



*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!

Chamber Series
Double Bass Quartet
April 21, 2024 at 7:00 pm — South Aiken Presbyterian Church

Milton Masciadri
Laura Camacho
Chris Enehauser
Luca Lombardi

Suggested Donation \$20

AIKEN CIVIC ORCHESTRA
ACO SOUTH CAROLINA arts COMMISSION

The poster features a large, stylized illustration of a double bass in the center. To the left of the bass are four small portrait photos of the quartet members, each with their name written vertically next to it. The background is dark with some abstract shapes and colors. At the bottom, there are logos for the Aiken Civic Orchestra and the South Carolina Arts Commission.

*Since today is **SAPK Sunday**, during the **Children's Moment**, we are asking everyone who has a cell phone, to use their flashlight when called upon.*

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.*



The Font (*pouring of the water*)

***Responsive Hymn**

“Amazing Grace...Our Chains Our Gone”

Tomlin

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed
My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love
Amazing grace
The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures
My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love
Amazing grace
My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love
Amazing grace
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine
You are forever mine

***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

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.)

Anthem

"O Love"

Hagenberg

Prayer for Illumination

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

Wisdom Reading: **Proverbs 15:18** *(page 598 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)*

Epistle Reading: **Romans 8: 24-26; Galatians 5: 22-23; Ephesians 4:2**
(page 158, 191, 193 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

"Finding Patience: 3 Things to Say to Your Children"

Rev. Jason Hammersley

*Responsive Hymn #300

"We Are One in the Spirit"

*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**

LIVING OUT GOD'S WORD

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

Minute for Mission: Honduras Agape Foundation Mission Trip to Quimistan

Offering of Gifts

Offertory

"You Are My All in All"

Shackley

***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 #697**

"Take My Life" (stanzas 1-4)

***Blessing and Benediction**

***Light of the World** (*taken into the world*)

***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 (Romans 8: 24-26; Galatians 5: 22-23; Ephesians 4:2) fill in the blank with the word (s) you hear.

Romans 8: 24-26

²⁴ For in ^[a] hope we were _____. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who _____ for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we _____ see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our _____, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit _____ ^[b] with groanings too deep for words.

Galatians 5: 22-23

²² By contrast, the _____ of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

Ephesians 4:2

² with all _____ and gentleness, with _____, bearing with one another in love,

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.



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

Dinner and Devotion is Back!

Join us for a new series of fellowship and study together. This months' days will be April 23rd, 24th, or 26th. 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.”



Sanctuary flowers for this Sunday's Service were given by Cheryl MacCrum in dedication to her beloved husband, Archie.

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 (Jan. 29th thru 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 28th

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 misplaced an item while you were at South Aiken Presbyterian Church or the Family Life Center?

Please stop by the Family Life Center (Room F100) to see if, what you are missing, has been found!!



Presby Café Bible Study

What are you waiting for?

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

When? Each Sunday at 9:00am



April Collection (Canned Complete Meals)

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 for sharing with others!*

The Chapter Chat Book Club



“The Lightkeepers Daughter”
By Colleen Coble
Thursday,
May 2nd, 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

Sutherland Family in season of grief.
Frontrouth 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
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: - Paul Ebel

Ushers: Jenny Summers, Sharon Filler,
Heidi Abele, Chuck Abele

Sound: Scott Martin

Video: Anthony Williamson

JaM Director: Lyn VanDervort

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Greg Burkes

Ushers: Bonnie Hayes, Hank Hayes,
Linda Poulson, Bill Poulson

Sound: Larry Hinson

Video: Kelly Frontroth

JaM Director: Lyn VanDervort

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, April 21st (SAPK Sunday)

9:00a - Bethel New Test. Sunday School (Library)
9:00a - JaM Practice
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR)
10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
12:00p - Admin & Stewardship Meeting (Library)
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)
3:00p - Practice for Orchestra (Sanctuary)
5:00p - Confirmation Class (Youth Room)
6:00p - Officer Nominating Team Meeting (PCR)
6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)
7:00p - Bass Concert (Sanctuary)

Monday, April 22nd

10:00a - Bible Friends (Gym)
1:00p - GriefShare Meeting (Library)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)

Tuesday, April 23rd

10:00a - 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, April 24th

10:00a - Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)
7:00p - Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, April 25th

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, April 26th

10:00a - Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
4:00p - Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
5:30p - Carolina Flight Basketball (Gym)

Saturday, April 27th

11:00a - Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)

Sunday, April 28th

9:00a - Bethel New Test. Sunday School (Library)
9:00a - JaM Practice
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR)
10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00a - Bethel Study (Library)
11:00a - Diaconate Meeting (FLC 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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