



HE IS RISEN

celebrate the savior

*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!

Parking Lot Update - see page 8

Easter Lilies Dedications

Phillip and Becky Hare - In memory of Rev. Lee Roy Campbell

Phillip and Becky Hare - In memory of Rev. Marion H. Hare

Ron and Celeste Stennett - In memory of our parents

Nick and Emily Martin - In honor of Sophia

Nick and Emily Martin - In honor of Olivia

Jenny Chase - Glory be to God

Greg and Lynn Burkes - In memory of our parents

Greg and Lynn Burkes - In honor of Alice Kierspe

Alice Kierspe - In honor of my daughter and son-in-law

Emily Lockard - In loving memory of Phil Lockard

Edmond and Jane Jones - In honor of all our grandchildren

Chuck and Heidi Abele - In loving memory of our parents

Judi Anderson and Robin Enscoe - In loving memory of Mother and G'ma, Helen Small

Paul and Martha Ebel - Dedicated to the Glory of God

Marilyn Hofstetter - In loving memory of Ken

Marge Talbot - In loving memory of my family

Barbara Knapp - In loving memory of my mother, Ann McDaniel Robertson

Rev. Jason Hammersley - In loving memory of my father, Richard Hammersley

Elsie Worpell - In loving memory of Roger

Sandy Haines - Dedicated to the Glory of God

Linda Edwards - In loving memory of Richard Edwards

Linda Edwards - In loving memory of my mother, Carolyn Clark



March 31, 2024

Sunrise/Resurrection Sunrise Service

7:00 am

10:00 am

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

Prelude

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Volklieder

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

“Christ Is Risen Today ”

Edwards

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prayer of the Day (*Together*):

ALL: Living God, through Jesus Christ you emptied the power of death and gave us the gift of life in fullness. Now fill us with the breath of your Spirit to tell the good news of the gospel: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Amen

***Call to Worship** (*John 11:25-26, 40*) (*Responsively*):

One: Jesus said: “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live. And everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”

ALL: Christ is risen! We have seen the glory of God.

***Hymn #232**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*): Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

(Pause and confess your personal sin in silence to God)

PA: Amen.

The Font (*pouring of the water*)

PA: As we hear and see the water being poured into the baptismal font, let us remember Christ has risen today.

Assurance of Forgiveness (*Isaiah 65:17-19*):

One: Hear the word of the Lord: God is about to create new heavens and a new earth: the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. Be glad and rejoice forever in what the Lord is creating;

ALL: We will rejoice and delight in the Lord; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard.

One: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

***Responsive 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**

***The Peace**

PA: Since God has rose Christ from the grave, let us offer hope and peace to one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

ALL: Peace be with you.

Children’s Moment

Mary & Jimmy Bunch

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

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

“On the Third Day”

Pote

SAPC Handbell Ensemble

Sandy Haines, Becky Hare, Marlee Hare, Melissa Major, Alex McGee, Carina McGee

Prayer for Illumination

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

Old Testament Lesson: **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24** *(page 565 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)*

New Testament Lesson: **Luke 24: 1-12** *(page 90 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

“Going Home Amazed”

Rev. Jason Hammersley

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Affirmation of Faith (Together):** **The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)**
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.

***Hymn #288**

"The Spirit of the Living God"
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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

Minute for Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering of Gifts

Offertory

"I Will Arise and Go To Jesus"
Susan Selden, Pianist

Hayes

***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

SEALING OF THE WORD

*Hymn #507

“Come to the Table of Grace” (stanzas 1, 4-5)

Invitation to the Lord’s Supper

Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Many: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: You are holy, O God of majesty,...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:

Many: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us... Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn #248

“Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

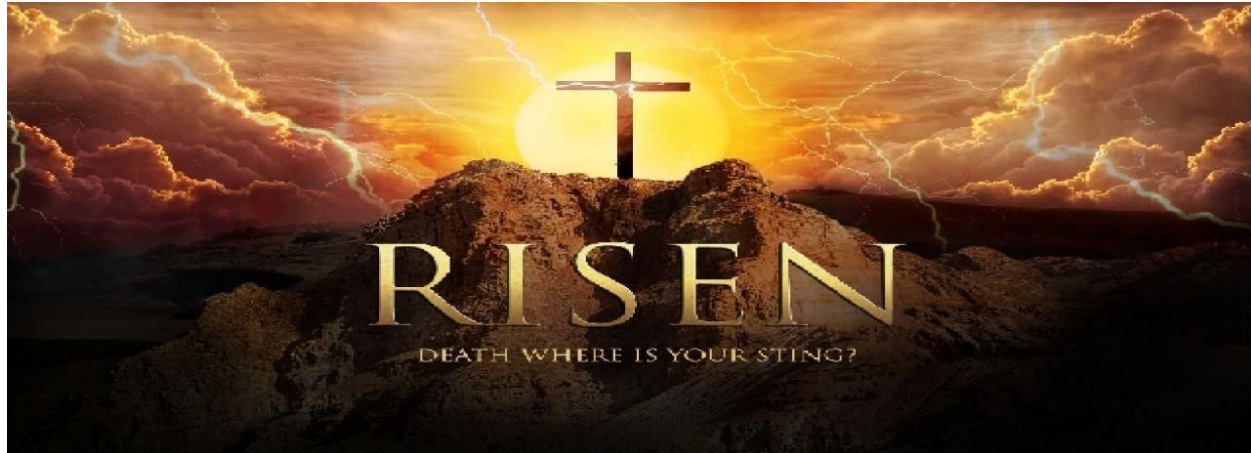
SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO FOLLOW JESUS AND PRACTICE FAITH

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude: Hymn #614

“Great Are You, Lord”

Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just; by your power we trust in your Love. Great are you Lord: you are faithful and true: by your Mercy you prove you are love. Great are you Lord, and worth of glory? Great are , Lord and worthy of praise. Great are you Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice: great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!



