



Our Vision

**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!

TODAY



Vision into Action:

**JOIN
THE
JOURNEY!**

BRUNCH AND BRAINSTORM
FEB. 11TH, 11AM

Let's take the vision for SAPC and turn it into action! Join us after the service TODAY for a pancake brunch-and-brainstorm. How will we ensure we are living the spirit of our vision in every aspect of our community of faith, every day? Elders and deacons from every team will be there to listen to your ideas and goals for our church. We can't wait to hear from you!

Mark your Calendar!!!

**Food for Thought, Spring 2024
Being Church for All Generations
Beginning Wednesday, February 21st**

Dinner 5:30-6:00

Program 6:00-7:00 pm

- Join us each week as we explore the book "Reaching People Under 40 While Keeping People Over 60" by Hammett with Pierce.
- Book will be available in the church office.
- Program for all children and youth will be provided.
- For those who do not drive at night and would like to attend please call Mary Barber (803-270-1410) to arrange a ride.

Watch for more Info!!



February 11, 2024

Transfiguration of the Lord

10:00 am

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

Prelude

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Sorenson

Welcome and Announcements

Sandy Haines (Pulpit Assistant, PA)

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

Introit

“Holy Is He”

Clydesdate

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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

One: The day has dawned, the morning star rises in our hearts.

ALL: We witness the glory of Christ!

One: God speaks to us in cloud and flame, in mysterious words and dazzling visions.

ALL: We witness the glory of Christ!

One: The Lord loves justice and equity, and is exalted over all the people.

ALL: We witness the glory of Christ! Praise the Lord!

***Hymn #192**

“Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining (Shine Jesus, Shine)”

Prayer of Confession (*Together*): **Gracious God, we confess that your vision stretches us and makes us wonder our part in it. We struggle adapting to your call, but energized with the possibilities. We sometimes want to quit, but know you reward faithfulness. Forgive us for our doubts, lack of self-care, and letting worries of life overwhelm us.**

(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 #406** ***“We Are Standing on Holy Ground” (Sung 2 times)

**We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all
around; let us praise Jesus
now; we are standing in his
presence on holy ground**

***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

Mary & Jim Bunch

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

Anthem

“More Love, O Christ, to Thee”
Lyn VanDervort, Guest Director

Lanford

Prayer for Illumination

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

Old Testament Reading: **2 Kings 2: 1-12** (*page 332 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible*)

New Testament Reading: **Mark 9: 2-9** (*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

“Living Into the Vision ”

Rev. Jason Hammersley

*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

“Cornerstone”

Hayes

*Doxology: Hymn #705

“You Are Holy”

You are holy; you are mighty; you are worthy, worthy of praise.

I will follow; I will listen; I will love you all of my days.

I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy.

I will love and adore him; I will bow down before him.

I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy.

I will love and adore him; I will bow down before him.

You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for you

*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 #726

“Will You Come and Follow Me” (stanzas 1-3, 5)

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude Hymn #80:

“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;

The mountains and the hills will break forth

Before you there'll be shouts of joy, and all the

Trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;

The trees of the field will clap their hands;

The trees of the field will clap their hands

While you go out with joy.

Sermon Scripture Activity (NRSVUE):

As the Scripture is read (2 Kings 2: 1-12) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.

2 Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to _____ by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as _____." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³ The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your _____ away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴ Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, for the _____ has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵ The company of _____ who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; keep _____."

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, for the _____ has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the _____ lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the _____. ⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on _____.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me _____ a double share of your _____." ¹⁰ He responded, "You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of _____ and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a _____ into heaven. ¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, "_____, _____! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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.

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, 6 - 7 pm (Beginner Players)
7 - 8 pm (Intermediate Players)

Where: Family Life Center, in the Music Room

Questions? Contact Jackie at 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

Have you misplaced an item while you were at South Aiken Presbyterian Church or the Family Life Center?

We have a beautiful floral walking cane, along with a pair of glasses in a black case, a man's blue Irish cap, women's brown gloves, a leather/metal belt, etc. Please stop by the Family Life Center (Room F100) to see if, what you are missing, has been found!!



Sanctuary flowers for this Sunday's Service were given by Linda Abee in memory of Frances Shull, our mother. Love and miss you. Linda, Susan, & Barbara

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.



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.



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

February 25th

Next Performance

March 24th



Want to get the digital newsletter of announcements each week?

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

Presby Café Bible Study

Topic: Patience

What are you waiting for?



Where?: Pastor Conference

Room (PRC) in the
Family Life Center

When? Each Sunday at
9:00am

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

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

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.
Mary S. 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: - Sandy Haines

Ushers: Diane Davies, Deanna Davies,
Elaine Barnes, Amy Loftus

Sound: Scott Reboul

Video: Anthony Williamson

JaM Director: Lyn VanDervort

JaM Helper: Margie Hammon

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Shirley Colburn

Ushers: Celeste Stennett, Ronald Stennett,
Kelli Williams, Mary Bunch

Sound: Larry Hinson

Video: Kelly Frontrath

JaM Director: No JaM on Feb.18th

JaM Helper: No JaM on Feb.18th

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



The church email address is:

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SAPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 11th

9:00a - Apocrypha Sunday School (Library)
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR) "Patience"
9:00a - JaM (Fellowship Hall)
10:00a - Worship Service - Communion (Sanctuary)
11:00a - Mission & Membership Meeting (Library)
11:00a - Vision into Action Meeting (Gym)
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

Monday, February 12th

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

Tuesday, February 13th

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

Wednesday, February 14th

11:00a - Admin & Stewardship Meeting (F101)
12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)
12:00p - Ash Wednesday Worship Svc (Sanctuary)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
6:00p - Ash Wednesday Worship Svc (Sanctuary)
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)
7:00p - Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, February 15th

8:50a - SAPK Chapel (Sanctuary)
12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
4:00p - Aiken Kinderchoir (Fellowship Hall)
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)
6:00p - Beginner Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)
7:00p - Interm. Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)

Friday, February 16th

2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
4:15p - Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)

Saturday, February 17th

7:30a - ACTS Senior Food Distribution (340 Park Ave
SW, Aiken)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)

Sunday, February 18th

9:00a - Apocrypha Sunday School (Library)
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR) "Patience"
10:00a - Worship Service - Communion (Sanctuary)
11:00a - Diaconate 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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