



*7th 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.

Guest Paster - Rev. Frank L. Cunningham III

We welcome the Rev. Frank L. Cunningham, III as our guest pastor today. Frank is a graduate of Union Presbyterian Seminary where he earned a Master's Degree, Divinity/Ministry. Frank has retired, but he graciously agrees to officiate at services here at SAPC when needed. Being a minister is Frank's second career. He spent the first part of his professional life in the banking world. Frank is no stranger to South Aiken Presbyterian and has long enjoyed a personal association with the church.

Guest Pianist, Susan Selden

As a lifelong native of Aiken County, Susan has worked in Aiken public schools, several local hospices, and as a director of Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons. She and her husband Ed recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Together they have 3 children: Chelsea, Slayton, and Raymond and grandchild Wyatt. Susan is currently serving as a deacon and has served as an elder, Sunday School teacher, Stephen Minister in the past. When not volunteering, she enjoys playing with Wyatt, running, piano, and traveling.

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.*

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 7, 2024

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10:00 am

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

Prelude

“The Heart of Worship”

Redman

Susan Selden, Guest Pianist

Welcome and Announcements

Lyn VanDervort (Pulpit Assistant, PA)

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

Introit

“Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!”

Johnson

Susan Selden, Guest Accompanist

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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

One: We come from the day-to-day busyness of our lives.

All: We come with cares and worries, joys and celebrations.

One: Let us set it all aside and enter this time of worship.

All: May our hearts and minds be open to what God might say to us this day.

One: Trusting always in the Spirit to meet us,

All: let us gather to worship God!

***Hymn #463**

“How Firm a Foundation”

Prayer of Confession (*Together*): **Gracious God, we live in the tension of what we are called to be and our lived reality. We often fall short of the good we intend and our growing in the likeness of Christ is painfully slow at best. Forgive us we pray. Offer us the peace that passes all understanding that we might be forgiven and begin anew. In Jesus’ name we pray, 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 #647**

“Give Thanks”

Smith

sung twice

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because we’re given Jesus Christ, the Son.

Give thanks. Give thanks

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

Anthem

“Spirit, Sing”

Martin

Prayer for Illumination

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

Old Testament Lesson: **Ezekiel 2:1-5** (*page 770 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible*)

New Testament Lesson: **2 Corinthians 12:2-10** (*page 185 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible*)

Gospel Lesson: **Mark 6:1-13** (*page 40 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

“A Homecoming: Rejection”

Rev. Frank Cunningham

*Hymn #30

“O God, in a Mysterious Way”

*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.)*

Offering of Gifts

Offertory

“Here I Am to Worship”

Hughes

***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 #793**

“O Christ, the Healer”

***Charge and Benediction**

***Sending 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**

Postlude Hymn #837

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

Sermon Scripture Activity (NRSVUE):

As the Scripture is read (Mark 6:1-13) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.

The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

6 He left that place and came to his hometown, and his _____ followed him. 2 On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this _____ that has been given to him? What deeds of _____ are being done by his hands! 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary^[a] and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took _____^[b] at him. 4 Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without _____, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own _____." 5 And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his _____ on a few sick people and cured them. 6 And he was amazed at their _____.

The Mission of the Twelve

Then he went about among the villages _____. 7 He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them _____ over the unclean spirits. 8 He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no _____ in their belts, 9 but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. 10 He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. 11 If any place will not _____ you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the _____ that is on your feet as a testimony against them." 12 So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. 13 They cast out many _____ and anointed with oil many who were sick and _____ them.

Have you misplaced an item while you were at South Aiken Presbyterian Church or the Family Life Center?

Please stop by the Family Life Center (Room F100) to see if, what you are missing, has been found!!



"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.

**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



Online Donations

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



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.*



**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!*

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



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 for more information!

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?

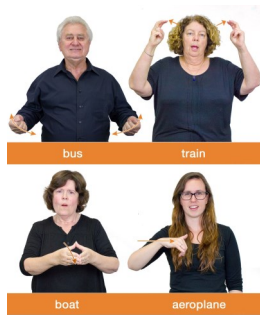
Email secretary@southaiken.org to join the Spirit Express emailing list!



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: - Lyn VanDervort

Ushers: Jenny Chase, Donna Boik,
Vickie Schmidt, George Schmidt

Sound: Larry Hinson

Video: Anthony Williamson

JaM Director: Lyn VanDervort & Scott Chappell

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Paul Ebel

Ushers: Jim Barber, Mary Barber,
Elaine Barnes, Linda Blake

Sound: Martin McCrum

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, July 7th

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

10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00a - Officer Nominating Team Meeting (PCR)

Monday, July 8th

8:45a - Vacation Bible Study, (Gym, Fellowship Hall)

5:00p - SAPK Board Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

6:30p - Christian Education Team (High School Room)

Tuesday, July 9th

8:45a - Vacation Bible Study, (Gym, Fellowship Hall)

4:30p - Belles Canto (Music Room)

7:00p - Scouts Meeting (Upstairs Scouts Classroom)

Wednesday, July 10th

8:45a - Vacation Bible Study, (Gym, Fellowship Hall)

5:30p - Worship & Music Team Meeting (Library)

7:00p - Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, July 11th

8:45a - Vacation Bible Study, (Gym, Fellowship Hall)

1:30p - Prayer Shawl (Library)

4:00p - Aiken Kinderchoir (Fellowship Hall)

5:00p - Beginner Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)

6:00p - Interim. Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)

Friday, July 12th

8:45a - Vacation Bible Study, (Gym, Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, July 13th

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)

* FLC - Family Life Center

** PCR - Pastor's Conference Room

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