

Second Sunday of Christmas



*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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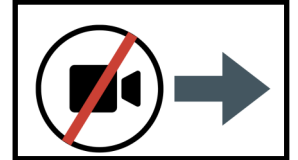
Welcome!

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.*



Coffee and Community

"Tasting a selection of coffees"

Family Life Center Gym

January 11, 2026 at 9am

Nick Martin (Small Batch Roaster)

If you love coffee, see you there!

RSVP to pastor@southaiken.org by January 4th.

Please Note: The 2026 offering envelopes are in the Narthex. Please pick up yours if you have not already done so. If you do not see envelopes with your name on them and would like to have them, please contact Mary Bunch.

January 4, 2026

2nd Sunday of Christmas

10:00 am

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

Prelude

“Six Variations on Fairest Lord Jesus”
Olga Kuzmenkova, Pianist

Courtney

Welcome and Announcements

Melissa Major (Pulpit Assistant, PA)

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

Introit

“Raise a Song of Gladness ”

Jacques Berthier

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** (*Psalm 147: 1-5*) (*responsively*):

One: Praise the Lord!

ALL: How good it is to sing praises to our God, for God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

One: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; The Lord gathers the outcasts of Israel.

ALL: The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

One: God determines the number of the stars; God gives to all of them their names.

ALL: Great is our Lord and abundant in power; God’s understanding is beyond measure.

***Hymn #133**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Prayer of Confession (*Together*): **God came in flesh to the earth to offer salvation to the world. We confess that sometimes we reject this gift by our thoughts, patterns and actions. Forgive, what we have been, direct what we shall be, and empower us as we grow throughout the year 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 to give thanks to the Lord for all your blessings.

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: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with

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

Angela Clifford

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

Anthem

“Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child”

Arr. by Horace Clarence Boyer

Prayer for Illumination

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

Old Testament Reading: **Jeremiah 31: 7-14** *(pg. 246 of the Old Testament)*

Gospel Lesson: **John 1: 10-18** *(page 59 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

**“A World Who Did Not Know Him, A People Who Did
Not Accept Him, Yet God Made Him Known”**

Rev. Jason Hammersley

***Hymn #158**

“Born in the Night, Mary’s Child”

***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

“Open the Eyes of My Heart with Be Thou My Vision”

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 #745**

“Now Go In Joy”

Now go in joy to spread the Word

till all people have heard;

God embraces all!

Follow then, the disciples’ call:

tend your neighbors with loving care

in daily work and prayer.

God’s own grace empower your spirit.

Amen!

***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,

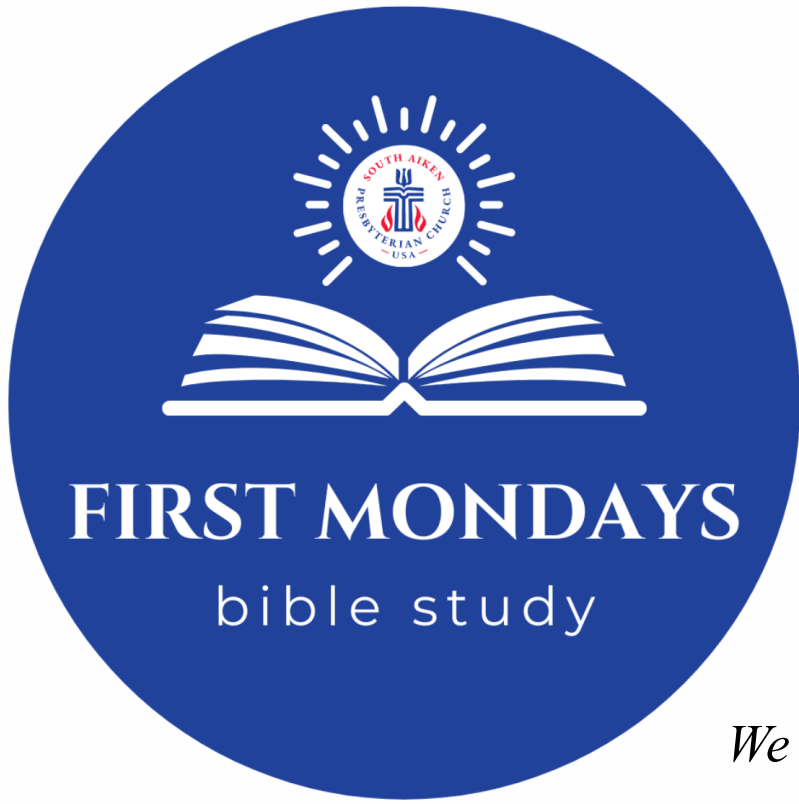
and I will follow you all of my days.

