



*9th 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](mailto:media@southaiken.org).

## *Next Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> Blessing of the Backpacks*



Let us pray for the students and school staff at the beginning of this school year. May God bless the backpacks and those who carry them, to give them love, support, peace, grace, and learning.

*(First Day of SAPK: August 12<sup>th</sup>,  
First Day of County School is July 22<sup>nd</sup>)*

### *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 21, 2024

9th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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

Prelude

*“Ev’ry Time I Feel The Spirit”*  
Olga Kuzmenkova, Pianist

Brendlinger

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 is Our Refuge”*

Pote

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**\*Call to Worship** (*Psalm 33: 18-22*) (*Responsively*):

One: Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear the Lord, on those who hope in God’s steadfast love,

**ALL: to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine.**

One: Our soul waits for the LORD; the Lord is our help and shield.

**ALL: Our heart is glad in the Lord because we trust in God’s holy name.**

One: Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

**\*Hymn #832**

*“Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand”*

**Prayer of Confession** (*Together*): **Healing God, we come confessing that sin prevents healing to be found in ourselves and in the world. We want healing in our emotions, our minds, and our bodies, yet sometimes the healing does not come, and we stop trusting you. Forgive us, for not trusting, and partnering in the healing work. Reveal your hope to us and let us live into the hope found through Jesus Christ.**

*(in silence confess personal sins to God)*

PA: Amen

**Assurance of Forgiveness** (*Responsively*):

One: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

**ALL: Only Christ. Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ rules in power for us, and Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation, the old life is gone, and the new life has begun.**

One: Know we are forgiven and be at peace.

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

**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 walk together to Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall.)*

**Anthem**

***“Song of Aspiration***

**Courtney**

**May the mind of Christ my Savior  
Live in me from day to day,  
By His love and pow’r controlling  
All I do and say.**

**May the Word of God dwell richly  
In my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph  
Only through His pow’r**

**May the peace of God my Father  
Rule my life in everything,  
That I may be calm to comfort  
Sick and sorrowing.**

**May the love of Jesus fill me  
As the waters fill the sea;  
Him exalting, self abasing,  
This victory.**

**May I run the race before me,  
Strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus  
As I onward go.**

**May His beauty rest upon me  
As I seek the lost to win,  
And may they forget the channel,  
Seeing only Him.**

## Prayer for Illumination

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

**Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1-6** (*page 725 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible*)

**Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2: 11-22** (*page 192 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible*)

**Gospel Reading: Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56** (*page 41 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

“Live Into Hope of Healing”

Rev. Jason Hammersley

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\*Hymn #772

“Live Into Hope” (*stanzas 1-3*)

\*Affirmation of Faith (*Together*): The Brief Statement of Faith *excerpt*

We trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Amen.

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

## Offering of Gifts

Offertory

*“He Is Exalted”*

Keveren

\*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 #79     *“Light Dawns on a Weary World”*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude Hymn #765     *“May the God of Hope Go with Us”*  
May the God of hope go with us everyday, filling all our  
Lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of Justice speed us  
On our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;  
Working for a world that’s new, faithful when we hear Christ’s call.”

### **Sermon Scripture Activity (NRSVUE):**

*As the Scripture is read (Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.*

### **Feeding the Five Thousand**

<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>31</sup> He said to them, "Come away to a \_\_\_\_\_ place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup> And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup> Now many saw them \_\_\_\_\_ and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived \_\_\_\_\_ of them. <sup>34</sup> As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had \_\_\_\_\_ for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things.

### **Healing the Sick in Gennesaret**

<sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup> When they got out of the boat, people at once \_\_\_\_\_ him <sup>55</sup> and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the \_\_\_\_\_ on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup> And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the \_\_\_\_\_ in the marketplaces and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak, and all who touched it were \_\_\_\_\_.

## *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](https://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](mailto:families@southaiken.org)  
if interested in learning more.

## **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, August 19th (5:30pm) at Case Bella.** We will be going over our project from the Girl's Weekend in July. If you were not able to join us in July, please come anyway as it will be very entertaining!

Let Lynn know if you need childcare.



*To join our group on Facebook, scan this QR Code.*

## **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



## Blessing Box

Many thanks go out to everyone who built, painted and set up our new blessing box. This will be used by the needy for many years to come!

### Possible Non-Perishable Food Items

- ◆ Bottled Water
- ◆ One-box meals
- ◆ Crackers
- ◆ Granola bars
- ◆ Dried fruits & nuts
- ◆ Fruit cups
- ◆ Instant Oatmeal
- ◆ Canned goods that contain meat, fruit, & vegetables

### Possible Personal Care Items

- ◆ Unused Underwear/Socks
- ◆ Travel-sized hygiene items (toothpaste, soap, etc)
- ◆ Toilet paper
- ◆ Band Aids/Wet wipes
- ◆ Nail clippers



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.

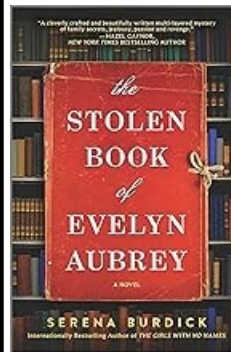
Go ahead and **Mark Your Calendars** for the next big Families-sponsored event: a trip to a **Green Jackets game!**

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](mailto:families@southaiken.org) for more information!



## The Chapter Chat Book Club



“The Stolen Book of Evelyn Aubrey”  
By Serena Burdick  
Thursday,  
August 1<sup>st</sup>, at 2 pm.  
Meet in the Church  
Library

Contact Maureen Dunn at [maureendunn14@bellsouth.net](mailto: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**

August 4<sup>th</sup>

**Next Performance**

September 15<sup>th</sup>



*Want to get the digital newsletter of announcements each week?*

Email [secretary@southaiken.org](mailto: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](mailto:bettybusch@gmail.com)
- Materials furnished at each meeting



## Senior Fun Day

50+, \$5/person

*Enjoy bingo, games, food, music, vendors, & chances to win door prizes!!*

**When:** Friday, August 30th (12-2pm)

**Where:** Lessie B Price Aiken Senior & Youth Center  
(841 Edgefield Ave NW)

Registration Required from July 29<sup>th</sup> till Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Lessie B Price Aiken Senior & Youth Center, Odell Weeks Activities Center or call 803-642-7600, then press 3.



## 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/](http://www.presby.edu/admissions/tuition-aid/presbyterian-promise/).



The church email address is:

[secretary@southaiken.org](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:secretary@southaiken.org) to change information or removal of name.*

## Volunteers Today

**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

## Volunteers Next Week

**Pulpit Assistant:** Shirley Colburn

**Ushers:** Sharon Filler, Debbi Reboul,  
Elsie Worpell, Kelli Williams

**Sound:** Steve Kuhl

**Video:** Anthony Williamson

**JaM Director:** Lyn VanDervort & Scott Chappell

## Dinner and Devotion

Join us for Dinner and Devotion fellowship and study together the week of July 21<sup>st</sup> (July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>). 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](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@southaiken.org) or (803-648-9574) to let your wishes be known.

## *SAPC THIS WEEK*

### Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

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

### Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)  
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)

### Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

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 24<sup>th</sup>

2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)  
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)  
**6:00p - Summer Courtyard Fellowship Service**  
7:00p - Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

### Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

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, July 26<sup>th</sup>

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

### Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

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

### Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>

9:00a - Bethel New Test. Sunday School (Library)  
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR)  
10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)  
4:00p - Session Meeting

\* FLC - Family Life Center

\*\* PCR - Pastor's Conference Room

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