



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

Sandy Haines (Pulpit Assistant, PA)

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

Introit

“Enough”

Richard Kingsmore

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** (*Psalm 40*) (*Responsively*):

One: One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,

ALL: to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

One: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,

ALL: and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

One: I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

***Hymn #475**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*): **Gracious God, we confess that you call us to follow you, but sometimes we don't like where you lead. Our response to your call makes us question our personal values and desires for our life. We confess your call to follow is conflictive even though we know we need to follow. Help us, O God acknowledge our feelings of loss and walk by faith in following you empowered by your Holy Spirit.**

(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 (*Responsively*): As you see and hear the water being poured into the font, let us remember to walk in obedience to Christ.

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 #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.**

***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

Michelle Lorio

Anthem

“In My Father’s House”

Pamela Martin

**In my Father’s house, you will find a
Place in the warm embrace of an open door,
In my Father’s house, leave the past behind, come inside and
Find what you’re longing for. In my Father’s
house, solace can be found, comfort will surround the bruised and
broken. In my Father’s house, children live in
Peace, war and hatred cease and love is spoken,
In my Father’s house, in my Father’s house**

**In my Father’s house, you will find a
Place in the warm embrace of an open door,
In my Father’s house, leave the past behind, come inside and
Find what you’re longing for,. In my Father’s
House, pardoned from all sin, free from what has been, life can
start again, In my Father’s house, prodigals come
Home, no one walks alone, come and enter in
In my Father’s house, in my Fathers
House, in my Father’s house**

Prayer for Illumination

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

Old Testament Lesson: **Isaiah 9: 1-4** (*page 638 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible*)

Gospel Lesson: **Matthew 4: 12-23** (*page 3 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible*)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Power in Jesus’ Call

Rev. Jason Hammersley

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn #757**

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples ”

Ordination and Installation of Bill Poulson

Sentences of Scripture (*Responsively*):

One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

ALL: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

One: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

ALL: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

One: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement of Ordination and Installation

Presentation (Anita Self, Clerk of Session): Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, and the Session of South Aiken Presbyterian Church now ordains Bill Paulson to the office of ruling elder and installs him with the others to active service.

***Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant and Rejections (for whole congregation)**

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?

ALL: I do.

Pastor: Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **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** (*Unison*):

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.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Constitutional Questions (ordained as ruling elders)

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 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 elder Bill Paulson and all elders 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 Ordination and Laying On of Hands

Prayer of Installation

Declaration of Ordination and Installation, Welcome and Charge (Newly ordained and installed elder remain standing.)

SENDING INTO THE WORLD WITH THE GOOD NEWS

***Hymn #69**

“I the Lord of Sea and Sky”

***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.

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 5th 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. After office hours please contact Emily Lockard at 649-0473 or at 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.



Sanctuary flowers for this Sunday's Service were given by Cheryl MacCrum in memory of Archie MacCrum

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.



GriefShare **Grief Support Ministry**

NOTE: Additional Daytime Sessions will begin weekly on Mondays beginning January 23rd thru March 27th in the SAPC Library.

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.

**YOUNG AT HEARTS
UPCOMING OUTING
Feb. 9th - 5:30 PM**

We will leave for Ole McDonald's Fish Camp for good food and fellowship. Cost is \$5.00 per person to ride the bus plus the cost of your meal. Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the back hall.
Deadline is February 5th.

Loving in Faith Together (LIFT)

This young ladies small group had their January meeting at Mi Pueblo. They are studying the Bad Girls of the Bible. This month they learned about Eve and how to be bold and courageous but not blame others for our decisions. Next month they will be studying Lot's wife. The upcoming meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 8th at 5:30** at the **Wild Wings Cafe**. Hope to see you there!

**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 30th at 9:00 a.m** in the **Fellowship Hall**.

We will open our registration to the public on February 6th 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 with questions or to request a registration form.

Prayer Requests

Bill S. - for healing from surgery
Weeks Family - for comfort
Parnell Family - in a season of grief
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 to change information or remove of name.

Volunteers Today

Pulpit Assistant - Sandy Haines

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

Sound: Robert Glance

Video: Angela Clifford

Volunteers Next Week

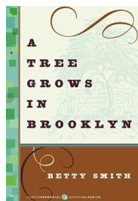
Pulpit Assistant - Michelle Green

Ushers: Hank Hays, Bonnie Hays, Alice Kierspe, Sharon Feller

Sound: Bill Mitchell

Video: Sam Jacobs

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 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

*Immediately following the
Congregational Meeting*

4:00p - Monthly Stated Session Meeting

Monday, January 23rd

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)

5:30p - GriefShare (Library)

6:00p - Tall Pines Basketball (Gym)

Tuesday, January 24th

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)

4:30p - Belles Canto (Music Room)

6:00p - Mighty Warriors of God (Gym)

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

Wednesday, January 25th

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)

7:00p - Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, January 26th

8:50a - SAPK Chapel (Sanctuary)

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)

1:30p - Prayer Shawl

3:30p - Aiken Kinderchoir (Fellowship Hall)

6:00p - Tall Pines Basketball (Gym)

Friday, January 27th

10:00a - Ukulele Fellowship (Music Room)

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)

Saturday, January 28th

9:00a - Technology Support Class #1 - The
Website and Zoom (Gym)

Sunday, January 29th

9:00a - Connection Sunday

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

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

10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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Also with Instagram at: southaikenpc

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