



*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!



*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

## National Day of Prayer

May 2nd is National Day of Prayer. The National Day of prayer will be held twice from noon to 1 pm on the corner of Hayne Ave and Laurens Street.

A second gathering will be held from 6:45- 8:15pm at H Odell Weeks Activities Center, 1700 Whiskey Road.

The events are open to all who wish to pray. This year's theme is *"Lift Up the Word, Light Up the World"*.

## 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.*



April 28, 2024

5th Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

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

**Prelude**

*“Way Maker”*

**Shackley**

**Olga Kuzmenkova, Pianist**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Greg Burkes (Pulpit Assistant, PA)**

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

**Introit**

*“Great Are You, Lord”*

**Smith**

## **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**\*Call to Worship** (*Psalm 118:19-24*)(*Responsively*):

One: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

**ALL: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

One: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**ALL: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

One: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**ALL: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**\*Hymn #157**

*“I Danced in the Morning”* (stanzas 1-3)

**Prayer of Confession** (*Together*): **Gracious God, we confess that sometimes we do not choose to remain in a Christ-like attitude nor bear the fruit you would have produced in our life. Forgive us, O God, for not remaining in your risen Lord daily.**

*(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 #157**

***“I Danced in the Morning”*** (stanzas 4-5)

**\*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**

***“Your Glory With Nothing But the Blood”***

**All Sons & Daughters**

**Bishop Hare, Upright Bass and Jeremy Woodruff, Percussion**

**Prayer for Illumination**

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

**Gospel Reading:** **John 15: 1-8;** (*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

“Abiding in Christ”

Rev. Jason Hammersley

\*Responsive Hymn #69

“*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*”

\*Affirmation of Faith (*Together*): The Brief Statement of Faith *excerpt*

We trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Amen.

## LIVING OUT GOD’S WORD

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

Offering of Gifts

Offertory

“*How Deep the Father’s Love for Us*”

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**

## **SENDING INTO THE WORLD**

**\*Hymn #700**

*"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Us Me"*

**\*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 15: 1-8) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.*

**Jesus the True Vine**

**15** "I am the true \_\_\_\_\_, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no \_\_\_\_\_. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes<sup>[a]</sup> to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed<sup>[b]</sup> by the \_\_\_\_\_ that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear \_\_\_\_\_ by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you \_\_\_\_\_ in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the \_\_\_\_\_. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much \_\_\_\_\_, because apart from me you can do \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is \_\_\_\_\_ away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you \_\_\_\_\_, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become<sup>[c]</sup> my \_\_\_\_\_.

# *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

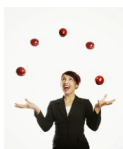
## **Online Donations**

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



## SAPK Fellowship Hall “Clear Out”

Beginning **today** (Sunday) till next Saturday, please come to look and see if you may have left something in our Fellowship Hall, or, if you need something, you might find it there. Anything that is left (besides kids chairs or tables) will be removed by the end of Saturday. ***Not sure when it's being removed on Saturday, so early bird gets the worm!***



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.

## Smart Steps: How to Prevent Slips, Trips, and Falls Lessie B. Price Aiken Senior & Youth Center

The City of Aiken Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, in conjunction with the Senior Commission, will host a free event, **Smart Steps: How to Prevent Slips, Trips and Falls on Thursday, May 16 from 9:00 a.m. to noon** at the **Lessie B. Price Senior & Youth Center**, 841 Edgefield Avenue NW. The mission of the Senior Commission is to facilitate programming to advance the well-being of seniors in Aiken.

This event will allow attendees to connect with wellness experts, learn how to improve balance, as well as create new neural pathways in the brain to improve functions that typically deteriorate as we age. Over ten different local businesses are sponsoring the event including Bath Fitter, DayBreak, Chandler Law Firm, Family Pharmacy, Gentiva Hospice, Hearing Associates of South Carolina, Hospital Auxiliary of Aiken County, Shellhouse Funeral Home and Shellhouse-Rivers Funeral Home, and TGBG Marketing, Inc. There will be booths offering a wide variety of services, programs, and support for participants to learn about.

Registration for this event is required. Participants can register by calling the Lessie B. Price Aiken Senior & Youth Center at (803) 643-2181. The event is free. It is first come, first served for the first 100 people. A light breakfast with coffee will be served to participants.

For more information, call **803-643-2181** or visit the City of Aiken Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Facebook page.

## 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!

## Calling all

### Knitters and Crocheters!

Our prayer shawl ministry meets every second and fourth Thursday in the library at 1:30 pm. Besides shawls, we also make lap afghans, hats, baby blankets, etc.

If you don't know how to knit or crochet but want to learn, we would love to teach you.

We have both knitting needles and crochet hooks donated to us as well as yarn and patterns, so just come! If you have questions, please contact Mary Bunch at [marybunch1953@gmail.com](mailto:marybunch1953@gmail.com)



## 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!*

## 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](mailto:secretary@southaiken.org) or (803-648-9574) to let your wishes be known.

## Prayer Requests

**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  
**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 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.*

## Volunteers Today

**Pulpit Assistant:** - Greg Burkes

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

**Sound:** Larry Hinson

**Video:** Kelly Frontroth

**JaM Director:** Lyn VanDervort

## Volunteers Next Week

**Pulpit Assistant:** Michelle Green

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

**Sound:** Robert Glance

**Video:** Anthony Williamson

**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](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@southaiken.org)

## *SAPC THIS WEEK*

### Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

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 (Fellowship Hall)  
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)  
4:00p - Session Meeting (Library)  
6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

### Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

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

### Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

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, May 1<sup>st</sup>

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

### Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:50a - SAPK Chapel  
10:00a - Bible Friends (Gym)  
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)  
5:30p - Aiken Coin Club (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00p - Interm. Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)  
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)

### Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

### Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

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

### Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

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 - Confirmation Class (Youth Room))  
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)  
6:00p - Officer Nominating Team Meeting (PCR)  
6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

\* FLC - Family Life Center

\*\* PCR - Pastor's Conference Room

## **CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Also with Instagram at: **southaikenpc**

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