



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

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Shirley Colburn (Pulpit Assistant, PA)**

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

**Introit**

**“Shout to the Lord”**

**Darlene Zschech**

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**\*Call to Worship** (*Psalm 40: 1-5*) (*Responsively*):

One: We waited patiently for the LORD; the Lord inclined to us and heard our cry.

**ALL: The Lord drew us up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set our feet upon a rock, making our steps secure.**

One: The Lord put a new song in our mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

**ALL: Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.**

One: You have multiplied, O LORD our God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you.

**ALL: Were we to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.**

**\*Hymn #103**

**“Prince of Peace”**

**Prayer of Confession** (*Unison*): **Gracious God, we confess we have been complicit in the suffering of others. We have seen people hungry and fed ourselves. We have known people who are thirsty and did not give a drink. We have seen strangers to us and have not welcomed them in. Forgive us, O God for just walking by people in need without a thought to assist or see them. Help us by the power of the Holy Spirit engage the suffering we see through Jesus Christ.**

*(Pause and confess your personal sin in silence to God)*

PA: Amen.

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

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

**ALL: We declare God's promises, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

One: May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness,

**ALL: And by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.**

PA: As you see and hear the water being poured into the font, let us remember Christ reconciles the world.  
Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

**The Font** *(Water is poured as a visual sign of the washing away of sin and the bonding to Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit.)*

**\*Responsive Hymn #345**

**“ In an Age of Twisted Values”**

**\*Passing the Peace**

PA: 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.)*

## **ENCOUNTERING THE WORD OF GOD**

**Children's Moment**

**Pastor Jason Hammersley**

**Anthem**

**“Cover Me”**

**Prayer for Illumination**

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

**Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 49: 1-7** *(page 679 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)*

**Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:31-46** *(page 28 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.**

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\*Hymn #372

“O for a World”

\*Affirmation of Faith (*Unison*): A Brief Statement of Faith *excerpt 11.3*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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

Offering of Gifts

\*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 WITH GOOD NEWS**

**\*Hymn #372**

**“O for a World”**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude:**

**Will You Let Me Be Your Servant**

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?**

**Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear.**

**I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.**

**I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.**

## Sermon Scripture Activity (NRSVUE):

*As Pastor Jason reads Matthew 25:31-46, fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.*

### The Judgement of the Nations

<sup>31</sup> 'When the Son of Man comes in his \_\_\_\_\_, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup> All the \_\_\_\_\_ will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the \_\_\_\_\_, <sup>33</sup> and he will put the \_\_\_\_\_ at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are \_\_\_\_\_ by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to \_\_\_\_\_, I was a stranger and you \_\_\_\_\_ me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me \_\_\_\_\_, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you \_\_\_\_\_ me." <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you \_\_\_\_\_ and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and \_\_\_\_\_ you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in \_\_\_\_\_ and visited you?" <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the \_\_\_\_\_ of these who are members of my family, <sup>[a]</sup> you did it to me." <sup>41</sup> Then he will say to those at his \_\_\_\_\_ hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal \_\_\_\_\_ prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me \_\_\_\_\_, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you \_\_\_\_\_ welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in \_\_\_\_\_ and you did not visit me." <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the \_\_\_\_\_ of these, you did not do it to me." <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

We are using a **new Online Donation System!** Please use the updated link on our website to donate online through Vanco. If you still have a recurring payment set up through the former Presbyterian Foundation, you must change to the new system by January 15th.



### Help the Salvation Army!



Donate sweat pants, T-shirts, and underwear for men and women.  
*Please drop donations off at 322 Gayle Ave.*

### Calling all Knitters and Crocheters!

Our prayer Shawl Ministry will start back up on January 12th after taking the holidays off. We are meeting 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 *LOTS* of yarn and patterns, *so just come!* If you have questions, please contact Mary Bunch at (803) 270-5599.

## Registration for "Kids First" Training

February 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 – 12:00  
In the Fellowship Hall

We train our volunteers to protect the children and the adults who work with them. The purpose of "Kids First" policy is to create an environment and a document that demonstrates our commitment to the physical, emotional safety, and spiritual growth of all of our children, youth, and adults. In order to help ensure the continued safety and health of the church for the ministries of youth and children, "Kids First!" implements some simple guidelines and procedures that effectively reduce the risk of all forms of abuse or neglect including the risk of sexual misconduct in the church.



## PRAYER PARTNERS

Prayer is a powerful force for those in need of healing, comfort, strength, and encouragement. It is often as much of a blessing for those offering the prayers. If you have a prayer request during office hours (Monday-Friday 9am-1pm) please contact the church office at 648-9574 or at [secretary@southaiken.org](mailto:secretary@southaiken.org). After office hours please contact Emily Lockard at 649-0473 or at [emilybim@bellsouth.net](mailto:emilybim@bellsouth.net).

### 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

## **Join the Membership and Mission Team Ministry!**

Meetings: 2nd Sunday of the month, 11:00am.  
For more information, please email  
[weimerchrystie@gmail.com!](mailto:weimerchrystie@gmail.com)

**Are you interested in obtaining a name badge with the SAPC logo, so that you can wear it to church functions?**

**You will need to get in touch with Trophies Unlimited at 803-648-8444 to put an order in.**

**The cost for this badge is \$12.50 (plus tax).**

*Please Note: A magnet can be used with this name plate. However a magnet should not be used if you have a pacemaker.*



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.



