



*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 worship. 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.

Please Note: Pastor Jason is a 226th General Assembly Commissioner (GA). On-line GA will be June 25th-27th. During those dates, he can return calls only at the end of the day. He will also be out of the office June 29th - July 5th for the In-Person GA in Salt Lake City. Following this, Pastor Jason will be attending the National Church Administration Conference in Lexington, KY from July 7th - 14th. For any pastoral emergencies during these timeframes, please contact Rev. Frank Cunningham. Lisa Lader will also be available by phone.

TODAY

Montreat - Shareholder's Luncheon

Everyone who donated to the youth's Montreat trip is invited to attend the Shareholder's Luncheon. Lunch will be served in the gym *after the service today* and the *youth will be sharing stories about their experiences!*

Please see ***“Our Church in Motion”*** on page 8.

Do you know of someone that should be recognized for putting their time and effort into maintaining our church? Please email us at secretary@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 23, 2024

5th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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

Prelude

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Kim

Olga Kuzmenkova, Pianist

Welcome and Announcements

Michelle Green (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”

Bell

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** (*Psalm 46: 10-11*) (*Responsively*):

One: “Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”

ALL: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

***Hymn #735**

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

Prayer of Confession (*Together*): **Dear God, we often pray for peace in our lives, but then continue the very things that lead us away from You. We are quick to judge others, instead of praying for them. We focus on ourselves and our lives, instead of working for good in our community. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to turn our hearts toward You, that we may feel the peace that only comes from You. In turn, help us to prune away those thoughts and habits that separate us from You, and from sowing peace in ourselves, relationships and community.**

(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: 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

Angela Clifford

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

Anthem

“Bow the Knee”

Machen & Harland

Prayer for Illumination

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

Epistle Reading: Romans 12: 14-18 *(page 162 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*

Gospel Reading: Mark 4: 35-41 *(page 39 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

“Pruning and Persisting with Peace” Part 2

Rev. Jason Hammersley

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith through Personal Testimony:

Michelle Green

ALL: Glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

*Hymn #753

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

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

Congregation (Together): PLANT ANYWAY

Offering of Gifts

Offertory

“Bless The Lord”

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 #69

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

***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**

****Please walk to the Blessing Box on the First Citizen Bank side (to your right as you leave the Sanctuary) for the Dedication of the Blessing Box.***

***Dedication of the Blessing Box**

****Montreat Shareholders Luncheon in the Family Life Center Gym.***

Sermon Scripture Activity (NRSVUE):

As the Scripture is read (Mark 4: 35-41) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.

Jesus Stills a Storm

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go _____ to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the _____ behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great _____ arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, _____ on the cushion, and they _____ him up and said to him, "_____, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Be _____! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you _____? Have you still no _____?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea _____ him?"

Our Church in Motion

Thank you Mary Bunch!

Mary has been the financial steward for this church for many years. She has dedicated her time as Treasurer and is always available to tackle the challenges that comes with that position. She is accurate, detailed and has a heart for Christ. Also, in the past she was big part of the Church Youth Work Camp. She is involved with Prayer Shawl and instrumental in getting the hats/scarfs/shawls to the people who are in need. She also dedicates her time to ACTS to ensure that food is provided to the older community.

Thank you

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!)



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



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



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!



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.

Come Strum With Us at our Ukulele Fellowship

When: Thursday, 5-6 pm (Beginner Players)
6-7 pm (Intermediate Players)

Where: Family Life Center, in the Music Room



The Chapter Chat Book Club

there will not be a Book Club Meeting for July.

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?

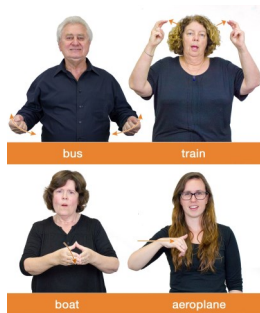
Email secretary@southaiken.org to join the Spirit Express emailing list!



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



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



The church email address is:
secretary@southaiken.org

Prayer Requests

Mitchell Family in season of grief.
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: - Michelle Green

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

Sound: Larry Hinson

Video: Kelly Frontroth

JaM Director: Lyn VanDervort & Scott Chappell

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: John Kelly

Ushers: Julie McCrum, Martin McCrum,
Angela Clifford, Margaret Clifford

Sound: Robert Glance

Video: Anthony Williamson

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 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)

Monday, June 24th

2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)

Tuesday, June 25th

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 26th

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

Thursday, June 27th

1:30p - Prayer Shawl (Library)
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 28th

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

Saturday, June 29th (*Pastor Jason - GA*)

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

Sunday, June 30th (*Connection Sunday*)

(*All Day Aquarium Trip*)
9:00a - Bethel New Test. Sunday School (Library)
10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
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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