



*“...embrace diverse styles of worship...”*

**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!

***Congratulations Jennifer Huntley! We celebrate you moving from Interim Kindergarten Director to SAPK Director. We are grateful that you show the love of God and utilize your gifts with the next generation.***

***Blessings on your ministry,***

***SAPK Board, SAPC Session, and Pastor Jason***

January 28, 2024

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

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

**Prelude**

***“10,000 Reasons”***

**Myrin, Redman, arr. By Hayes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**John Kelly (Pulpit Assistant, PA)**

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

**Introit**

***“This New Year”***

**Michael R. Nichols**

**JaM SAPC Children’s Choir**

**Scott Chappell and Lyn VanDervort, Directors**

## **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**\*Call to *Worship*** (*Psalm 96: 1-2*)(*Responsively*):

One: O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**ALL: Sing to the LORD; bless the Lord’s name; tell of the Lord’s salvation from day to day.**

**\*Hymn #743**

***“O God, You are My God”***

**Prayer of Confession** (*Together*): Gracious God, we confess that we are tempted to worship many things and ourselves in this world. We lean toward idols of the world creating a struggle in us. We are pulled to glorify our own desires. Forgive us when we worship things or ourselves. Help us seek to glorify you in all we think, say, and do 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.)*

## **RECEIVING 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**

***“Enough with I Need Thee Every Hour”***

**Kingsmore**

**Jeremy Woodruff, Percussion**

**Prayer for Illumination**

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

**Psalms:** **Psalms 96: 1-6** *(page 550 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)*

**Epistles:** **Romans 12: 1-2** *(page 161 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*

**Gospel:** **John 4: 16-26** *(page 95 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.**

**Sermon**

***“Worshipping in Spirit and Truth”***

**Rev. Jason Hammersley**

**\*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**

***“Blessed Be Your Name”***

**Matt & Beth Redman**

**SAPC Ukelele Fellowship**

**Jackie Scherman, Sandy Haines, and John Myers**

**Jeremy Woodruff, Percussion**

**\*Doxology: Hymn #626**

***“As the Deer”***

**As the deer pants for the water, so my**

**Soul longs after. You alone are my**

**Heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.**

**You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone**

**May my spirit yield. You alone are my**

**Heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.**

**\*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**

**Prayer for Jennifer Huntley, SAPK Director**

## **PRACTICING FAITH IN THE WORLD**

**\*Hymn #519**

***"You Are My Strength When I Am Weak"***

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude Hymn #539:**

***"We Will Go Out With Joy"***

**We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.  
We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.**

### **Refrain**

**Alleluia! We go out with joy.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Now anyone who's born of the Spirit, sing a new song of joy.  
Now anyone who's born of the Spirit, sing a new song of joy.**

**We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.  
We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God**

**Sermon Scripture Activity (NRSVUE):**

*As the Scripture is read (John 4: 16-26) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.*

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your \_\_\_\_\_, and come back." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no \_\_\_\_\_." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is \_\_\_\_\_ your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, <sup>[a]</sup> I see that you are a \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this \_\_\_\_\_, but you <sup>[b]</sup> say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the \_\_\_\_\_ is coming when you <sup>[c]</sup> will worship the \_\_\_\_\_ neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You <sup>[d]</sup> worship what you <sup>[e]</sup> do not know; we worship what we know, for \_\_\_\_\_ is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true \_\_\_\_\_ will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am \_\_\_\_\_, <sup>[f]</sup> the one who is speaking to you."

## GriefShare Grief Support Ministry



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

***Come to GriefShare!***

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 beginning on **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 February 26th, 6pm at Lynn Burkes' home. Bring toppings for a baked potato bar.

Let Lynn know if you need childcare. To join our group on Facebook, scan this QR Code.



### ***Come Strum With Us at our Ukulele Fellowship***

*(Day & Time Change)*

When: Thursday, 6 - 7 pm (Beginner Players)  
7 - 8 pm (Intermediate Players)

Where: Family Life Center, in the Music Room

Questions? Contact Jackie at  
[jlscherman@gmail.com](mailto:jlscherman@gmail.com).



## **Online Donations**

available on  
our website,  
or by scan-  
ning this QR  
code with  
camera.



**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



THANK YOU

Dear SAPC family,

We are so grateful for all the love you showed us after the death of my mother, Glenn Mae Gillespie. All the hugs, kind words, cards and prayers are appreciated more than you know. We are so blessed to be a part of the wonderful SAPC faith community.

Anita and Will Self



## 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.



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.



## Jesus & Music (JaM)

**What is JaM?** Children's Choir for South Aiken Presbyterian Church

**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.

**Next Practice**  
**Next Performance**

February 4<sup>th</sup>  
February 28<sup>th</sup>



*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

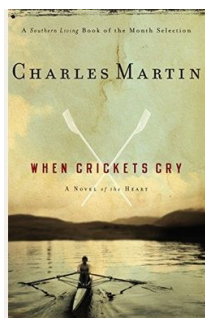
## Pickle Ball

SAPC 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

**Bill M.** for comfort.

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

**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 season of grief.

**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.

**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*

## **Volunteers Today**

**Pulpit Assistant:** - John Kelly

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

**Sound:** Scott Martin

**Video:** Haley Culp

**JaM Director:** Lyn VanDervort

**JaM Helper:** Margie Hammon

## **Volunteers Next Week**

**Pulpit Assistant:** Lyn VanDervort

**Ushers:** Jenny Chase, Debbi Reboul,  
Cheryl MacCrum, Linda Blake

**Sound:** Robert Glance

**Video:** Kelly Frontroth

**JaM Director:** Lyn VanDervort

**JaM Helper:** Jayne Becker

## **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 [thesplatterplace.com/know-before-you-go](http://thesplatterplace.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:**

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## **SAPC THIS WEEK**

### **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 - Confirmation Class (Youth Room)  
11:00a - Bethel Study (Library)  
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)  
4:00p - Session Meeting (Library)  
6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

### **Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)  
1:00p - GriefShare Meeting (Library)  
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)  
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)

### **Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)  
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)  
4:30p - Belles Canto (Music Room)  
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)  
7:00p - Scouts Meeting (Upstairs Scouts Classroom)

### **Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)  
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)  
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)  
7:00p - Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

### **Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:50a - SAPK Chapel (Sanctuary)  
12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)  
2:00p - Chapter Chat Book Club (Library)  
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)  
4:00p - Aiken Kinderchoir (Fellowship Hall)  
5:30p - Aiken Coin Club (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)  
6:00p - Beginner Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)  
7:00p - Interm. Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)

### **Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

### **Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)

### **Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

\* FLC - Family Life Center  
\*\* PCR - Pastor's Conference Room

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Also with Instagram at: **southaikenpc**

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