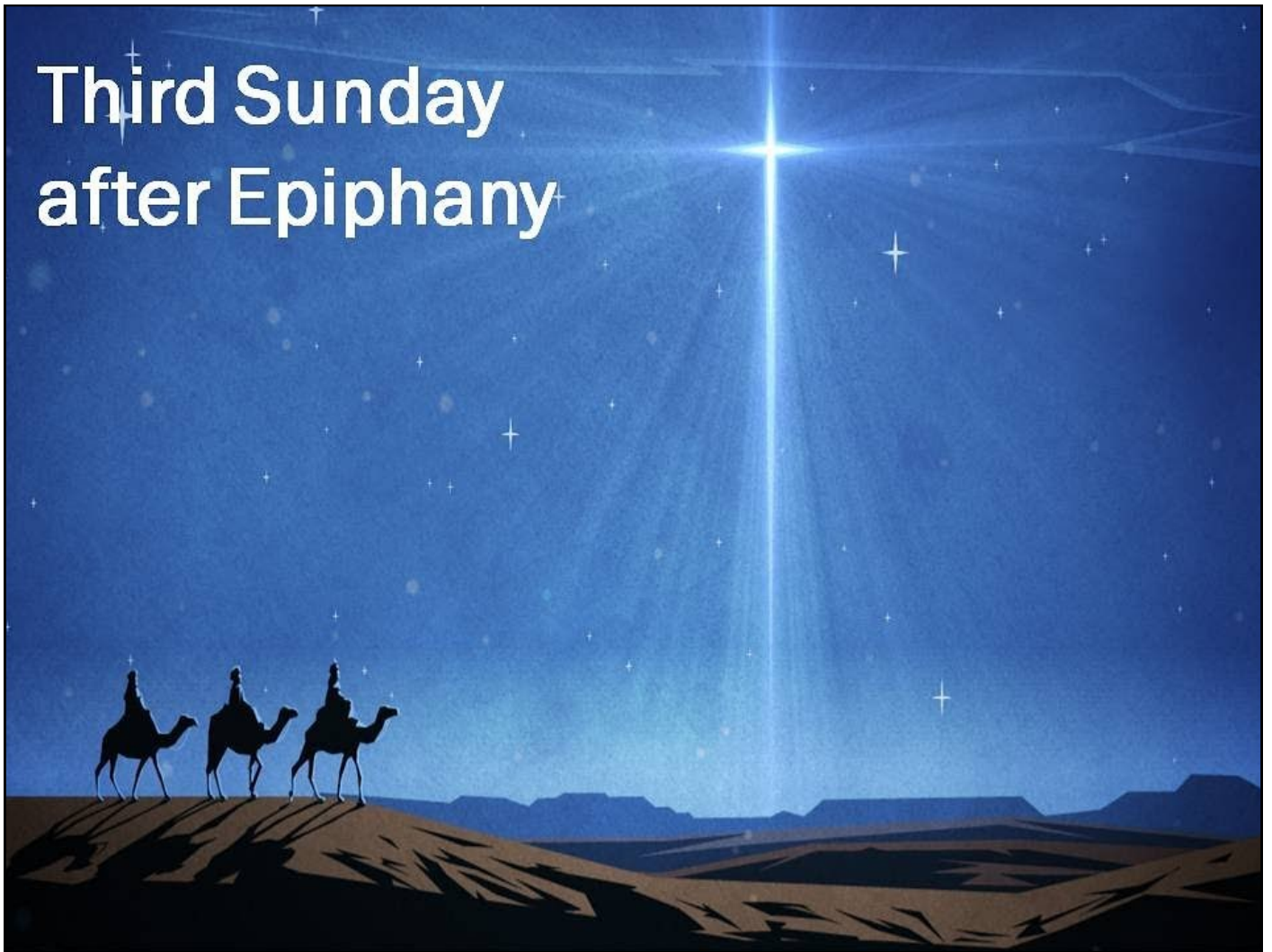


Third Sunday after Epiphany



*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**.*

South Aiken Presbyterian Church
1711 Whiskey Rd.

Welcome!

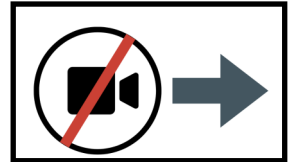
Welcome to God-Encountered worship at South Aiken Presbyterian Church! We are thankful that you have been called to worship with us this morning. We believe all people are children of God. We believe that the redeeming grace of God can transform our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit. We believe all 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.





“Rescheduled”
due to inclement weather.

