

First 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.

Beginning This Week!!! **Food for Thought, Spring 2024** ***Being Church for All Generations***

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.
- **Growing in God’s Garden program for all children will be provided by Kim Goetter, Interim Children and Family Ministry Coordinator. This will be held in Room F203.**
- For those who do not drive at night and would like to attend please call Mary Barber (803-270-1410) to arrange a ride. *(Additional information on page 8)*

February 18, 2024

First Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

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

Prelude

“What Wondrous Love is This”

Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Shirley Colburn (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”

Harlan

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** (*Psalms 25:1-5*) (*Responsively*):

One: We offer our life to you, LORD.

ALL: Our God, we trust you. Please don't let us be put to shame! Don't let our enemies rejoice over us!

One: For that matter, don't let anyone who hopes in you be put to shame; instead, let those who are treacherous without excuse be put to shame.

ALL: Make your ways known to us, LORD; teach us your paths.

One: Lead us in your truth—teach it to us—because you are the God who saves us.

ALL: We put our hope in you all day long.

***Hymn #401**

Here In This Place (stanzas 1-2, 4)

Prayer of Confession (*Together*): **O God, we confess that what we call sin tends to be labeled into a “safe” sin category: immorality, drunkenness or gluttony. We choose to avoid social injustices and those sometimes are more systematic. Help us understand what distorts your image in us and gift us with repentance 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

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Rutter

Prayer for Illumination

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

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 6: 4-9 (*page 163 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible*)

New Testament Reading: Mark 1: 9-15 (*page 34 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.

*Responsive Hymn #783

“When We Are Tested”

*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

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Matt & Beth Redman

SAPC Ukelele Fellowship

Jackie Scherman, Sandy Haines, Scott Reboul, and John Myers

*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 #157

“I Danced In the Morning” (stanzas 2-5)

*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 (Mark 1: 9-15) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.

The Baptism of Jesus

⁹ In those days _____ came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by _____ in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the _____ torn apart and the _____ descending like a dove upon him. ¹¹ And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my Son, the Beloved;^[a] with you I am well _____."

The Testing of Jesus

¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the _____. ¹³ He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by _____, and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him.

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

¹⁴ Now after John was _____, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news^[b] of ^[c] God ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the _____ of God has come near; ^[d] _____, and believe in the good news."^[e]



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



Food for Thought

Being Church for All Generations

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

“Reaching People under 30 while Keeping People over 60”

Wednesday’s Topic: “Some Things Never Change”, presented by Pastor Jason

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

- Dinner (Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread, Coach Ike) 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 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.



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 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

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 3rd
February 25th



Want to get the digital newsletter of announcements each week?

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



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!

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

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

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.
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: - Shirley Colburn

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

Sound: Larry Hinson

Video: Kelly Frontroth

JaM Director: No JaM on Feb.18th

JaM Helper: No JaM on Feb.18th

Volunteers Next Week

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

*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:

secretary@southaiken.org

SAPC THIS WEEK

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)

Monday, February 19th

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

Tuesday, February 20th

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

Wednesday, February 21st

11:00a - Admin & Stewardship Meeting (Rm F101)
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 22nd

8:50a - SAPK Chapel (Sanctuary)
12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
1:30p - Prayer Shawl (Library)
4:00p - Aiken Kinderchoir (Fellowship Hall)
5:00p - Beginner Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)
6:00p - Intern. Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)

Friday, February 23rd

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

Saturday, February 24th

2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)

Sunday, February 25th

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

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