



“...extend revolutionary, Christ-Like hospitality to everyone.”

**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!

Mrs. Olga Kuzmenkova is our guest Pianist for January.

Olga has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration and Applied Music from Newberry College. She has played the piano for Bachman Chapel Lutheran Church in Prosperity, SC; Lebanon United Methodist Church in Newberry, SC and the Aiken Kinderchoir which practices in the SAPC's Fellowship Hall. Her daughter is a member of the Belles Cantos Choir and participates in the Aiken Community Theater. Olga moved to Aiken eight years ago when she married her husband who is an Aiken native and photographer. Let's welcome her to the piano and our worship service today!

Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following Sunday worship on January 21st.

Agenda Items:

- Elect Christian Education Elder: Catherine Pateracki.
- Vote on Pastor's Terms of Call for 2024.
- Presentation of SAPC's 2024 budget.

January 14, 2024

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

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

Prelude

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Thomas

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

“In the Calm”

Fettke

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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

One: Remembering God’s abundant welcome for us in creation.

ALL: Friend or stranger, enter and welcome.

One: Let us worship God together.

***Hymn #399**

“God Welcomes All” (*sung 3 times*)

Prayer of Confession (*Together*): Gracious God, you know what kind of people we are. We judge others harshly and fail to see our own sin. We look with suspicion and fear, and neglect to show hospitality to strangers. We treasure things that are worthless and squander your patience gifts. We withhold the grace and love that you give us so freely. Forgive us. Pour out your grace upon us to save us from our sin through Jesus Christ.

(in silence confess personal sins to God)

PA: Amen

Assurance of Forgiveness

PA: As you hear the water being poured into the font, remember Jesus Christ washes away the sins of the World.

The Font (*pouring of the water*)

***Responsive Hymn #581**

“Glory Be to the Father”

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to The Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

***The Peace** (*Responsively*):

PA: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive 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

"You Are My Song"

Berry

Prayer for Illumination

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

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 10: 17-19 *(page 167 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)*

Epistle Reading: Romans 15: 7-13 *(page 163 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*

Gospel Reading: Luke 14: 12-13 *(page 77 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*
(fill-in the blanks on page 7)

One: Hear what the Spirit of God says to the Church!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Humble Hospitality"

Rev. Jason Hammersley

*Hymn #769

"For Everyone Born" *(stanzas 1-4)*

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

Offering of Gifts

Offertory

"Joy to the World"

Heather Sorensen

***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

Officer Installation (continued)

Installation of:

Deacons: Amy Loftus, Sandy Haines and Diane Davies

Ruling Elders: Jim Stutts and Melissa Major

Statement of Installation

Presentation

Clerk of Session: Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, and the session of South Aiken Presbyterian Church now installs Amy Loftus, Sandy Haines, Diane Davies, Jim Stutts and Melissa Major.

***Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant and Rejections**

Pastor: *Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and reject evil and its power in the world? If you do, say "I do."* **ALL: I do**

Pastor: *Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? If you do, say "I do."* **ALL: I do**

Pastor: *Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? If you will say, "I will with God's help."* **ALL: I will, with God's help.**

Profession

One: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the Apostles' Creed.

***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**

Constitutional Questions

1. Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
2. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
3. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? If so, say, "I do and I will"
4. Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
5. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
6. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
7. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
8. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
9. *(For deacons)* Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?
10. *(For ruling elders)* Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

*Congregational Questions:

Clerk of Session: Do we, the members of the church, accept ruling elders Jim Stutts and Melissa Major and all elders and Deacons Amy Loftus, Sandy Haines and Diane Davies and all deacons chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Congregation Response: We do.

Clerk of Session: Do we agree to pray for Bill and all elders, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

Congregation Response: We do.

Prayer of Installation

Declaration of Installation, Welcome and Charge

(Deacons Linda Tiller and Scott Martin ordained and installed on November 12, 2023 with Ruling Elders Jim Brownlow, Jim Barber, and Hank Hayes installed on November 12, 2023.)

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn #539

"We Will Go Out with Joy"

*Benediction

***Postlude Hymn #765:**

“May the God of Hope Go with Us”

**May the God of hope go with us every day, 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 (Luke 14: 12-13) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a _____, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may _____ you in _____, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a _____, invite the poor, the crippled, the _____, and the _____.

