



*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.

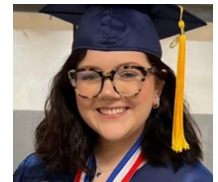
Today, may you encounter Jesus Christ through Spirit-inspired worship including dynamic preaching, specific prayers, and beautiful music. May the blessings of the triune God give you joy and hope that can only come from God with us. Let us worship God!

## *Congratulation to our Graduates*



Kari (Edwards) Cummons (daughter of Linda Edwards & the late Richard Edwards) graduated from the University of South Carolina, received Masters degrees from the University of North Dakota and Florida Institute of Technology (FIT) and will be awarded her Doctorate of Psychology (PsyD) from FIT on May 4, 2024. She has accepted a post doctorate position with a private psychologist while she earns the required hours for licensure.

Marlee Hare, the daughter of Phillip and Becky Hare, graduated summa cum laude from University of South Carolina Aiken with a bachelor's in psychology and minor in music. She plans to pursue her master's degree in school psychology.



Corey Glenn started his education here at SAPK and was baptized and confirmed as a member of SAPC. He is graduating from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a minor in Geology. He has been involved with and a leader of many organizations on campus including the Sailing Club, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Institute of Transportation Engineers and the Presbyterian Student Association. As staff on the student newspaper, the Tiger, he was an editor, city reporter and outdoors columnist.

He worked summers at Montreat as a ranger. After graduation, he will join the Virginia Department of Transportation as a traffic engineer in Richmond at the Central Office.

### ***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 5, 2024

6th Sunday of Easter/Confirmation Sunday

10:00 am

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

Prelude

*“God of Grace”*  
Olga Kuzmenkova, Pianist

Shackley

Welcome and Announcements

Michelle Green (Pulpit Assistant, PA)

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

Introit

*“Here in This Place”*  
*Gather Us In*

Haugen

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**\*Call to Worship** (*Psalm 98:1-4*)(*Responsively*):

One: O sing to the LORD a new song, for the Lord has done marvelous things.

**ALL: God’s right hand and holy arm have gotten God’s victory.**

One: The LORD has made known the Lord’s victory; the Lord has revealed God’s vindication in the sight of the nations.

**ALL: God has remembered God’s steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.**

One: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**ALL: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

**\*Praise Song**

*“Goodness of God”*

I love You, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails

Me. All my days I’ve been held in Your hands.

From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head, I will sing

Of the goodness of God. All my life You have been faithful.

All my life You have been so, so good. With ev’ry breath that I am

Able I will sing of the goodness of God. I love Your voice.

Your goodness is running after, it’s running after me.

Your goodness is running after, it’s running after me. With my life

Laid down, I’m Surrendered now; I give You ev’ry thing.

Your goodness is running after, it’s running after me. Running after me.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the

Fire. In darkest night, You are close like no other

I’ve known You as a father, I’ve known You as a friend. I have lived

In the goodness of God. All my life You have been faithful.

All my life You have been so, so good. With ev’ry breath that I am

Able I will sing of the goodness of God. I love Your voice.

**Prayer of Confession (Together):** Gracious God, we confess that you call us to follow Jesus in the midst of all life transitions. We confess that sometimes we forget what you have called us to be for this world and go our own way. Forgive us, O God, for not answering the call you have for us 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**

***“Down to the River to Pray”***

**Curry**

**Prayer for Illumination**

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

**Old Testament Reading:** **Jeremiah 1:4-9** *(page 698 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)*

**Epistle Reading:** **Colossians 3:23-24** *(page 202 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*

**Gospel Reading:** **John 15: 9-17;** *(page 109 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**

***“Graduating into Responsibility”***

**Rev. Jason Hammersley**

\*Responsive Hymn #691

*“Lord, When I Came into This Life ”*

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

**Prayer for Graduates: Kari Cummons, Marlee Hare, and Corey Glenn**

**Offering of Gifts**

**Offertory**

*“I Surrender All”*

**Sorenson**

## **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**

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**Presentation of Confirmands Wiley Green and Nick Goetter** (*Michael Garman will be confirmed and baptized later.*)

Honoring Covenant Partners: Scott Reboul and Phillip Hare Catherine Pateracki, and Alex McGee respectively.

**Clerk of Session or Session Member:** Wiley Green and Nick Goetter are presented by the session, for the reaffirming of the baptismal covenant into which they were baptized. They now desire to profess publicly their faith and to assume greater responsibility in the life of the church, and God’s mission in the world.

