



*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!

Dear SAPC and Sabbatical Grant Application Team – Anita Self, Lisa Lader, Bill Poulson, Carina McGee, Haley Culp, Betty Busch, and Mary Bunch,

I am eternally grateful for SAPC’s support through the Bagels & Brainstorm session, and the gifts and talents of the Sabbatical Team as we applied for this possible \$60,000 grant for the 2025 Sabbatical. Without Anita’s skillful written words, Lisa’s compassionate writing, Bill’s attention to details, Carina’s editing-communication skills, Haley’s edits, and support from Betty and Mary, we could not have applied for this opportunity. Thank you to all people who contributed both directly and indirectly; we could not have done it without all of you. The application was submitted on Wednesday, March 13, 2024. We will know the results in August. Again, thank you Sabbatical Grant Application Team for your continuous gifted effort to bless me and the congregation through this grant opportunity in both renewal times in 2025.

Sincerely,
Pastor Jason

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).



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

Prelude *“The Heart of Worship”* **Zsolt**

Welcome and Announcements **John Kelly (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”* **Martin**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** (*Psalms 119: 10-15*) (*Responsively*):

One: We have sought you with all our hearts. Don't let us stray from any of your commandments!

ALL: We keep your word close, in our heart, so that we won't sin against you.

One: You, Lord, are to be blessed! Teach us your statutes.

ALL: We will declare out loud all the rules you have spoken.

One: We rejoice in the content of your laws as if we were rejoicing over great wealth.

ALL: We will think about your precepts and examine all your paths.

***Hymn #614** *“Great Are You, Lord, Great Is the Lord”* (*as directed*)

Prayer of Confession (*Together*): **Gracious God, we confess that we struggle with bringing death to those things and behaviors that conflict with the hope we have in Christ. We rebel against your Holy Spirit glorifying self instead of glorifying Christ. Forgive us, heal us, and make us whole through our relationship with Jesus Christ today.**

(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 #647**

“Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now let the weak say “We are strong”; let the poor say “We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us

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And us! Give thanks. Give thanks.

***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

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

Angela Clifford

Anthem

"My Savior's Love"

Schwoebel

Congregation (on cue)

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall
see, Twill be my joy thro' the ages to sing of His love for
me. How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall
ever be; How marvelous! How wonderful!
is my Savior's love for me

Prayer for Illumination

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

Old Testament Lesson: **Jeremiah 31: 31-34** *(page 735 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)*

Gospel Reading: **John 12: 20-33** *(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

"Endings Giving Way to New Beginning"

Rev. Jason Hammersley

*Responsive Hymn #832

"Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand"

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

Offering of Gifts

Offertory

"Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me"

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

*Hymn #726

"Will You Come and Follow Me" *(stanzas 1-2)*

Ordination/Installation of Catherine Pateracki and Melissa Major

Statement of Ordination and Installation

Statement of Installation

Presentation

Clerk of Session: Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, and the session of South Aiken Presbyterian Church now installs Catherine Pateracki and Melissa Major.

***Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant and Rejections**

Pastor: *Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and reject evil and its power in the world? If you do, say "I do."* **ALL: I do**

Pastor: *Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? If you do, say "I do."* **ALL: I do**

Pastor: *Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? If you will say, "I will with God's help."* **ALL: I will, with God's help.**

Profession

One: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the Apostles' Creed.

***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

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Constitutional Questions

1. Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
2. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
3. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
4. Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
5. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline?

6. Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
7. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
8. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
9. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
10. (For ruling elders) Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

***Congregational Questions:**

Clerk of Session: Do we, the members of the church, accept chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **Congregation Response: We do.**

Clerk of Session: Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **Congregation Response: We do.**

Prayer of Ordination

Prayer of Installation

Declaration, Welcome and Charge, Charge to the Congregation

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn #726**

"Will You Come and Follow Me" (stanzas 3-5)

***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



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.



Food for Thought

Being Church for All Generations

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

“Reaching People under 30 while Keeping People over 60”

Wednesday’s Topic: “Celebrating Church for All Generations” presented by Pastor Jason

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.*



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

Changes are happening.....

Our mailbox has been updated as these pictures indicate.



The AC units for the gym have been replaced.

The main panel for the fire alarm system for the SACP buildings has been replaced.



Also, please note that during the first week of April, the church parking lot will be repaved.



Sanctuary flowers for this Sunday's Service were given by Jackie Schermann in memory of her mom, Jeannie Kimura

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 SACP 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 from **Jan 29th through April 22nd, 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

April 14th

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!

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.

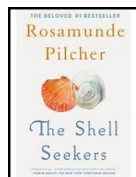
Please see Sandy Haines at Food for Thought on Wednesdays or in the Narthex on Sundays following the service.



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 4th, at 2 pm.

Meet in the Church Library

Contact Maureen Dunn at
maureendunn14@bellsouth.net for more info.

Note: there will no Book Club Meeting for July.

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

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 - recovering 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.

Volunteers Today

Pulpit Assistant: - John Kelly

Ushers: Mary Bunch, Jim Bunch,
Linda Blake, George Schmidt

Sound: Larry Hinson

Video: Kelly Frontroth

JaM Director: Lyn VanDervort

JaM Helper: Lynn Burkes

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Lyn VanDervort

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

Sound: Steve Kuhl

Video: Haley Culp

JaM Director: Lyn VanDervort

JaM Helper: Jackie Schermann

Presby Café Bible Study **Topic: Original Sin**

What are you waiting for?

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

When? Each Sunday at
9:00am



Setup for Events in the Gym

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:

SAPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 17th

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 - Diaconate Meeting (Library)
12:00p - Admin & Stewardship Meeting (Library)
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

Monday, March 18th

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)
1:00p - GriefShare Meeting (Library)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
5:00p - LIFT Meeting (Olive Garden)
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)

Tuesday, March 19th

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

Wednesday, March 20th

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 21st

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 22nd

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

Saturday, March 23rd

7:30a - ACTS Senior Food Distribution (340 Park Ave)
11:00a - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
4:30p - Carolina Flight Basketball (Gym)

Sunday, March 24th

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

* FLC - Family Life Center

** PCR - Pastor’s Conference Room

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