



*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.*

TODAY

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.



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.*



Please see ***“Our Church in Motion”*** on page 9. *

June 9, 2024

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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

Prelude

“How Great is Our God”
Olga Kuzmenkova, Pianist

Alex-Zolt

Welcome and Announcements

Paul Ebel (Pulpit Assistant, PA)

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

Introit

“We Are Standing on Holy Ground”

Davis

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** (*Psalm 130: 1-4*)(*Responsively*):

One: Out of the depths we cry to you, O LORD.

ALL: Lord, hear our voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications!

One: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

ALL: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

***Hymn #269**

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

Prayer of Confession (*Together*): **Gracious God, we confess we don’t always choose the leader you would like. We complain because things are not working out the way we think they should. Our trust in you wanes when culture, politics, or family life is turbulent. Forgive us, O God for putting our trust in humanity instead of in you and following 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

Kim Goetter

(Children are invited to come to the stage steps for a small lesson, then join your families. No Sunday School today.)

Anthem

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Hayes

Prayer for Illumination+

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

Old Testament Reading: **1 Samuel 8: 4-11, 16-20** *(page 251 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)*

Gospel Lesson: **Mark 3: 20-35** *(page 37 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

"Divided Devotion"

Rev. Jason Hammersley

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn #288

"Spirit of the Loving God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me

*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 *“Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam/Brighten the Corner”* Sorenson

***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

Commissioning of Youth and Adults to the Montreat Youth Conference (Gal. 3: 27- 28, Col 3:17):

One: As many of you as were baptized into Christ.

ALL: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

One: How very good and pleasant it is when siblings live together in unity!

ALL: And whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus...

Charge to the Youth, Adults, and to Both

Questions to the Commissioners:

Pastor: Who is your Lord and Savior?

COMMISSIONEES: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Pastor: Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

COMMISSIONEES: I will, with God’s help.

Pastor: Do you welcome the responsibility of representing South Aiken Presbyterian Church and will you seek to follow Christ in all that you do and say at Montreat?

COMMISSIONEES: I do, and I will, with God’s help.

Questions to the Congregation (please stand if able):

Pastor: Do you, the members of South Aiken Presbyterian Church, confirm the call of God to our siblings to grow in faith, learning, and fellowship by participating in the Montreat Youth Conference?

ALL: We do.

Pastor: Will you support them with your prayers while they're away, welcome them warmly when they return, and pester them enthusiastically for stories about their experience?

ALL: We will!

Prayer for Youth and Adult Commissioners

***Hymn #700**

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

***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 (Mark 3:20-35) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.

Jesus and Beelzebul

²⁰ Then he went home, and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ When his family heard it, they went out to _____ him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the _____ he casts out demons." ²³ And he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, "How can _____ cast out Satan?" ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house is divided against _____, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶ And if _____ has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷ But no one can enter a _____ man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸ "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the _____ _____ can never have forgiveness but is guilty of an eternal sin"— ³⁰ for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

The True Kindred of Jesus

³¹ Then his _____ and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers^[a] are outside asking for you." ³³ And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does the _____ of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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

Our Church in Motion

Thank you **Bill Mitchell!**

We are grateful for Bill giving of his time and energy. He has always stepped up for any maintenance jobs that needed attention! He also assisted with getting the internet & phone system updated for the church. His quiet way is always appreciated!!!! Bill has been a blessing to the church and to all of us. We say **THANK YOU** for your willingness to make a difference!!!!



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?

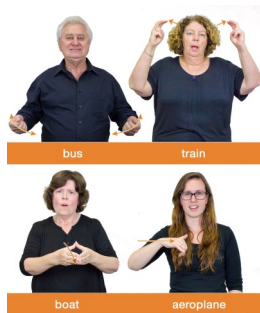
Email secretary@southaiken.org to join the Spirit Express emailing list!



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



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.

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: - Paul Ebel

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

Sound: Scott Reboul

Video: Angela Clifford

JaM Director: Lyn VanDervort & Scott Chappell

Volunteers Next Week

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

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.

SAPK THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 9th

9:00a - Bethel New Test. Sunday School (Library)
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe - Revelations (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)

Monday, June 10th

9:00a - SAPK Summer Camp (SAPK)
10:00a - Long Range Planning (Library)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
5:00p - SAPK Board Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)
6:00p - Christian Education (High School Room)
7:00p - Aiken Choral Society Practice (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, June 11th

9:00a - SAPK Summer Camp (SAPK)
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 12th

9:00a - SAPK Summer Camp (SAPK)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
5:30p - Worship & Music Team Meeting (Library)
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)
7:00p - Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, June 13th

9:00a - SAPK Summer Camp (SAPK)
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 - Interm. Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)

Friday, June 14th

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 15th

7:30a - ACTS Senior Food Distribution (340 Park Ave)
11:00p - Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)

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)
12:30p - Kids First Training (Fellowship Hall)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
6:00p - Officer Nominating Team Meeting (PCR)
6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

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