Would You Like to Participate in the Count of Local Homeless?

Several folks have expressed an interest in helping with the homeless PIT (Point in time) Count the week of January 24th. This is being headed up by the Homeless Coalition of Aiken County. If you want to volunteer, you need to go on their website <https://www.aikencountyhomelesscoalition.org/pit-count> to sign up. They need to know ***as soon as possible*** how many volunteers they will have so they can plan. All information about the count is there.

This count of homeless people in Aiken County is necessary in order to obtain funding for the various agencies who assist the homeless. Just some of those agencies who will be participating are ACTS, Veterans Affairs, Family Promise, the Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul, and MANY churches. By necessity to find the homeless, it will have to be done either late at night or very early in the morning.

If you would like to help but are not comfortable being out in the dark, organizations are collecting items to hand out to the homeless during the count. You also can go to the website to find other ways to donate or organize. Our knitting/crocheting ministry is making hats to hand out. You can join us Thursday, January 11 at 1:30 in the church library to help with that.



Help Us Help the Homeless

GriefShare Grief Support Ministry



What is GriefShare?

A weekly faith-based support group for those grieving the death of a loved one.

Where does it take place?

GriefShare meets in the SAPC Library.

When does it take place?

Each Monday from 1:00 - 3:00 PM.

When can I join?

The current cycle of GriefShare begins on January 29, 2024, you can join during any of the 13 classes.

Do I have to be a member of SAPC to participate?

No, all those who are grieving the death of a loved one are welcome.

Where can I find more information about GriefShare?

Visit the GriefShare website at griefshare.org.

Living in Faith Together (LIFT) (Women's Small Group)



The next LIFT will be meeting on January 15th, 5pm at Mi Pueblo on Pine Log.
Let Lynn know if you need childcare.

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



South Aiken Presbyterian Church Presents In Concert

**String Quartets by Beethoven and Janacek
Saturday, January 20th
7:30PM in the Sanctuary.**

**Performed by the Carolina Academy of
Music String Quartet**



**Sally Catheart and Ziyi Deng, violins
Douglas Temples, viola
Rachel Gibbons, cello**

Free and open to the public!



Online Donations

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our website,
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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.*

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

Sound Operator's Needed

We are in need of additional volunteers to serve as Sound Operators. Each new operator will be provided with training, and will serve with support until they are completely comfortable with the system. Once trained, each operator serves approximately once every 4 to 6 weeks and on special occasions.

Anyone who is interested in serving in this capacity should contact **Larry Hinson** at shbc50@gmail.com for more info.



Sanctuary flowers for this Sunday's Service were given by Jena Lockard in memory of Phillip G. Lockard, from his Granddaughters

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.



January Collection

(Peanut Butter & Jelly)

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.

Thanks for sharing with others!

Jesus & Music (JaM)

Coming soon to our neighborhood!

What is JaM? Children's Choir for South Aiken Presbyterian Church

Who is this for? 4K and Older Youth

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.

Why? To share the love of music with our young people and celebrate our love of Jesus. They be learning songs, but they will also discuss what the words mean.

Children will be able to share the songs with others and with the congregation. The real heart of this choir is in the week-to-week community-building and skill development that will occur.



Want to get the digital newsletter of announcements each week?

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

Presby Café Bible Study

Topic: Patience

What are you waiting for?



Where?: Pastor Conference

Room (PRC) in the
Family Life Center

When? Each Sunday at
9:00am

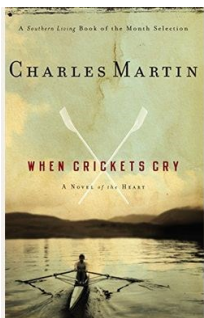
Pickle Ball

SPCA 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



“When Crickets Cry”

By Charles Martin

**Thursday, February 1st,
at 2 pm.**

Meet in the Church Library
*Call Maureen Dunn at (803) 443-
8681 for more info.*

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.

Prayer Requests

Mary S. for comfort and healing.

Brooke R. (friend of Jimmy B.) for health concerns.

Myra R. (friend of Jimmy B.) for health concerns.

Linda S. (friend of Scott M.) for healing.

Emily L. for comfort.

Leona F. for comfort.

Edmund J. for healing.

