the Church Library

Contact Maureen Dunn at
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 or (803-648-9574) to let your wishes be known.

Volunteers Today

Pulpit Assistant: - Lyn VanDervort

Ushers: Kathy Peterson, Greg Peterson,
Elsie Worpell, Kelli Williams

Sound: Steve Kuhl

Video: Haley Culp

JaM Director: Lyn VanDervort & Scott Chappell

JaM Helper: Jackie Schermann

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Sandy Haines

Ushers: Kathie Peterson, Greg Peterson,
Elsie Worpell, Kelli Williams

Sound: Larry Hinson

Video: Haley Culp

JaM Director: N/A

JaM Helper: N/A

Pickle Ball

SAPC now has Pickle Ball courts. To sign up for games, please use the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the hallway behind the Sanctuary.

Any questions, please contact Linda Blake at mrhankey@gforcecable.com



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

SAPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 24th (Palm Sunday)

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 (Sanctuary)
11:00a - Bethel Study (Library)
11:00a - Confirmation Class (Youth Room)
11:00a - Officer Nominating Committee (PCR)
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)
4:00p - Session Meeting (Library)
6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

Monday, March 25th

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

Tuesday, March 26th

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)
6:00p - Laurel Oaks (Fellowship Hall)
7:00p - Scouts Meeting (Upstairs Scouts Classroom)

Wednesday, March 27th

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)
7:00p - Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, March 28th

8:50a - SAPK Chapel (Sanctuary)
1:30p - Prayer Shawl (Library)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
4:00p - Aiken Kinderchoir (Fellowship Hall)
5:00p - Beginner Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)
6:00p - Maundy Thursday Service - Communion (Gym)
6:00p - Interm. Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)

Friday, March 29th

2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
4:00p - Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
5:30p - Carolina Flight Basketball (Gym)
6:00p - Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)

Saturday, March 30th

9:00a - Easter Egg Hunt (Gym, Kitchen)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
4:30p - Carolina Flight Basketball (Gym)

Sunday, March 31st (Easter Sunday)

7:00a - Sunrise Service (at Whiskey Rd Cross)
9:00a - Bethel New Test. Sunday School (Library)
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR) “Original Sin”
10:00a - Easter Worship - Communion (Sanctuary)
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

* FLC - Family Life Center

** PCR - Pastor’s Conference Room

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