Sermon Scripture Activity (NRSVUE):

As the Scripture is read (John 1: 10-18) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, ^[a] and his own people did not _____ him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the _____ or of the will of man, but of _____.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, ^[b] full of _____ and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, _____ upon grace. ^[c] ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who ^[d] is close to the Father's _____, ^[e] who has made him known.

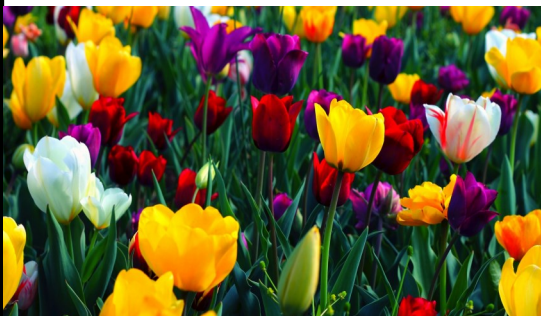


Starting Jan. 5th

*Coffee at 8:45am
Study at 9:00am*

All are welcome!

We are meeting in the Library



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.

SAPC

Talent Show

WE NEED YOUR TALENT!

February 28th, 5pm



Sign up with Kim at families@southaiken.org





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 5:30pm

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.
Bruce Family - season of grief.
Harden Family - season of grief.
Pons Family season of grief.
MacCrum & Tyler Family season of grief.
Shaw Family season of grief.
Meggs Family (Becky H.'s Uncle) season of grief.
Marilyn H. season of grief.
Emily L. season of grief.

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

Bishop H. for health concerns.
Jim M. (Alex M's father) for health concerns.
Gordon C. Recovering at home
Judy D. for recovery.
Donna B. for healing & recovery.
Ed T. for healing & recovery.
Sara S. for healing & recovery.
Paul S. for comfort.
Sonni C. for healing & recovery.
Suzan M. for health concerns.
Stevie (Jackie S.'s stepdad) recent heart attack.
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. comfort & strength.
Steve & Linda H. comfort.
Lois V. sister of Lyn V., increased mobility
Barbara K. comfort.
Anita & Bob P. comfort and discernment.

Homebound Members

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

December Collection

(Canned Complete Meals)



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

Volunteers Today

Pulpit Assistant: Melissa Major

Ushers: Jenny Chase, Elsie Worpell,
Debbie Reboul, Alan Miller

Sound: Scott Martin

Video: Angela Clifford

JaM Director: Lyn VanDervort

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Lyn VanDervort

Ushers: Linda Poulson, Bill Poulson,
Elaine Barnes, Cheryl MacCrum

Sound: Steve Kuhl

Video: TBD

JaM Director: Lyn VanDervort

Upcoming Schedule for Sunday School

January 4th (*Journey to Bethlehem, The Watchful Ones*)

Teacher: Angela Clifford

Assistant Teacher: Shirley Colburn

Aide: Paul Ebel

January 11th (*Ski Resort, Ski Lift*)

Teacher: Kim Goetter

Assistant Teacher: Madison Wooten

Aide: Elsie Worpell

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: Susan Seldon

SAPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 4th

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

Monday, January 5th

8:45a First Mondays Bible Study (Library)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Communications Team Mtg (PCR)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)

Tuesday, January 6th

10:00a Sonshine Meeting (Library)
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
4:30p Belles Canto (Music Room)
6:00p Carolina Flight Basketball (Gym)
6:30p HOA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
7:00p Scouts Meeting (F205 in FLC)

Wednesday, January 7th

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

Thursday, January 8th

8:50a SAPK Chapel (Sanctuary)
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
1:30p Busy Hands in Faith (Library)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
5:30p PEO Meeting (Library)

Friday, January 9th

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

Saturday, January 10th

11:30p Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
1:00p Volleyball Clinic (Gym)

Sunday, January 11th

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
11:00 Diaconate Mtg (Library & Fellowship Hall)
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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Also with Instagram at: **southaikenpc**

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