Ethel (mother to Steve H.) for comfort.

Jeff B. (family friend to Sarah S.) for health concerns and in season of grief

Hammersley Family in season of grief.

Pethick Family in season of grief.

Lewis Family in season of grief.

Edwards Family in season of grief.

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

Scott Family - in season of grief.

Dot M. - for comfort

Gail (friend of Kitt M.) for healing as her treatments have changed.

Steve & Linda H. for comfort.

Bob A., for comfort and strength

Lois V. sister of Lyn V., for continuing improvement.

Peg P. for comfort.

Jim and Shirley S. 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: - Greg Burkes

Ushers: Cheryl MacCrum, Martin MacCrum,
Chuck Abele, Heidi Abele

Sound: Larry Hinson

Video: Anthony Williamson

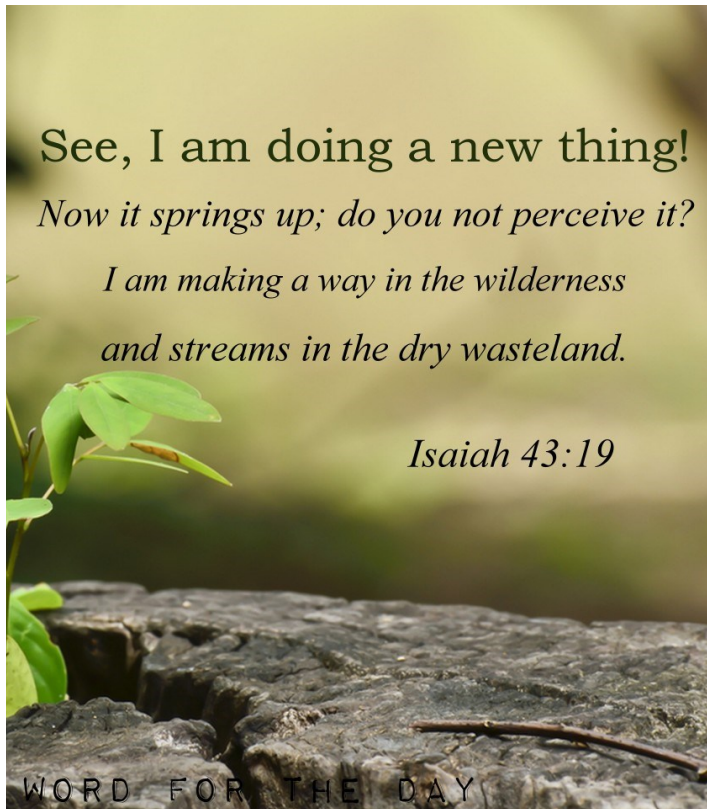
Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Michelle Green

Ushers: Donna Boik, Kelli Williams,
Celeste Stennett, Ronald Stennett

Sound: Steve Kuhl

Video: TBD



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secretary@southaiken.org

SAPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 14th

9:00a - Apocrypha Sunday School (Library)
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR)
9:00a - JaM (Fellowship Hall)
10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00a - Mission/Membership Team Mtg (Library)
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

Monday, January 15th

9:00a - Beginner Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)
10:00a - Interm. Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
3:00p - Prep Meeting for Congregational Mtg (Library)
5:00p - LIFT Meeting (Mi Pueblo on Pine Log)

Tuesday, January 16th

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
4:30p - Belles Canto (Music Room)
5:30p - Timberwolves BB Game (Gym)
7:00p - Scouts Meeting (Upstairs Scouts Classroom)

Wednesday, January 17th

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
7:00p - Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, January 18th

8:50a - SAPK Chapel (Sanctuary)
12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
4:00p - Aiken Kinderchoir (Fellowship Hall)
5:30p - Timberwolves/Tall Pines (Gym)

Friday, January 19th

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)

Saturday, January 20th

7:30a - ACTS Senior Food Distribution (340 Park Ave)
9:00a - 1st Presby 2024 Planning Event (Gym)
7:30p - Quartet Concert (Sanctuary)

Sunday, January 21st

9:00a - Apocrypha Sunday School (Library)
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR)
9:00a - JaM (Fellowship Hall)
10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00a - Diaconate Meeting (Library)
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

* FLC - Family Life Center

** PCR - Pastor's Conference Room

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