



*8th 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 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.

Welcome Rev. Dr. Larceeda “British” Hyrams. Rev Hyrams hails from Chicago, IL and has lived in the Carolinas since 2008. British is a graduate of Purdue University holding a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering, two master’s degrees from Union Presbyterian Seminary—a Master of Divinity (M. Div.) and a Master of Arts in Christian Education (M.A.C.E.). She graduated with her Doctor of Ministry degree from Duke Divinity School in 2024.



British was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament (PCUSA) in 2017. She served two associate pastorates in Charlotte, NC and as Presbyterian Campus Minister at North Carolina Central University. British is now the Associate Chaplain at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC. She serves the broader denomination as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Foundation. British’s current community involvement includes active membership with the Union County (NC) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and with various non-profit organizations. British is married to her college sweetheart, Kevin. Together they love, encourage, and cherish three adult children—Jamal, Akilah, and Aman.

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.

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.*



July 14, 2024

8th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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

Prelude

“Beautiful Day”

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

“Camp Firelight

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** (*Responsively*):

One: Happy are those whose hope is in God, maker of heaven and earth--

All: for God keeps faith forever!

One: God executes justice for the oppressed and gives food for the hungry.

All: God sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind.

One: God lifts up those who are bowed down.

All: God watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow.

One: People of God, sing praise to God as long as you live,

All: for the Lord will reign forever!

***VBS Music**

“Trust in You”

Whenever the future seems unclear;
whenever there’s mystery beyond what I can see.
Whenever my heart is feeling low;
whenever I’m feeling doubt, I know you’ll work it out

(Bridge)

to make all things, all things, work for my good.
So when fear tries to hold me down, I know where peace is found!

(Refrain)

Whenever I’m afraid, I put my trust in You;
whenever I’m afraid, I put my trust in You.
When the road is long, and I feel alone, and I don’t know what to do,
whenever I’m afraid, I put my trust in, my trust in You.

Whenever I wander far from home,
there’s nowhere I can be you won’t come rescue me.

(Repeat Bridge and Refrain)

For you won’t leave, and you will not forsake.
You have new mercies for me each and every day.
So I’ll put my trust in You!

(Repeat Refrain)

Trust in You!

Prayer of Confession (Together): Gracious God, have mercy on us, for we have failed to be faithful to you, though you have been faithful to us. You show us your wisdom, but we prefer to go our own way. Our broken relationships with you and one another have created poverty in us and our neighbors. In your mercy, reconcile us to you and one another for the work of justice, peace, and love, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.

(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

“Peace Sweet Peace”

**Can I find rest for my soul, oh-oh-oh-oh-oh,
while the storms keep raging on?**

**Can I find hope among the waves, yeah, yeah, yeah,
or will I be swept away?**

Is there someone who can calm the sea that is rising over me?

Your peace, sweet peace, is coming to the rescue;

Your peace, sweet peace, surrounds my heart.

Your peace, sweet peace, brings comfort in the darkest night.

I know it will be alright, surrounded by Your peace, sweet peace.

***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

(Children are invited to come to the stage steps for a small lesson)

Camp Firelight Skit

Counselor Sam - Ryleigh Goetter

Lumen - Nick Goetter

Kim Goetter

Anthem

“Go Go Go With Us”

Prayer for Illumination (Together) William Plumer Jacobs, 1842-1917

Gracious God, you know the doubts that overwhelm us and the anxieties that distress us. We long for your word to give us light. Lead our minds and hearts into a peaceful and trustful rest in your presence. As you have led us through fear and darkness, so now bring us out into the light that we may dwell with you and abide in you. Hear our prayers for our Savior’s sake. Amen.

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

Old Testament Lesson: **Ruth 1:1-22** (*page 241 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible*)

New Testament Lesson: **Luke 2:41-52** (*page 59 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible*)

Gospel Lesson: **Mark 4:35-41** (*page 39 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible*)

One: Hear what the Spirit says to the church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Trust God to Lead the Way”

Rev. British Hyrams

***Responsive Hymn**

“Where You Lead”

**My mind’s made up; I’m not looking back.
My heart is sure; I’m not looking back.
A new life awaits; so I’ll step out in faith!**

(refrain)

**Where you lead, I will follow you!
Where you go, I am going too!
Near or far, because of who You are;
in faith I go, ‘cause you’re so faithful to me!
So I’ll follow where You lead.
My hope is sure, I’m not looking back.
God, You’re so good; I’m not looking back.
A new life awaits; so I’ll step out in faith!**

(repeat refrain)

**Courage will shine through fear, when you lead the way!
There’s hope knowing you are here, when you lead the way!
You call me by my name, when you lead the way!
I trust that you’ll keep me safe, where you lead the way!
You lead the way!**

(repeat refrain)

***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**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

Minute for Mission

Kim Goetter

Offering of Gifts

Offertory

“Beautiful Day”

***Doxology:**

“Peace Sweet Peace”

**When my doubts begin to grow, oh-oh-oh-oh-oh,
feels like life's out of control.**

**No matter where I go, oh-oh-oh-oh-oh,
I know I'm not alone.**

You are with me, so I will not fear.

Jesus, I believe you're near.

Your peace, sweet peace, is coming to the rescue;

Your peace, sweet peace, surrounds my heart.

Your peace, sweet peace, brings comfort in the darkest night.

I know it will be alright, surrounded by Your peace, sweet peace.

