



***“...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!

## TODAY

### ***Congregational Meeting***

There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following Sunday worship.

#### **Agenda Items:**

- 1) Elect Christian Education Elder: Catherine Pateracki: (Paul Ebel, Nominating \*Convening Elder)
- 2) Vote on Pastor's Terms of Call for 2024. (Bill Poulson, Adm Elder & Betty Busch, Clerk)
- 3) Presentation of SAPC's 2024 budget. (Bill Poulson, Adm Elder)

\* A convening elder is an elder currently on session responsible for gathering the Nominating Team.

January 21, 2024

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

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

**Prelude**

*“There is a Balm in Gilead”*

**Thomas**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Michelle Green (Pulpit Assistant, PA)**

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

**Introit**

*“A Jubliant Song”*

**Pote**

## **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**\*Call to Worship** (*Deuteronomy 10: 17-21*)(*Responsively*):

One: For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe,

**ALL: who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing.**

One: You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

**ALL: You shall fear the LORD your God; the Lord you shall serve; to the Lord you shall hold fast...**

One: God is your praise; the Lord is your God who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

**\*Hymn #396**

*“Brethren, We Have Met To Worship”*

**Prayer of Confession** (*Together*): Gracious God, we confess that we are fearful of strangers in this world, not knowing how to respond in love. We tend to be untrusting, suspicious, and project on them bad experiences from our past instead of listening in love to their story. Help us, to be open to listen to a stranger’s story as we seek your will in each circumstance 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

**"Make My Life an Alleluia"**

Schram

### Prayer for Illumination

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

**Old Testament:** **Leviticus 19: 33-34** (*page 107 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible*)

**Gospel Reading:** **Matthew 25: 31-45** (*page 29 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible*)  
(*fill-in the blanks on page 6*)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

**"Being Hospitable to ALL"**

Rev. Jason Hammersley

### \*Hymn #301

**"Let Us Build a House"** (*stanzas 1, 3-5*)

### \*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

*“Rock of Ages”*

Sorensen

**\*Doxology: Hymn #716 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”**

God, whose giving knows no ending from your rich and  
Endless store, nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, costly  
Cross, grave’s shattered door: gifted by you, we turn  
To you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall  
Rise forever, gracious donor of our days

**\*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 #300**

*“We Are One in the Spirit”*

**\*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.

***Congregational Meeting will begin after a five minute setup.***

**Sermon Scripture Activity (NRSVUE):**

*As the Scripture is read (Matthew 25: 31-45) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.*

<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of \_\_\_\_\_ comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_, <sup>33</sup> and he will put the sheep 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 who are \_\_\_\_\_ by my \_\_\_\_\_, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, <sup>35</sup> for I was \_\_\_\_\_ and you gave me \_\_\_\_\_, I was \_\_\_\_\_ and you gave me something to \_\_\_\_\_, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in \_\_\_\_\_ and you \_\_\_\_\_ me.' <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ you or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison 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 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of mine, you did it to me.' <sup>41</sup> Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the \_\_\_\_\_ prepared for the devil and his angels, <sup>42</sup> for I was \_\_\_\_\_ and you gave me \_\_\_\_\_, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ or in \_\_\_\_\_ 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 least of these, you did not do it to me.'

## ***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 24<sup>th</sup>. 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



### ***Grieving a Loved One? Need help understanding your feelings of grief?***

GriefShare is an educational and compassionate grief support ministry of SAPC to help people who grieve understand their emotions and learn what to do with their feelings as God heals.

It has three components: video, workbook (\$20), and small group discussion.

The 13 week sessions are held on Mondays and begins **Jan 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Library**. Come and work through your grief so that you can go from mourning to joy!

Visit the GriefShare website at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org).

### **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 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.*



### **Online Donations**

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



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

We have a pair of glasses in a black case, a man's blue Irish cap, women's brown gloves, a leather/metal belt, etc. Please stop by the Family Life Center (Room F100) to see if, what you are missing, has been found!!



**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](mailto:shbc50@gmail.com) for more info.



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.

## 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](mailto: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

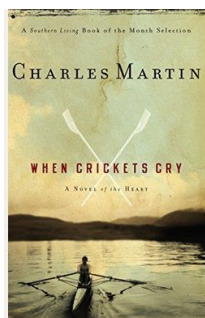
## Pickle Ball

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](mailto:mrhankey@gforcecable.com)

## The Chapter Chat Book Club



### “When Crickets Cry”

**By Charles Martin**

**Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>,  
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](mailto:secretary@southaiken.org) or (803-648-9574) to let your wishes be known.

## Prayer Requests

**Marilyn H.** in season of grief.

**Scott M.** for comfort.

**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

**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 healing and 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:** - Michelle Green

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

**Sound:** Steve Kuhl

**Video:** Kelly Frontroth

## **Volunteers Next Week**

**Pulpit Assistant:** John Kelly

**Ushers:** Sue Kelly, Linda Blake,  
Martin McCrum, Julie McCrum

**Sound:** Scott Martin

**Video:** Haley Culp

## **Children, families, and youth - get ready to get messy!**

We're hosting a trip to **The Splatter Place**, a North Augusta small business that lets you unleash your creative side with UV light paint, on **Sunday, February 4th**. It's guaranteed to be a wild time!

Price is dependent on the number of registered members. Visit [thesplatter-place.com/know-before-you-go](http://thesplatter-place.com/know-before-you-go) when considering this event. Children 9 and under should be accompanied by a parent. Please sign up by January 28th so we can plan!



The church email address is:

[secretary@southaiken.org](mailto:secretary@southaiken.org)

## ***SAPC THIS WEEK***

### **Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

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-following Congregational Meeting (Library)  
11:00a - Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)  
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)  
5:00p - Confirmation Class  
6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

### **Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00a - Beginner Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)  
10:00a - Interm. Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)  
12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)  
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)  
6-8:00p - Hofstetter Visitation at Shellhouse-Rivers Funeral Home

### **Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)  
3:00p - Hofstetter Funeral Service w/Reception  
4:30p - Belles Canto (Music Room)  
6:00p - Long Range Planning Team (Library)  
7:00p - Scouts Meeting (Upstairs Scouts Classroom)

### **Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:50a - SAPK Chapel (Sanctuary)  
12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)  
1:30p - Prayer Shawl (Library)  
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)  
4:00p - Aiken Kinderchoir (Fellowship Hall)

### **Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)  
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)

### **Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)

### **Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:00a - Apocrypha Sunday School (Library)  
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR)  
9:00a - JaM (Fellowship Hall)  
10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
11:00a - Bethel Study (Library)  
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)  
4:00p - Session Meeting  
6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

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