



*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!

Please Note: *God may be calling you, but probably not on your cell phone! Please turn off or silence your devices during our service. We also ask for your support in keeping the aisle open; kindly place any walkers in the pew to keep walkways clear.*

Also, all SAPC services are filmed for release on our YouTube channel. If you do not wish to be filmed during services, or to learn more about our videography, please contact media@southaiken.org.

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.*



June 16, 2024

4th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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

Prelude

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Kim

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

“God Welcomes All” (from Glory to God #399)

Bell

Lyn VanDervort, Guest Director

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** (*Psalm 92: 1-4*) (*Responsively*):

One: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High,

ALL: to declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night,

One: to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

ALL: For you, O LORD, have made us glad by your work; at the works of your hands we sing for joy.

***Hymn #772**

“Live Into Hope”

Prayer of Confession (*Together*): **Gracious God, we confess that sometimes we sow violence, hatred, and words that oppression others. We are called to plant peace in ourselves, in the church, and throughout the community, yet we find ourselves planting division, selfishness, and silos. Forgive us, O God for not planting peace through Jesus Christ.**

(in silence confess personal sins to God)

PA: Amen

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: As we hear the water poured into the baptismal font, remember that God through Christ forgives you and gives the gift of the Holy Spirit. You are a new creation sent to do good works in response to the Gospel.

The Font (*pour water into the baptismal font*)

***Responsive Hymn #441**

“Hear the Good News of Salvation”

**Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God’s love.
Such great kindness! Such Great Mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love still and cleanse within.**

***Passing the Peace** (*Responsively*):

PA: Since we have been forgiven, let us offer forgiveness to 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.*)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Children’s Moment

Pastor Jason

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

Anthem

“Beautiful Savior”

Fettke

Prayer for Illumination

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

Old Testament Reading: **Jerimiah 29: 4-9** (*page 731 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible*)

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 13: 1-9** (*page 13 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible*)
(fill-in the blanks on page 7)

One: Hear what the Spirit says to the church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn #753

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

*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**

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 #738**

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” (stanzas 1-2, 4)

***Charge 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 (Matthew 13: 1-9) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.

The Parable of the Sower

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the _____. ²Such great crowds _____ around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A _____ went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the _____ came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on _____ ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were _____, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among _____, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good _____ and brought forth grain, some a hundred-fold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹If you have _____, ^[a]hear!"

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



Dinner and Devotion

Join us for the new series of fellowship and study together. The next series of days will be in the month of July - July 23rd & 24th (Restaurant) and 26th (at a home). 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."



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.



June Collection (Canned Fruit)

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!*

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

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

The Chapter Chat Book Club

there will not be a Book Club Meeting for July.



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.

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, June 17th (6pm) at Groucho's Deli**. 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.



Friendly reminder - the **Georgia Aquarium trip** with the children and youth has been **rescheduled to Saturday, June 29th!** If you were registered

previously when it was postponed, or you are now able to go, please contact Anthony Williamson at youth@southaiken.org for more information.

And go ahead and mark your calendars for the next big Families-sponsored event: a trip to a **Green Jackets game!** Scheduled for Friday, August 2nd at 6pm, all ages are welcome to join together for a buffet and game in the full accessible (to walkers and strollers alike!) pavilion. Tickets are \$30 per person, children under 3 free.

Contact families@southaiken.org for more information!

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

August 4th

Next Performance

September 15th



Want to get the digital newsletter of announcements each week?

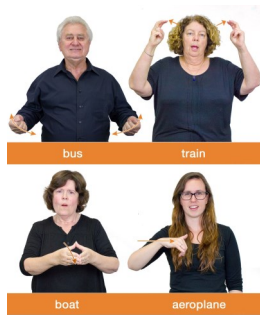
Email secretary@southaiken.org to join the Spirit Express emailing list!



NEW CLASS: American Sign Language!

Learn a beautiful language, communicate with others, and speak and sing with your hands instead of your voice!

- Fridays at 10am in the Church's Library
- Contact Betty Busch - (803) 649-4307 or bettybusch@gmail.com
- Materials furnished at each meeting



Thank you SAPC Family,

We appreciate all the calls, texts, visits, prayers and meals as we both are recovering from several surgeries this year. It is nice to know that we have so many wonderful folks keeping us in your thoughts . We hope to be back sometime this summer.

Gratefully, Judy and Larry Snyder

The church email address is:

secretary@southaiken.org

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.

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Judy S. for healing and recovery from surgery
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.
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 to change information or removal of name.

Volunteers Today

Pulpit Assistant: - Greg Burkes

Ushers: Bonnie Hayes, Hank Hayes,
Elsie Worpell, Maureen Dunn

Sound: Steve Kuhl

Video: Haley Culp

JaM Director: Lyn VanDervort & Scott Chappell

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Michelle Green

Ushers: Heidi Abele, Chuck Abele,
Linda Poulson, Bill Poulson

Sound: Larry Hinson

Video: Kelly Frontroth

JaM Director: Lyn VanDervort & Scott Chappell

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 Church Office (Room F100) in a mail-box labeled “Gym Layout”.

We ask for this information at least 2 days prior to the event.

Thank you



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.

SAPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 16th

9:00a - Bethel New Test. Sunday School (Library)
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe - Revelations (FLC PCR)
10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00a - Diaconate Meeting (Library)
12:00p - Admin & Stewardship Meeting (Library)
12:00p - Officer Nominating Team Meeting (PCR)
12:30p - Kids First Training (Fellowship Hall)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

Monday, June 17th

2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
6:00p - LIFT Meeting (Groucho's Deli)
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)
7:00p - Aiken Choral Society Practice (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, June 18th

2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)
4:00p - Mighty Warriors (Gym)
4:30p - Belles Canto (Music Room)
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)
7:00p - Scouts Meeting (Upstairs Scouts Classroom)

Wednesday, June 19th

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

Thursday, June 20th

2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
4:00p - Aiken Kinderchoir (Fellowship Hall)
4:00p - Mighty Warriors (Gym)
5:00p - Beginner Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)
6:00p - Interim. Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)

Friday, June 21st

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

Saturday, June 22nd

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

Sunday, June 23rd

9:00a - Bethel New Test. Sunday School (Library)
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe - Revelations (FLC PCR)
10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (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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