



SECOND SUNDAY
After Pentecost

*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.*

Honduras Mission Trip Presentation

Presented by Pastor Jason



When: June 9, 2024

Time: 11:30 am (*immediately after worship*)

Where: Family Life Center Gym

Why: SAPC has been connected to Honduras Agape Foundation since 1998 in response to Hurricane Mitch to the people of Quimistan, Honduras. This presentation is an opportunity for the whole church to re-engage with our international mission. Pastor Jason will share his personal experience, pictures, on-going missional work and needs, and answer questions.



Notice: Phone System Update

When you make a call to the church, you will notice an updated message, press “0” for the secretary.

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 2, 2024

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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

Prelude

“Trusting Jesus”
Olga Kuzmenkova, Pianist

Kim

Welcome and Announcements

Shirley Colburn (Pulpit Assistant, PA)

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

Introit

“God Is Our Refuge”

Pote

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** (*Psalm 81: 1-4*)(*Responsively*):

One: Be happy and shout to God who makes us strong! Shout praises to the God of Jacob.

ALL: Sing as you play tambourines and the lovely sounding stringed instruments.

One: Sound the trumpets and start the New Moon Festival. We must also celebrate when the moon is full.

ALL: This is the law in Israel, and it was given to us by the God of Jacob.

***Hymn #401**

“*Here in This Place, Gather Us In*” (*stanzas 1, 3-4*)

Prayer of Confession (*Together*): Gracious God, we confess our lives are busy, working most of the hours in the day without a rest. Most of us can recall a time where sports were not scheduled on Sundays. We confess that Sunday worship has become an option instead of a priority. Forgive us, O God, when we do not prioritize You in our day, in our week, or in our lives as You would like 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. Through faith, let us walk by the Spirit of the Living God.

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: 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 join your families. No Sunday School today.)

Anthem

"Bread and Wine of Life"

Schram

Prayer for Illumination

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

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 5: 12-15 *(page 162 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)*

Gospel Reading: Mark 2:23 - 3-6 *(page 93 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.**

Sermon

"The Mystery of the Sabbath"

Rev. Jason Hammersley

*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

Music

"It is Well With My Soul"

Bliss

SAPC Handbell Ensemble

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

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

Offering of Gifts

Offertory

“In the Stillness”

Angerman & Martin

**In the stillness of this moment, in the quiet of this place,
We pause in silent wonder at the miracle of grace.**

**As our hearts reach out in mercy,
Heaven’s arms reach from above, and we touch the
Hope of glory and we hold the gift of love.**

Oh, how marvelous! Oh, how wonderful!

And my song shall ever be

Oh, how marvelous! Oh, how wonderful

Is my Savior’s love for me!

**In the stillness of this moment, as we calm our hearts and minds,
We feel Your tender mercy and the gift of
Peace divine. Let us gather at the table.**

Let us find our place of rest

Where the bread and wine of mercy

Feed our souls with heaven’s best.

**In the stillness of this moment, as we give Him
Full control, there is comfort for the weary.**

**There is healing for the soul. And the tears of
Our surrender are an off’ring made of praise.**

**For the wonder of salvation is a miracle of
grace. Oh, how marvelous!**

Oh how wonderful! And my song shall ever be:

Oh, how marvelous! Oh, how wonderful

Is my savior’s love for me!

***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

***Preparation Hymn #526**

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Great Thanksgiving *(Responsively)*

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: Holy God, we praise You.....

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: With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the death...Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. Amen

Breaking of the Bread

Communion *(guidance of what to say each time you give or receive the Bread or the Cup)*

Giving the Bread: The body of Christ, given for you.

Receiver: Amen.

Giving the Cup: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Receiver: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn #69

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

*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 (Mark 2:23 - 3-6) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.

Pronouncement about the Sabbath

²³ One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to _____ heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the _____?" ²⁵ And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were _____ and in need of food, ²⁶ how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the _____, which it is not lawful for any but the _____ to eat, and he gave some to his companions?" ²⁷ Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath, ²⁸ so the Son of Man is lord even of the _____."

The Man with a Withered Hand

3 Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a _____ hand. ² They were watching him to see whether he would _____ him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³ And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come _____." ⁴ Then he said to them, "Is it _____ to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵ He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their _____ of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was _____. ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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.



May Collection (Peanut Butter & Jelly)

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

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.



Sanctuary flowers for this Sunday's Service were given by Marelle Groteluschen in honor of Jon Groteluschen

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.

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



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?

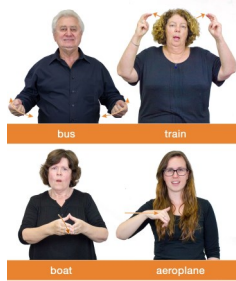
Email secretary@southaiken.org to join the Spirit Express emailing list!



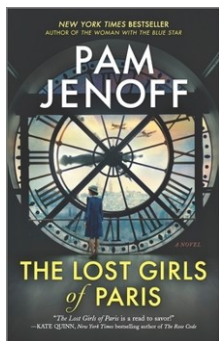
NEW CLASS: American Sign Language!

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

- Scheduling based on sign-ups
- Contact Betty Busch - (803) 649-4307 or bettyrbusch@gmail.com



The Chapter Chat Book Club



“Lost Girls of Paris
By Pam Jenoff
Thursday,
June 6th, at 2 pm.
Meet in the Church
Library

Contact Maureen Dunn at maureendunn14@bellsouth.net for more information.

Note: there will not be a Book Club Meeting for July.

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
Bennet E. (grandson of Sandy E) 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: - Shirley Colburn

Ushers: Jenny Chase, Betty Busch,
Anita Self, Will Self

Sound: Robert Glance

Video: Anthony Williamson

JaM Director: Lyn VanDervort & Scott Chappell

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Paul Ebel

Ushers: Celeste Stennett, Ron Stennett,
Jenny Summers, Chery MacCrum

Sound: Scott Reboul

Video: Angela Clifford

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 2nd

9:00a - Bethel New Test. Sunday School (Library)
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe - Resurrection (FLC PCR)
10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00a - Bethel Study (Library)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
6:00p - Officer Nominating Team Meet (PCR)
6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

Monday, June 3rd

9:00a - SAPK Summer Camp (SAPK)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)
6:00p - Communication Team Meeting (PCR)
7:00p - Aiken Choral Society Practice (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, June 4th

9:00a - SAPK Summer Camp (SAPK)
10:00 - Sonshine Circle Meeting (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, June 5th

9:00a - SAPK Summer Camp (SAPK)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)
7:00p - Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, June 6th

9:00a - SAPK Summer Camp (SAPK)
2:00p - Chapter Chat Book Club (Library)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
4:00p - Aiken Kinderchoir (Fellowship Hall)
5:00p - Beginner Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)
5:00p - Aiken Coin Club Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
6:00p - Interm. Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)

Friday, June 7th

9:00a - SAPK Summer Camp (SAPK)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
4:00p - Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
5:30p - Carolina Flight Basketball (Gym)

Saturday, June 8th

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

Sunday, June 9th

9:00a - Bethel New Test. Sunday School (Library)
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe - Resurrection (FLC PCR)
10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00a - Honduras/Agape Presentation (Gym)
Mission/Membership Meeting (Gym)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

* FLC - Family Life Center

** PCR - Pastor's Conference Room

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