I'm not alone, you're not alone, we're not alone with Jesus. (repeat 4 times)

***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

*VBS Music

“Trust and Follow You”

(Refrain)

I’m gonna walk, walk the road that you set before me. (heel-tap, fake walk)
I’m gonna run, run the race that you’ve given me, and, (arm circles, fake run)
I’m gonna dance, dance, dance like nobody’s watching! (free movement - dance!)
And I will trust and follow You! (arms cross; hands out; point up)
If You lead right, then right’s where I’m going. (Point and step right)
If You lead left, then I’m going too! (point and step left)
No matter where you may lead me, (arms out in question)
I will trust and I’ll follow You! (arms cross; hands out; point up)

(Repeat Refrain)

If You lead high, then high’s where I’m going. (point up, jump or bounce hands up)
If You lead low, then I’m going too! (point down, crouch or drop hands down)
No matter where you may lead me, (arms out in question)
I will trust and I’ll follow You! (arms cross; hands out; point up)

(Repeat refrain)

Call and response - please repeat “Ay-oh” after the singers!

(Repeat refrain)

And I will trust and follow You! (arms cross; hands out; point up)
And I will trust and follow You! (arms cross; hands out; point up)

*Charge and Benediction

*Sending Hymn

“Where You Lead”

Where you lead, I will follow you!
Where you go, I am going too!
Near or far, because of who You are;
in faith I go, ‘cause you’re so faithful to me!
So I’ll follow where You lead!

Postlude:

“Instrumental Firelight Chant”

It's Christmas in July!

We are pre-ordering t-shirts for Secret Santa as a fundraiser, as well as collecting school supplies. If you are interested in volunteering, sponsoring, or donating, or you are interested in learning more about this program, please visit southaiken.org/secret-santa or scan the QR code below.

Requested items: Jumbo or regular Crayola Crayons, Crayola colored pencils, wood pencils, construction paper, notebooks, Christmas wrapping paper, tape, & twine.



"Save the Date"

September 20-21, 2024
for Fall Family Weekend
to Montreat.

Fun-filled family time
with other members!

Contact
families@southaiken.org
if interested in learning more.

Our Church in Motion

Thank you Jimmy Bunch!

We are so grateful to Jimmy for giving of his time and energy to the SAPK. Each Thursday, he leads chapel with Pastor Jason and he takes the time to read a book to each and every class in SAPK, making sure that the book is age appropriate. Jimmy has also taught Sunday School for "41" years. Some of these children are now in their 30s. We say **THANK YOU** for your willingness to make a difference in these children's lives!!!!

Thank you

Upcoming

"Summer Courtyard Fellowship"



Wednesdays at 6pm

⇒ July 24

⇒ August 28th



Online Donations

available on our website, or by scanning this QR code with camera.



July Collection (Cereal/Oat Meal or Grits)

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



**AUGUSTA
GREENJACKETS™**

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. *Registration must be completed by July 15th.*

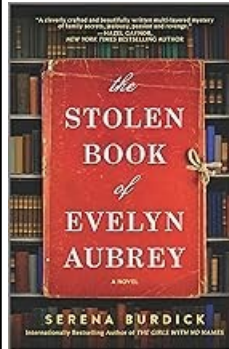
Contact families@southaiken.org for more information!



Sanctuary flowers for this Sunday's Service were given by Elaine & Jeff Barnes in honor of their 50th anniversary.

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

The Chapter Chat Book Club



"The Stolen Book of Evelyn Aubrey"
By Serena Burdick
Thursday,
August 1st, at 2 pm.
Meet in the Church
Library

Contact Maureen Dunn at maureendunn14@bellsouth.net 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
Next Performance

August 4th
September 15th



Want to get the digital newsletter of announcements each week?

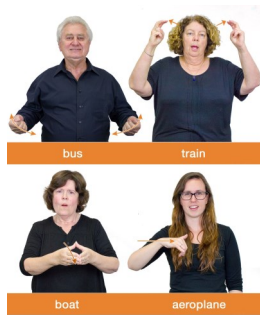
Email secretary@southaiken.org to join the Spirit Express emailing list!



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



Presbyterian Promise

The Presbyterian Promise Scholarship is a commitment by Presbyterian College (PC) to recognize students for their merit and affiliation with the Presbyterian Church. PC seeks to develop students academically and spiritually in this signature scholarship. Students who are members of Presbyterian churches will receive a scholarship for a minimum of \$20,000 per year for up to four years—that's an \$80,000 commitment to you. For more information visit www.presby.edu/admissions/tuition-aid/presbyterian-promise/.



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.
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: Bonnie Hayes, Hank Hayes,
Elaine Barnes, Linda Blake

Sound: Robert Glance

Video: Haley Culp

JaM Director: Lyn VanDervort & Scott Chappell

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Greg Burkes

Ushers: Jim Barber, Mary Barber,
Shirley Colburn, Gordy Colburn

Sound: Scott Reboul

Video: Kelly Frontroth

JaM Director: Lyn VanDervort & Scott Chappell

Dinner and Devotion

Join us for Dinner and Devotion fellowship and study together the week of July 21st (July 23rd, 24th and 26th). 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.



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, July 14th

9:00a - Bethel New Test. Sunday School (Library)
10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00a - Mission & Membership Meeting (Library)
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)

Monday, July 15th

2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)
5:00p - SAPK Board Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
6:30p - Christian Education Team (High School Room)

Tuesday, July 16th

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, July 17th

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

Thursday, July 18th

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, July 19th

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

Saturday, July 20th

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

Sunday, July 21st

9:00a - Bethel New Test. Sunday School (Library)
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR)
10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00a - Diaconate Meeting (Library)
12:00p - Admin & Stewardship Meeting
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p - Officer Nominating Team Meeting

* FLC - Family Life Center

** PCR - Pastor's Conference Room

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Also with Instagram at: **southaikenpc**

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