

# CELEBRATE THE GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY

April 7, 2024



*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.  
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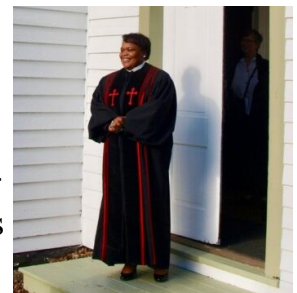
# Welcome!

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!

## ***Welcome our Guest Minister, Reverend Jana Light Bundrick***

Reverend Jana Light Bundrick was called in ministry from an early age, beginning at Forest Lake Presbyterian Church as a youth elder, choir member and joyful servant. Holding multiple roles at New Kirk Presbyterian Church such as volunteer youth leader, parish nurse, steering team member and elder God has worked in her life to develop skills and gifts beyond her imagination. Clemson and Union Presbyterian (Charlotte) graduate, she has ministered in her nursing profession and through Saluda Presbyterian and most recently, Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church. Jana has recently traveled the difficulty of divorce and the blessing of remarriage and now is focusing on raising four teenage boys, loving her husband, a cat, a dog and a tortoise, among part time ministry as God calls. She works for justice for God's people and the earth and enjoys writing, playing in nature, gardening, and loving all God's animals.



April 7, 2024

2nd Sunday after Easter  
Presbyterian Women's Service

10:00 am

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

Prelude

*“Beautiful”*

*Sorenson*

Welcome and Announcements

Alice Kierspe

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

Introit

*“Jesus We Are Here”*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**\*Call to Worship based on Exodus 15; Song of Moses and Song of Miriam** (*Responsively*):

One: We will sing to the Lord, for the Lord has triumphed gloriously!

**All: The Lord is our strength and song, and the Lord has become our salvation.**

One: God is our God, and we will exalt our God.

**All: Who is like You, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?**

One: Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took the timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.

**All: And Miriam answered them: “Sing to the Lord, for the Lord has triumphed gloriously!”**

**\*Hymn**

**“God of the Women”**

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

*Sung to the tune of Be Thou My Vision*

**God of the women who answered your call,  
Trusting your promises, giving their all,  
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth  
Give us their courage to live in your truth.**

**God of the women who walked Jesus' Way,  
Giving their resources, learning to pray,  
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more  
May we give freely as they did before.**

**God of the women long put to the test,  
Left out of stories, forgotten, oppressed,  
Quietly asking: “Who smiled at my birth?”  
In Jesus' dying you show us our worth.**

**God of the women who ran from the tomb,  
Prayed with the others in that upper room,  
Then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day  
May we so gladly proclaim you today.**

**O God of Phoebe and ministers all,  
May we be joyful in answering your call.  
Give us the strength of your Spirit so near  
That we may share in your ministry here.**

**Prayer of Confession (Susan Selden) (Together):** *(Adapted from Horizons magazine, for Presbyterian Women)*

**Merciful God, who created us in your image, we confess to pressuring ourselves to be all things to all people; busying ourselves to fulfill unrealistic goals. As a result, we have neglected our well-being, others, and the actual work you have called us to do. Help us to keep our eyes on you. You have modeled rest for us, help us to embrace it. You have shown us truth, help us to live it that we may live in wisdom and purpose through Jesus Christ...**

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

Amen.

**Assurance of Forgiveness** *(Listen to this Assurance of Forgiveness based on Matthew 11: 28-30):*

**One:** As Jesus tells us “For my yoke is easy and my burden is light; in me you will find rest for your souls.” Siblings in Christ, receive the good news of the Gospel. In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

**ALL:** As we hear the water being poured into the font, remember Jesus Christ washes away the sins of the world.

**The Font** *(As we hear the water being poured into the font, remember Jesus Christ washes away the sins of the world.)*

**\*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 Amen**

**\*Passing the Peace**

**One:** Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.** *(Share signs of forgiveness and peace with those seated around you.)*

**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.)*

## **HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

**Anthem**

**“I Love You, Lord”**

**Klein/Schrader**

**Women of the Choir, joined by women from the pews.**

**Prayer for Illumination**

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

**Old Testament Lesson:** **Genesis 1: 27-31** *(page 1 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)*

**New Testament Lesson:** **Ephesians 4:7, 11-12** *(page 193 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*

**New Testament Lesson:** **Galatians 3:26-29** *(page 189 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

“Gifts to Glorify God”

Rev. Jana Bundrick

\*Hymn 23

“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

## 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.

Haley Culp  
Teagon Cooper

Prayer of Intercession

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

Mary Bunch

Moment for Mission: Birthday Offering

Shirley Colburn

Offering of Gifts

Offertory

“I Will Never Be The Same”  
Ukulele Fellowship  
Jackie Scherman and Sandy Haines

Ellie Holcomb

\*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**

**Invitation to the Table of the Lord**

**Pastor Jana**

*Taken From the Communion Liturgy for International Association of Women Ministers, Matanzas Seminary, Cuba.*

PA: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

PA: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Words of Institution**

**Communion**

**Prayer after Communion**

**\*Hymn #519**

*“You Are My Strength When I Am Weak”*

## **SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO FOLLOW JESUS AND PRACTICE FAITH**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude: Hymn #745**

*“Now Go In Joy”*

**Now go in joy to spread the Word  
till all people have heard;  
God embraces all!  
Follow then, the disciples' call:  
tend your neighbors with loving care  
in daily work and prayer.  
God's own grace empower your spirit.  
Amen!**

## Today's Sermon Notes:

### 1. Discussion of being Godly (Woman or Man). What scripture do you lean on to define your walk with God? Are there others?