***New Date: Sunday,
February 8th
at 11am.***

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Sign up today at
families@southaiken.org!

Online Donations

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



January 25, 2026

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

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

Prelude

“Here I Am to Worship”
Olga Kuzmenkova, Pianist

Hayes

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

“Bless the Lord” by Jonas Mryin & Matt Redman

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** (*Psalm 27: 1, 4-6*) (*responsively*):

One: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear? The Lord is the stronghold of our life; of whom shall we be afraid?

ALL: One thing we asked of the Lord; this we seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of our life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God’s temple.

One: For the Lord will hide us in God’s shelter in the day of trouble; God will conceal us under the cover of God’s tent; The Lord will set us high on a rock.

ALL: Now our heads are lifted up above our enemies all around us, and we will offer in the Lord’s tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; we will sing and make melody to the Lord.

***Praise Hymn**

“Open the Eyes of My Heart
See Insert

by Paul Baloche

Prayer of Confession (*Together*): **Almighty God, we have been called to follow Jesus Christ, yet we struggle with other things in our lives. We go our own way. We are in relationship with you sometimes only when it is convenient and fits into our own life, instead of making time with you. Forgive us, O God as we repent and go another direction back to you 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

Pastor Jason

(Children are invited to come to the stage steps for a small lesson, then walk together to Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall.)

Anthem

“Give Me Jesus

Arr. by Robert Sterling

Prayer for Illumination

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

Old Testament Reading: **Isaiah 9: 1-4** (*pg. 638 of the Old Testament*)

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 4: 12-23** (*page 3 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

“Calling to the Following”

Rev. Jason Hammersley

*Hymn #726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

*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

“Amazing Grace”

Hayes

*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

***Hymn #757**

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

***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 (Matthew 4: 12-23) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.

Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee

¹² Now when Jesus^[a] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—
¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."^[b]

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus Ministers to Crowds of People

²³ Jesus^[c] went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news^[d] of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Upcoming Youth Activities Corner

Do you like to run? What about being challenged?

Join the youth in a 5K Spartan Sprint in Atlanta on March 14th. It is \$130 per person with carpooling where possible.

Sign up ASAP before spots are gone and get to training! If you want to know more about the specific race, go to Sparton.com.



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."



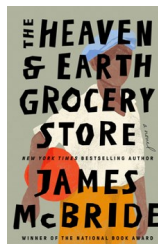
The Chapter Chat Book Club

"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.

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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.

“Rescheduled”
due to inclement weather.

New Date: Sunday, February 8th at 11am.

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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.



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.

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!

Gym Setup for Events

Each planned church activity may need a specific set up. A drawing of the gym is used to plan out what is needed and then provided to Kirk so that he can set things up as required. A **"Gym Set-up and Tear Down Request Form"** can be found in the Church Office (Room F100) in a mailbox labeled "Gym Layout". We ask for this information at least 2 days prior to the event. Thank you

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

Volunteers Today

Pulpit Assistant: Greg Burkes

Ushers: Kathy Peterson, Greg Peterson,
Diane Davies, Elsie Worpell

Sound: Steve Kuhl

Video: Kelly Frontroth

JaM Director: Lyn VanDervort

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Shirley Colburn

Ushers: Jenny Chase, Nick Goetter,
Andria Miller, Sharon Filler

Sound: Scott Martin

Video: Angela Clifford

JaM Director: Lyn VanDervort

Upcoming Schedule for Sunday School

January 22nd (*Bible Stories*)

Teacher: Kim Goetter

Aide: Paul Ebel

February 8th (*Ski Resort, Slalom*)

Teacher: Susan Glenn

Assistant Teacher: Katie Moler

Aide: Paul Ebel



SAPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 25th

"No in-person meetings today."

- 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
- 2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
- 4:00p Session Meeting (Library)
- 6:00p Youth Group Meeting (Youth Rm in FLC)

Monday, January 26th

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

Tuesday, January 27th

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

Wednesday, January 28th

- 12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
- 2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
- 6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
- 7:00p Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, January 29th

- 8:50a SAPK Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
- 2:00p Pickleball (Gym)

Friday, January 30th

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

Saturday, January 31st

- 9:00a Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
- 10:00a till 11:00am Pulpit Assistant Training

Sunday, February 1st

- 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 Kids First Training for Officers (Gym)
- 2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
- 6:00p Youth Group Meeting (Youth Rm in FLC)

* *FLC - Family Life Center*

** *PCR - Pastor's Conference Room*

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