**Profession of Faith and Renunciations:**

1. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and reject evil and its power in the world? (*Confirmands: I do.*)
2. Who is your Lord and Savior? Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior? (*Confirmands: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.*)
3. Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love? (*Confirmands: I will, with God’s help.*)

## Profession

Pastor: *With the whole church, let us confess our faith.*

**\*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**

4. *You have publicly professed your faith. 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? (Confirmands: I will, with God's help)*

## Prayer/Laying On of Hands for Wiley and Nick

### Welcome

Pastor: Wiley and Nick, by publicly professing your faith, you have expressed your intention to continue in the covenant God made with you in your baptism. Let us welcome them as they join us in the worship and mission of the church.

**Congregation:** **With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.**

## SENDING INTO THE WORLD

**\*Hymn #697**

*"Take My Life"*

**\*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**

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**Sermon Scripture Activity (NRSVUE):**

*As the Scripture is read (John 15: 9-17) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.*

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; \_\_\_\_\_ in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my \_\_\_\_\_, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my \_\_\_\_ may be in you and that your joy may be \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you \_\_\_\_\_ one another as I have \_\_\_\_\_ you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's \_\_\_\_\_ for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you \_\_\_\_\_<sup>[a]</sup> any longer, because the servant<sup>[b]</sup> does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made \_\_\_\_\_ to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not \_\_\_\_\_ me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear \_\_\_\_\_, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may \_\_\_\_\_ one another.

# *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](mailto:families@southaiken.org) with your interest in supporting this wonderful mission.  
July 8 - 12, 8:45am - 12:00pm

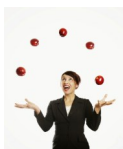
## **Online Donations**

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



## ***Are you a natural born coordinator?***

We are in the planning stages of the SAPC upcoming Talent Show and we are looking for someone to take the lead in the coordination of this event.



If interested, please contact either Debbi Reboul (debreboul@gmail.com) or Maureen Dunn (maureendunn14@bellsouth.net).

**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 **Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 6 PM at Victoria's Mexican Grill.** We will also be planning our Girls Getaway for the weekend of July 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## SAPC's Annual Picnic

Will be held next Sunday (May 19th) immediately following church services. The Church will provide and serve hot dogs/hamburgers with condiments and drinks. We will meet at O'Dell Weeks Park at our usual grill/pavilion on Price Avenue. 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.



## 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 12<sup>th</sup>

**Next Performance**

May 12<sup>th</sup>



*Want to get the digital newsletter of announcements each week?*

Email [secretary@southaiken.org](mailto: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](mailto:bettyrbusch@gmail.com)



## 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.  
**Jim and Shirley S.** for healing and 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](mailto:secretary@southaiken.org) to change information or removal of name.*



*Class Of 2024*

Join us for a celebration in honor of Marlee Hare  
 Bachelor of Science in Psychology  
 Minor in Music  
 summa cum laude

Saturday, May 11th, 2024  
 South Aiken Presbyterian Gymnasium  
 1711 Whiskey Road Aiken, SC 29803  
 2:00 - 4:00 PM

## PRIVACY OF CONTACT INFORMATION

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## Volunteers Today

**Pulpit Assistant:** - Michelle Green

**Ushers:** Jenny Chase, Elaine Barnes,  
Julie McCrum, Martin McCrum

**Sound:** Scott Reboul

**Video:** Anthony Williamson

**JaM Director:** Lyn VanDervort

## Volunteers Next Week

**Pulpit Assistant:** John Kelly

**Ushers:** Shirley Colburn, Gordy Colburn,  
Jim Barber, Mary Barber

**Sound:** Robert Glance

**Video:** Haley Culp

**JaM Director:** Lyn VanDervort

**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:

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## *SAPC THIS WEEK*

### Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> (Confirmation Sunday)

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 - Bethel Study (Library)  
12:30p - Sunday School Family Picnic (Bunch Home)  
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)  
6:00p - Officer Nominating Team Meeting (PCR)  
6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

### Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

10:00a - Bible Friends (Gym)  
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)  
6:00p - Communication Team Meeting (PCR)  
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)

### Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

8:30a - Parent Pgm/5K Graduation Practice (Gym)  
10:00a - Bible Friends (Gym)  
10:00a - The Sonshine Circle (Library)  
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, May 8<sup>th</sup>

10:00a - Bible Friends (Gym)  
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)  
5:30p - Worship and Music Team Meeting (Library)  
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)  
7:00p - Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

### Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

8:50a - SAPK Chapel  
10:00a - 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, May 10<sup>th</sup>

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 11<sup>th</sup>

1:00p - Graduation Party (Gym)

### Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> (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)

\* FLC - Family Life Center

\*\* PCR - Pastor's Conference Room

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