

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



*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
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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!

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

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

Prelude

“It Is Well With My Soul”

Sorenson

Welcome and Announcements

Greg Burkes (Pulpit Assistant, PA)

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

Introit

“Lord, Tune Our Hearts”

Joseph Martin

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** (*Psalms 19*) (*Responsively*):

One: Heaven is declaring God’s glory; the sky is proclaiming God’s handiwork.

ALL: One day gushes the news to the next, and one night informs another what needs to be known.

One: Of course, there’s no speech, no words—their voices can’t be heard—

ALL: but their sound extends throughout the world; their words reach the ends of the earth.

***Hymn #14**

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (stanzas 1-4)

Prayer of Confession (*Together*): **Gracious God, we confess that our worship is sometimes to expected, formal, and ritualistic. We get stuck in form and function, not connecting head and heart. Help us, O God connect our head and our heart in worship 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

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

“Take Up Your Cross, The Savior Said”

Helvey

Prayer for Illumination

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

Old Testament Reading: **Exodus 20: 1-17** (*page 66 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible*)

New Testament Reading: **John 2: 13-22** (*page 93 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

“Marketplace Money”

Rev. Jason Hammersley

*Responsive Hymn #301

“Let Us Build a House” (stanzas 1-4)

Presentation: On behalf of the session, I present Judi Anderson and Robin Enscoe, who were members of First Presbyterian Church at Port Charlotte, FL and have been received into membership of this congregation by transfer of membership.

Profession of Faith and Renunciations:

1. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
2. Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

3. Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

***Profession 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**

4. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Prayer and Welcome (*you are able to greet and welcome new members after the service at the entrance to the sanctuary*)

SAPC Handbell Ensemble

"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"

Becky Hare, Marlee Hare, Melissa Major, Alex McGee, Carina McGee, Jackie Scherman

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

Offering of Gifts

Offertory

"Amazing Grace"

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 #741** *“Guide My Feet” (stanzas 1-3)*

***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 2: 13-22) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and _____ went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the _____ seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the _____, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the _____ of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the _____, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my _____ a marketplace!" ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "_____ for your house will consume me." ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "_____ this _____, and in three days I will _____ it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in _____ days?" ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the _____, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the _____ that Jesus had spoken.



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

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

And stay tuned for when we reveal our theme for the year...

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.



Food for Thought

Being Church for All Generations

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

“Reaching People under 30 while Keeping People over 60”

Wednesday’s Topic: “When Generations Collide” presented by Paul Ebel

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

- Dinner (Smoked Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Jimmy Bunch) 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) 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.



On **March 9th**, you are invited to enjoy lunch in downtown Atlanta, GA before visiting this beautiful aquarium. While this is planned for children and youth, we are welcoming all to join us together! Come build a relationship with our youngest members of SAPC.

Cost is \$50 per adult, \$25 per child, paid to the church for group reservation. Lunch is on your own. Contact families@southaiken.org for more information.

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.*



Sanctuary flowers for this Sunday's Service were given by Lisa Lader in memory of her grandmother Saranel Watson

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

March 10th
March 24th



Want to get the digital newsletter of announcements each week?

Email 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.



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 7th, 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.

Prayer Requests

Beth R. for healing & comfort (Aiken Reg).
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 to change information or removal of name.

Volunteers Today

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

Volunteers Next Week

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

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

SAPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 3rd

9:00a - Apocrypha Sunday School (Library)

9:00a - JaM (Fellowship Hall)

9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR) "Patience"

10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00a - Bethel Studies (Library)

2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)

6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

Monday, March 4th

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)

1:00p - GriefShare Meeting (Library)

2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)

6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)

6:00p - Communication Team Meeting (PCR)

Tuesday, March 5th

10:00a - The Sunshine Circle (Library)

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)

2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)

4:00p - Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)

4:30p - Belles Canto (Music Room)

5:00p - Property Team Meeting (Library)

6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)

7:00p - Scouts Meeting (Upstairs Scouts Classroom)

Wednesday, March 6th

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 7th

8:50a - SAPK Chapel (Sanctuary)

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)

2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)

2:00p - Chapter Chat Book Club (Library)

4:00p - Aiken Kinderchoir (Fellowship Hall)

4:00p - Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)

5:00p - Beginner Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)

5:30p - Aiken Coin Club (Fellowship Hall)

6:00p - Interm. Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)

6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)

Friday, March 8th

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)

2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)

4:00p - Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)

5:30p - Carolina Flight Basketball (Gym)

Saturday, March 9th

11:00a - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)

2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)

4:30p - Carolina Flight Basketball (Gym)

Sunday, March 10th

9:00a - Bethel New Test Sunday School (Library)

9:00a - JaM (Fellowship Hall)

9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR) "Patience"

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)

* FLC - Family Life Center

** PCR - Pastor's Conference Room

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