



*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!

TODAY

*A Spring Program
celebrating
Moms & Music*



**Aiken
Kinderchoir**

Sunday, May 12, 2024
3:00PM
South Aiken Presbyterian Church

SAPC's Annual Picnic

When? Sunday (May 19th) immediately following church services.

Where? We will meet at O'Dell Weeks Park at our usual grill/pavilion on Price Avenue (*in the gym if raining*).

What to Bring? The congregation (last name beginning with A -M) is asked to bring either a picnic side such as potato salad, baked beans, cold slaw, deviled eggs, etc. and the congregation (last name beginning with N-Z) a dessert.

The Church will provide and serve hot dogs/ hamburgers with condiments and drinks.



Child Care & Sunday School is Available

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.*



May 12, 2024

7th Sunday of Easter/Happy Mother's Day

10:00 am

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

Prelude

“Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”

Hayes

Olga Kuzmenkova, Pianist

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

“Praise The Lord”

Sleeth

JaM SAPC Children's Choir

Scott Chappell and Lyn VanDervort, Directors

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** (*Psalms 1: 1-3, 6*) (*Responsively*):

One: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers,

ALL: but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

One: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

ALL: for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

***Hymn #14**

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

Prayer of Confession (*Together*): **Gracious God, we confess that you have made us one, yet we sometimes have not witnessed to God's new heaven and new earth in our community. Forgive us, O God for keeping the good news to ourselves 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

“Be Thou My Vision”

GlorySound

Prayer for Illumination

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

New Testament Reading: **Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26** (*page 118 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible*)

Gospel Reading: **John 17: 6-19, 25** (*page 111 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#722

“*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*” (stanzas 1-3, 5)

*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: Presbyterian Committees of SC

Ambassador: Sandy Haines

Offering of Gifts

Offertory

“*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*”

Kim

LIVING OUT GOD'S WORD

***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 #719**

“Come, Labor On”

***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

Sermon Scripture Activity (NRSVUE):

As the Scripture is read (John 17: 6-19, 25) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your _____. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from _____, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have _____ that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All _____ are _____, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, _____ them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be _____, as we are _____. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that^[a] you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was _____ except the one destined to be lost,^[b] so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my _____ made complete in themselves.^[c] ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not _____ to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to _____ them from the evil one.^[d] ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is _____. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

²⁵“Righteous Father, the world does not _____ you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me.

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.

Vacation Bible School Registration for VBS 2024

Camp Firelight is now OPEN! Children aged 4 (by Sept. 1st) through rising 6th graders are invited to camp and learn more about how they can trust in God throughout their lives. Scan the QR code to register, or fill out a paper form found in the church office.

Volunteering this year? Make sure you keep an eye out for emails from Kim with more information, and with your official registration link so we can schedule training for the best availability, and so we know what size t-shirt you'll need! (Or, scan the QR code for children's registration, and follow the link in the description to the volunteer sign-up form instead!)



Vacation Bible School Looking for Volunteers

We are still in need of volunteers! We need group leaders and craft leaders to help guide campers through the various classes during the week.

Please contact families@southaiken.org with your interest in supporting this wonderful mission. July 8 - 12, 8:45am - 12:00pm



Online Donations

available on our website, or by scanning this QR code with camera.



May Collection (Peanut & Jelly)

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. *Thank you!*

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

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 **Tuesday, May 21st, 6 PM at Victoria's Mexican Grill.** 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.



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.

Dinner and Devotion

Join us for a new series of fellowship and study together. This month's days will be May 21st & 22nd (Restaurant) and 24th (at a home). We would love for you to join us and enjoy each other's company!

Please register with your interest in attending, as well as which days and times work best for you.



You can register on-line using the link in the Spirit Express or e-mail Susan Glenn at susanglenn@usca.edu."



Friendly reminder - the **Georgia Aquarium trip** with the children and youth has been **rescheduled** to Saturday, **June 29th!** If you were registered previously when it was postponed, or you are now able to go, please contact Anthony Williamson at youth@southaiken.org for more information.

And go ahead and mark your calendars for the next big Families-sponsored event: a trip to a **Green Jackets game!** Scheduled for Friday, August 2nd at 6pm, all ages are welcome to join together for a buffet and game in the full accessible (to walkers and strollers alike!) pavilion. Tickets are \$30 per person, children under 3 free.

Contact families@southaiken.org for more information!

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

May 19th

Next Performance

May 19th



Want to get the digital newsletter of announcements each week?