- ◆ *“Fear God and keep the commandments” (Ecclesiastes 12:13).*
- ◆ *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind” (Matthew 22:37).*
- ◆ *“Love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:39).*
- ◆ *“Be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another” (Ephesians 4:32).*
- ◆ *“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks. . . . Abstain from every form of evil” (1 Thessalonians 5:16–18, 22).*
- ◆ *“Whatever you want people to do to you, do also to them” (Matthew 7:12).*
- ◆ *“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord” (Colossians 3:23).*
- ◆ *In light of South Aiken’s intentionality of embracing God in the world, Which scriptures define this church and your part in its life? Mark lines from the top scriptures where you see them fitting to these missional statements. 'Inclusive Intergenerational Congregation', 'Revolutionary, Christ Like Hospitality', 'Embracing Different Styles of Worship', 'Tech Based Relational Outreach'*

### 2. Discussion of women in the Bible

- ◆ *Which Biblical characters do you admire the most from today's brief summary?*
- ◆ *What about them do you admire?*
- ◆ *Who do you wish you were more like and why?*

### 3. Discussion of women’s greatest gift, that of love.



**You're Always There for Me  
When the world comes crashing in  
And chaos rules my mind,  
I turn my heart to you, Lord,  
And pure, sweet peace I find.  
You lift me out of trouble  
You comfort me in pain;  
You nourish, heal and cleanse me,  
Like cool, refreshing rain.  
In times of joy and bliss,  
When things are going right,  
You lift me even higher,  
And fill me with delight.  
You listen to my prayers;  
You hear my every plea;  
I'm safe because I know  
You're always there for me.**

*By Joanna Fuchs*



# Parking Lot Completed

This past week, the SAPC parking lot was repaved and new lines were painted. We appreciate your patience during this process.



# Coming Soon!

## Double Bass Quartet

**Suggested Donation \$20**

**April 21, 2024 at 7:00 pm**

**South Aiken Presbyterian Church**



## 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 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.



## 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 SACP children nursery to rising 2nd graders.

Please contact Jennifer Huntley (sapkdirector@southaiken.org) or Cissy Kelley (sapkasst\_director@southaiken.org) for more information.



## **Sanctuary flowers for this Sunday's Service were given by the Sunshine Circle to honor all women on Gifts of Women Sunday**

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 SACP 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. 29<sup>th</sup> thru April 22<sup>nd</sup>**) 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](http://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 21<sup>st</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!



**Vacation Bible School** is still in need of volunteers!

We are looking for class 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.

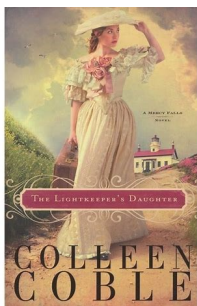


## April Collection

(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. *Thanks for sharing with others!*

## The Chapter Chat Book Club



**“The Lightkeepers Daughter”**

**By Colleen Cable**

**Thursday,**

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 2 pm.**

**Meet in the Church Library**

Contact Maureen Dunn at  
[maureendunn14@bellsouth.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@southaiken.org) to change*

## Volunteers Today

**Pulpit Assistant:** - Alice Kierspe

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

**Communion Servers:** Jenny Chase, Melissa Major,  
Debbi Reboul, Anita Self, Diane Davies

**Sound:** Steve Kuhl

**Video:** Anthony Williamson

**JaM Director:** N/A

**JaM Helper:** N/A

## Volunteers Next Week

**Pulpit Assistant:** Shirley Colburn

**Ushers:** Celeste Stennett, Ronald Stennett,  
Anita Self, Will Self

**Sound:** Robert Glance

**Video:** Kelly Frontroth

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

## SAPC THIS WEEK

### Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> (PW Sunday)

9:00a - Sunday School Hour (Library)  
10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
11:00a - Bethel New Test. Sunday School (Library)  
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)  
6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)  
6:00p - Officer Nomination Team Meeting (PCR)  
*Pastor Jason will be out on Mission Trip April 6-12*

### Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

1:00p - GriefShare Meeting (Library)  
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)  
6:00p - SAPK Board Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)

### Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

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 10<sup>th</sup>

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, April 11<sup>th</sup>

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 12<sup>th</sup>

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

### Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

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

### Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

9:00a - Bethel New Test. Sunday School (Library)  
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR) “Original Sin”  
10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
11:00a - Mission/Membership Meeting (Library)  
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)  
6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

\* FLC - Family Life Center

\*\* PCR - Pastor’s Conference Room

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