

*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**.*

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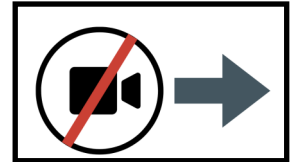
Welcome!

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

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.*

All SAPC services are recorded for release on our YouTube channel. If you do not wish to be recorded during services, please sit in the video free zones, designated by this sign. Contact media@southaiken.org for more details and to confirm your privacy request.



Announcement: *Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 18th immediately following Sunday's Worship to vote on the Pastor's Terms of Call and the presentation of the 2026 budget.*

• & CORNHOLE COMPETITION •

JAN. 25TH, 11AM

Sign up today at families@southaiken.org!

January 18, 2026

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

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

Prelude

“Sing, Sing, Sing”
Olga Kuzmenkova, Pianist

Koerts

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

“Praise God for This Holy Ground”

by John L. Bell

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** (*Psalm 40: 1-4*) (*responsively*):

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

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

One: God 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

***Praise Hymn**

“How Great Is Our God”
See insert

by Tomlin, Reeves, & Cash

Prayer of Confession (*Together*): **Almighty God, we thank you for John’s testimony to the Pharisees about Jesus the Messiah. Sometimes we are called to share our good news with others yet we allow fear of saying the wrong thing hinder even speaking it. O God, give us the confidence to share what you have done in our lives with others through Jesus Christ.**

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

PA: Amen

Assurance of Forgiveness (*Responsively*):

One: Who is in a position to condemn?

ALL: Only Jesus Christ. Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ rules in power for us, and Christ prays for us. Anyone who believes in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone, the new life has begun. Know we are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

One: As you see and hear the water being poured into the font, remember you belong to the Lord and you are a new creation.

The Baptismal Font (*water poured into the font*)

***Responsive Hymn #582** *“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”*
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***Holy Interruption** (aka, Passing the Peace) (*Responsively*):

PA: Since God has forgiven us in Jesus 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

Mary & Jim Bunch

(*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”

by Cindy Berry

Prayer for Illumination

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

Old Testament Reading: **Isaiah 49: 1-7** (*pg. 679 of the Old Testament*)

Epistle Reading: **1 Corinthians 1:10–18** (*page 166 of the New Testament*)

Gospel Reading: **John 1: 29-42** (*page 92 of the New Testament*)
(fill-in the blanks on page 7)

One: Hear what the Spirit says to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“I myself have seen and have testified...”

Rev. Jason Hammersley

*Hymn #761

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

*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.

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

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Johnston

*Doxology: Hymn #606 *“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

*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

Sending Prayer for Barbara Knapp (moving to Richmond, VA)

*Hymn #246

“Christ is Alive”

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude 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.

Sermon Scripture Activity (NRSVUE):

As the Scripture is read (John 1: 29-42) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.

The Lamb of God

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the _____ of the world!" ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks _____ of me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be _____ to Israel." ³² And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him." ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to _____ with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy _____.' ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."^[a]

The First Disciples of Jesus

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the _____ of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, " _____ " (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the _____ " (which is translated Anointed^[b]). ⁴² He brought Simon^[c] to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas"^[d] (which is translated Peter^[e]).

Reflective Questions:

1. *What do you think "being baptized by the Holy Spirit" means?*
2. *Why did John call Jesus, "Lamb of God"?*
3. *What did Jesus want the two disciples to see in verse 39?*
4. *What did it mean to find the "Messiah"?*
5. *What is the significance of Simon's name change to Cephas (Peter)?*

Upcoming Youth Activities Corner

Are you or your child
6th-12th grade?



Our spring youth group
calendar is now out!

Reach out to Anthony Williamson at youth@southaiken.org for more information."



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 youth group is looking for **adult volunteers** to help with Sunday activities. Don't miss out on this intergenerational opportunity for faith, fellowship, and fun (plus food)! Scan the QR Code to sign up today."



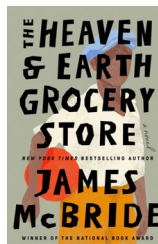
The Chapter Chat Book Club

"Heaven & Earth Grocery Store"

By James McBride

Thursday, Feb. 5th, at 2 pm.

Meet in the Church Library



Contact Maureen Dunn at maureendunn14@bellsouth.net for more info.

SAPC

Talent Show

WE NEED YOUR TALENT!



February 28th, 5pm








KIDS FIRST TRAINING

YEARLY OFFICER REQUIREMENT!