EASTER JOY

Jesus came to earth,
To show us how to live,
How to put others first,
How to love and how to give.

Then He set about His work,
That God sent Him to do;
He took our punishment on Himself;
He made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself,
Calling angels from above,
But He chose to pay our price for sin;
He paid it out of love.

Our Lord died on Good Friday,
But the cross did not destroy
His resurrection on Easter morn
That fills our hearts with joy.

Now we know our earthly death,
Like His, is just a rest.
We'll be forever with Him
In heaven, where life is best.

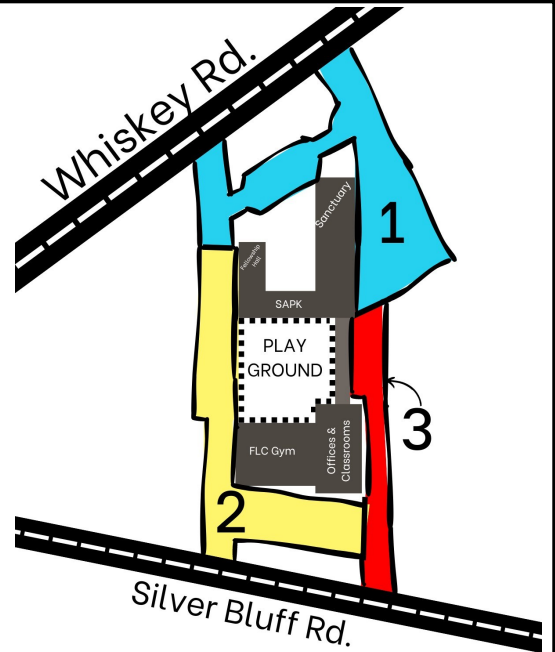
So we live our lives for Jesus,
Think of Him in all we do.
Thank you Savior; Thank you Lord.
Help us love like you!

By Joanna Fuchs

Parking Lot Update

This week, the SAPC parking lot will be repaved and new lines will be painted. This map indicates what day, a particular area will not be available for parking.

- 1 - indicates non availability on Monday (April 1st)
- 2 - indicates non availability on Tuesday (April 2nd)
- 3 - indicates non availability on Wednesday (April 3rd)



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 April 15th, 6 PM at church library. We will be having a salad buffet and devotion. Lynn will provide lettuce & grilled chicken. Please bring your favorite toppings to share. *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.



Presby Café

Topic: Original Sin

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

When? Each Sunday at 9:00am



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)



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

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 (sapkdirector@southaiken.org) or Cissy Kelley (sapkasst_director@southaiken.org) for more information.



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 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

April 14th

Next Performance

May 12th



Want to get the digital newsletter of announcements each week?

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



Have you recently (or not so recently) lost something in the church or perhaps in the church Administration building?

If so, we have a "Lost and Found" basket which is located in the church secretary's office.

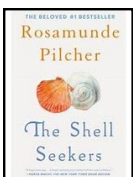


March Collection

(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.

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

Debbie E. (niece of Linda B.) for comfort and healing.
Frontroth Family in season of grief.
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.
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

Volunteers Today

Pulpit Assistant: - Sandy Haines

Ushers: Julie McCrum, Martin McCrum,
Linda Blake, Amy Loftus

Sound: Larry Hinson

Video: Haley Culp

JaM Director: N/A

JaM Helper: N/A

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: PW Sunday

Ushers: Jenny Chase, Deanna Davies,
Cheryl MacCrum, Betty Busch

Sound: Steve Kuhl

Video: Anthony Williamson

JaM Director: N/A

JaM Helper: N/A

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



Gym Setup for Events

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:

secretary@southaiken.org

SAPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 31st (Easter Sunday)

7:00a - Sunrise Service (at Whiskey Rd Cross)
9:00a - Bethel New Test. Sunday School (Library)
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR) “Original Sin”
10:00a - Easter Worship - Communion (Sanctuary)
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

Monday, April 1st

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

Tuesday, April 2nd

10:00a - 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, April 3rd

2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)
7:00p - Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, April 4th

2:00p - Chapter Chat Book Club (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)
5:00p - Aiken Coin Club (Fellowship Hall)
6:00p - Interm. Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)

Friday, April 5th

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

Saturday, April 6th

2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
Pastor Jason will be out (Mission Trip April 6-12)

Sunday, April 7th (PW Sunday)

9:00a - Bethel New Test. Sunday School (Library)
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR) “Original Sin”
10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

* FLC - Family Life Center

** PCR - Pastor’s Conference Room

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