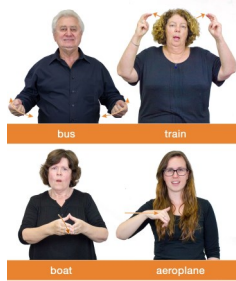
Email secretary@southaiken.org to join the Spirit Express emailing list!



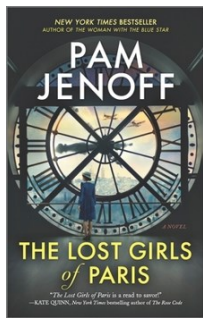
NEW CLASS: American Sign Language!

Learn a beautiful language, communicate with others, and speak and sing with your hands instead of your voice!

- Scheduling based on sign-ups
- Contact Betty Busch - (803) 649-4307 or bettyrbusch@gmail.com



The Chapter Chat Book Club



**“Lost Girls of Paris
By Pam Jenoff
Thursday,
June 6th, at 2 pm.
Meet in the Church Library
Contact Maureen Dunn at
maureendunn14@bellsouth.net
for more info.**

Note: there will not be a 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

Shaw Family in season of grief.
Bean Family in season of grief.
Sutherland Family in season of grief.
Frontroth Family in season of grief.
Snyder Family in season of grief.
Meggs Family (Becky H.'s Uncle) season of grief.
Marilyn H. in season of grief.
Emily L. for season of grief.
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.
Scott Family - in season of grief.

Debbie E. (niece of Linda B.) for comfort and healing.
Christopher K. (brother of Steve K.) for healing.
Beth R. for healing & comfort (Home).
Tim T. (son in law of Cheryl M.) for healing.
Joyce C. - healing from surgery.
Bill M. for comfort.
Scott M. for comfort.
Myra & Brooke R. (friends of Jimmy B.) for health concerns.
Linda S. (friend of Scott M.) for healing.
Ethel (mother to Steve H.) for comfort.
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
Dot M. - for comfort
Steve & Linda H. for comfort.
Bob A., for comfort and strength
Lois V. sister of Lyn V., for increased mobility
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: Shirley Colburn, Gordy Colburn,
Jim Barber, Mary Barber

Sound: Robert Glance

Video: Haley Culp

JaM Director: Lyn VanDervort & Scott Chappell

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Sandy Haines

Ushers: Vickie Schmidt, George Schmidt,
Kelli Williams, Linda Blake

Sound: Larry Hinson

Video: Haley Culp

JaM Director: Lyn VanDervort & Scott Chappell

Songs of Friendship

BELLES CANTO, BELLINI & BOUND TO SING

MAY 19 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4:00PM 224 BARNWELL AVE NW, 29801

Free Will Donations are Encouraged

The church email address is:

secretary@southaiken.org

SAPK THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 12th (Mother's Day)

9:00a - Bethel New Test. Sunday School (Library)
9:00a - JaM Practice
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe - Resurrection (FLC PCR)
10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
2:00p - Kinderchoir Performance (Sanctuary)
6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

Monday, May 13th

10:00a - Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
5:00p - SAPK Board Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
6:00p - Communication Team Meeting (FLC PCR)
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)
6:30p - Christian Education Team (High School Room)

Tuesday, May 14th

8:30a - Parent Pgm/5K Graduation Practice (Gym)
10:00a - Bible Friends (Gym)
10:00a - Long Range Planning Meeting (FLC PCR)
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, May 15th

8:30a - Parent Pgm/5K Graduation Practice (Gym)
10:00a - Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
5:00p - Admin & Stewardship Meeting (Library)
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)
7:00p - Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, May 16th

8:50a - SAPK Chapel
10:00a - Bible Friends (Gym)
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, May 17th

8:30a - Parent Pgm/5K Graduation Practice (Gym)
10:00a - Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
4:00p - Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
5:30p - Carolina Flight Basketball (Gym)

Saturday, May 18th

7:30a - ACTS Senior Food Distribution (340 Park Ave)
11:00a - Mighty Warriors (Gym)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)

Sunday, May 19th

9:00a - Bethel New Test. Sunday School (Library)
9:00a - JaM Practice
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe - Resurrection (FLC PCR)
10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00a - Spring Picnic (Odell Weeks/Gym if raining)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
6:00p - Officer Nominating Team Meeting (FLC PCR)
6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

* FLC - Family Life Center

** PCR - Pastor's Conference Room

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