Sunday, February 1st - After the Service
Anyone interested in volunteering with children is invited to attend

Our **Sunday School** is growing and we are in need of additional **volunteers** to help cover our group of children. If you are interested in being a teacher/aide please contact Kim Goetter, at families@southaiken.org. Currently we are on a 5 week rotation. The more volunteers we get, the longer our rotation period will be.

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Living in Faith Together (LIFT)

(Women's Small Group)

When: January 20th, at 6:00pm

Where: Kinder Closet (Rm F207)

Everyone will bring their own dinner.

Please let Lynn know if you need child-care. To join our group on Facebook, scan this QR Code.



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.

Thank you!

Online Donations

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



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.

The church email address is:

secretary@southaiken.org

Prayer Requests

Anderson Family - season of grief.

Stephens Family - season on grief.

Pateracki Family - season of grief.

MacCrum & Tyler Family season of grief.

Graham T (Chery M.'s great grandson) for healing & recovery.

Jim M. (Alex M's father) for health concerns.

Gordon C. recovery

Judy D. for comfort & recovery.

Donna B. for healing & recovery.

Sonni C. for healing & recovery.

Suzan M. for health concerns.

Owens G. (Cissy K) for health & strength.

Michael & Jennifer H. (friend of Linda W.) for health and strength..

Carina M. for health & strength.

Nancy & Andrew G. for health & strength.

John K. (Donna B's brother) for comfort & healing.

AJ B. (Donna B's relative) for comfort and healing.

Debbie E. (niece of Linda B.) comfort and healing.

Myra & Brooke R. (friends of Jimmy B.) health concerns.

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

Ethel (mother to Steve H.) comfort.

Pat M. (Linda B's sister) health concerns.

Leslie C. health concerns.

Doug M. (Linda B.'s nephew) healing and comfort.

Ray P. (cousin of Sarah S.) healing and strength.

Lynn S. comfort.

Dot M. for healing & comfort..

Steve & Linda H. comfort.

Lois V. sister of Lyn V., increased mobility

Barbara K. for transition.

Anita & Bob P. comfort and discernment.

Homebound Members

Email secretary@southaiken.org to change information or removal of name.

Volunteers Today

Pulpit Assistant: Paul Ebel

Ushers: Mary Barber, Jim Barber,
Susan Seldon, Elizabeth Barringer

Sound: Alex McGee

Video: Kelly Frontroth

JaM Director: Lyn VanDervort

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Greg Burkes

Ushers: Kathy Peterson, Greg Peterson,
Bonnie Hayes, Hank Hayes

Sound: Scott Reboul

Video: Haley Culp

JaM Director: Lyn VanDervort

Upcoming Schedule for Sunday School

January 18th (*Ski Resort, Bunny Slope*)

Teacher: Mary Bunch

Assistant Teacher: Jim Bunch

Aide: Sandy Erwin

January 25th (*Ski Resort, Slalom*)

Teacher: Susan Glenn

Assistant Teacher: Katie Moler

Aide: Paul Ebel



SAPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 18th

- 9:00a The Present Word Sunday School (Library)
- Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR) Book of Acts
- 10:00a Worship Service & Congregational Meeting
- 11:00a Diaconate Meeting (Library)
- 2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
- 3:00p Admin & Stewardship Meeting (Library)
- 6:00p Youth Group Meeting (Youth Rm in FLC)

Monday, January 19th

- 12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
- 2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
- 6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)

Tuesday, January 20th

- 12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
- 2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
- 4:30p Belles Canto (Music Room)
- 5:00p Property Meeting (Library)
- 6:00p LIFT Meeting (FLC, Kinder Closet)
- Carolina Flight Basketball (Gym)
- 7:00p Scouts Meeting (F205 in FLC)

Wednesday, January 21st

- 2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
- 12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
- 6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
- Young Adults Bible Study (FLC Youth Rm)
- 7:00p Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, January 22nd

- 8:50a SAPK Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
- 1:15p Busy Hands in Faith (Library)
- 2:00p Pickleball (Gym)

Friday, January 23rd

- 12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
- 2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
- 4:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
- 6:00p Carolina Flight Basketball (Gym)

Saturday, January 24th

- 9:00a PEO Meeting (Gym)

Sunday, January 25th

- 8:50a Children's Chime Choir (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00a The Present Word Sunday School (Library)
- Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR) Book of Acts
- 9:05a JaM Practice (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00a Worship Service
- 11:00a Chili Cookoff/ Corn Hole Competition (Gym)
- 2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
- 4:00p Session Meeting (Library)
- 6:00p Youth Group Meeting (Youth Rm in FLC)

* FLC - Family Life Center

** PCR - Pastor's Conference Room

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Also with Instagram at: **southaikenpc**

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