Jim and Mary Bunch would appreciate and enjoy your company as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, January 29, 2023 from 2pm to 4pm in the South Aiken Presbyterian gym. PLEASE NO GIFTS. The gift of your presence will be enough and greatly appreciated. If you would like, a donation to SAPC, ACTS or your favorite charity would be a great way to honor this occasion.

GRIEF SHARE<sup>®</sup>

## **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 (in the hallway behind the sanctuary).*

### ***When does it take place?***

*Each Monday from 5:30-7:30 PM.*

### ***When can I join?***

*The current sessions of GriefShare began on January 2, 2023.*

### ***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](http://griefshare.org).*

# Upcoming!

## Congregational Meeting

January 22nd,

Immediately following Sunday's Worship



*Voting will be on  
the Pastor's Term  
of Call and  
Presenting  
the 2023 Budget.*

**Note:** The scheduled **Bethel Study** will follow immediately after this meeting.

## Registration for Upcoming Kindergarten Classes

South Aiken Presbyterian Kindergarten registration for the 2023/2024 school year opens to current families and members of the SAPC Congregation on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m in the Fellowship Hall .

We will open our registration to the public on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Placement is on a first come, first serve basis until enrollment is full. Please contact Michelle Lorio (803)-648-9895 or [sapkindergarten@gmail.com](mailto:sapkindergarten@gmail.com) with questions or to request a registration form.

## Prayer Requests

**Bill S** - recover from back surgery

**Weeks Family** - for comfort

**Baker Family** - in season of grief.

**McCrum & Bielnell Family** - in season of grief

**Bob R.** recovering from open heart surgery

**Kari & Roger 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.

**Kelli W.** in her season of grief.

**Peg M.** (sister of Kit M.) successful surgery.

**Ray P.** (cousin of Sarah Scott) for healing and strength

**Lynn S.** - for comfort and wisdom after recent diagnosis.

**Scott Family** - in season of grief.

**Dot M.** - for comfort.

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

**Joyce & Jeff** (Jayne B.'s best friends) mourning the loss of their son, Patrick.

**Ethel H., Steve H.**'s mother for relief from pain.

**Steve & Linda H.** for comfort.

**Bob A.,** for comfort and strength

**Georgia L.** for healing.

**Glady C.** for healing.

**Ron D.** (Cyndy D's brother-in-law) for healing.

**Debbi R.** as new health issues emerge.

**Phil L.** for resolution of health issues.

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

**Peg P.** for comfort.

**The Linda E. Family** for continued healing.

**Jim and Shirley S.** for healing.

**Richard E.** as he receives treatment.

**Jayne B.** confronting 2 health issues.

**Barbara K.** for healing.

**Anita & Bob P.** for healing.

**Homebound Members**

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

## Volunteers Today

**Pulpit Assistant** - Shirley Colburn

**Ushers:** Scott Martin, Barbara Knapp, Andrew Goslen, Elaine Barnes

**Sound:** Scott Reboul

**Video:** Anthony Williamson/Sam Jacobs

## Volunteers Next Week

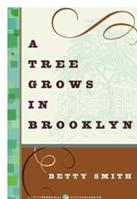
**Pulpit Assistant** - Sandy Haines

**Ushers:** Chuck Abele, Heidi Abele, George Schmidt, Vickie Schmidt

**Sound:** Robert Glance

**Video:** Angela Clifford

## **The Chapter Chat Book Club**



**A Tree Grows in Brooklyn**  
by Betty Smith

**Thursday, February 2nd, at 2 pm.**  
**Meet in the Church Library**

*Call Maureen Dunn at  
(803) 443-8681 for more info.*



### **January Collection (Mac & Cheese)**

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!

*Also needed are plastic grocery bags in order for ACTS to bag up food to be donated.*

## **SAPC THIS WEEK**

### Sunday, January 15th

9:00a - Ezekiel Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)

9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (Pastor's Conf. Rm)

10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00a - Diaconate Meeting (Library)

### Monday, January 16th

4:15p - Tall Pines Basketball (Gym)

5:30p - GriefShare (Library)

### Tuesday, January 17th

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)

4:30p - Tall Pines Basketball (Gym)

4:30p - Belles Canto (Music Room)

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

### Wednesday, January 18th

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)

4:15p - Tall Pines Basketball (Gym)

7:00p - Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

### Thursday, January 19th

8:50a - SAPK Chapel (Sanctuary)

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)

3:30p - Aiken Kinderchoir (Fellowship Hall)

4:15p - Tall Pines Basketball (Gym)

### Friday, January 20th

10:00a - Ukulele Fellowship (Music Room)

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)

### Saturday, January 21st

7:30a - ACTS Senior Food Distribution

9:00a - OPR2023 (1st Presbyterian in Fellowship Hall)

### Sunday, January 22nd

9:00a - Ezekiel Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)

9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (Pastor's Conf. Rm)

10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00a - Congregational Meeting

11:00a - Bethel Study (Fellowship Hall)

*Immediately following the  
Congregational Meeting*

4:00p - Monthly Session Meeting

## **CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION**

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*Please turn off your phone during the service*

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Also with Instagram at: southaikenpc

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