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 worship God!

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.*

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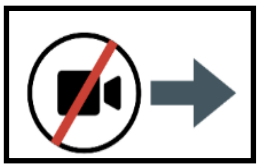


SAPC Financials

	September	Year-to-date
Operating income	**$23,833**	**$260,489**
Operating Expense	**($39,082)**	**($332,037)**
Net Inc (Exp)	**($15,249)**	**($71,548)**

Online Donations

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

October 11, 2026 **202th Sunday after Pentecost** **10:00 am**

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

Prelude ***"Your Name"*** **Hayes**
Olga Kuzmenkova (Accompanist)

Welcome and Announcements **Melissa Major (Pulpit Assistant, PA)**

The Chiming ***(For God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.)***

Introit ***"A Joyful Song of Praise"*** **arr. Joseph Martin**
Jesus and Music (JAM) Children's Choir
Directed by Lynn Burkes and Lyn VanDervort

"Mary Had a Little Lamb"
JAM Children's Choir Chimes
Directed by Phillip Hare

Mary had a little Lamb, Little Lamb, little Lamb.
Mary had a little Lamb, Whose fleece was white as snow.

He came and lived a perfect life, Perfect life, perfect life.
He came and lived a perfect life, That we might be made whole.

They led Him off to Calvary, Calvary, Calvary.
They led Him off to Calvary. Along that lonesome road.

Hands and feet nailed to the cross, To the cross, to the cross.
Hands and feet nailed to the cross, While Mary watched below.

From the grave He rose again, Rose again, rose again.
From the grave He rose again, To set the captives free.

Very soon He will return, Will return, will return.
Very soon He will return, To claim the victory

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Call to Worship** ***(Psalm 106:1-5) (Responsively):

One: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good, for the Lord's steadfast love endures forever

ALL: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord or declare all God's praise? Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

One: Remember us, O Lord, when you show favor to our people; help us when you deliver them.

ALL: That we may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that we may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that we may glory in your heritage

Hymn** ***"Holy Forever" **Chris Tomlin, Phil Wickham**
(See Insert) **Brian Johnson,**
John Johnson, and Jason Ingram

Prayer of Confession (Together): Gracious God, we become discouraged, despaired, and exhausted from the world in which we live. For some, the world we grew up in is not the one we see. We grief, we lament, and we complain about the world to be different. Sometimes we let the world control our attitudes and belief in you. Forgive us, O God when we stop seeking you in scripture, prayer, and worship. Revive us through your Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ.
(Pause and confess your personal sin in silence to God)

Assurance of Forgiveness *(Responsively)*:

P.A.: Our assurance of forgiveness of all our mistakes and short comings is experienced through faith in Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

ALL: In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. Know we are forgiven and be at peace in our hearts, our minds, and our spirits.

P.A.: As you see and hear the water being poured into baptismal font, let us witness, to the community through the resurrected Christ in thought, words, and actions.

The Font ***(p****our water into the baptismal 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 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 **Emily Martin**
(Children are invited to come to the stage steps for a small lesson, then walk together to Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall.) Parents come to the Fellowship Hall to pickup children after worship.

Anthem *"Father of Light"* Craig Courtney

He knows all of my feelings, the depths of despair. All the limits my soul can endure.
I will trust in His Name, I have nothing to lose, for in Him all my hopes are secure.

All praise to the name of the Father of light, One who listens and hears when I call.
Every step He ordains, I shall walk without fear.
In His light I'll not stumble of fall, in His light I'll not stumble or fall.
God alone can deliver a soul from its death, lift a life from a wasteland of need.

God alone can replenish with blessings untold, until into His light we are freed,
All praise to the name of the Father of light, One who listens and hears when I call.
Every step He ordains, I shall walk without fear.
In His light I'll not stumble or fall, in His light I'll not stumble or fall.
Every step He ordains, I shall walk without fear. In His light I'll not stumble or fall.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons: ***(New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition, NRSVUE)*****:**
Old Testament Lessons: **1 Kings 17: 1-7** *(pg. 323 of the Old Testament)*
New Testament: **Matthew 4: 1-11** (*pg. 3 of the New Testament)*

One: Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **"Rainmaker"** **Rev. Jason Hammersley**

Pastoral Prayer

Offering of Gifts

Offertory ***"Cornerstone"*** **Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, Eric Liljero and William Batchelder Bradbury**

Andy Robison, Soloist

***Doxology Hymn #606: Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men

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

SEALING OF THE WORD

Hymn #482** ***"Baptized in Water"

Presentation: On behalf of the session, I present Lee and Karen Van Orden who have been received into the membership of this congregation by transfer from First Presbyterian Church of Franklin, New Jersey. Also, I present Jonathan Arbor McGee infant of Alex and Carina McGee for the Sacrament of Baptism.
Pastor: You come to us as members of the one holy catholic church,… Hear these words from Holy Scripture: "As many of you baptized into Christ have clothed your …for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

Profession of Faith and Rejections

Pastor: Sisters and brothers in Christ,…in which we were baptized.

Pastor (to parents): Do you desire that Jonathan to be baptized? Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian Faith, and to teach that faith to Jonathan?
(Congregation please stand)

Pastor (asking congregation): Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Jonathan, verbally and through your actions, with love and prayer, encouraging him and his parents to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?

Congregational Response: We do.

Profession of Faith and Rejections:

1. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and reject evil and its power in the world?
2. Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?
3. Will you be Christ's faithful disciples, obeying his Word and showing his love?

Reaffirmation of Faith (Together): 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

4. You have publicly professed your faith. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? (I or We will, with God's help)

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism of Jonathan Arbor McGee, Laying On of Hands, and Prayer

Welcome

Pastor: Lee and Karen, with Carina and Alex with Jonathan, by publicly professing your faith, you have expressed your intention to continue in the covenant God made with you in your baptism. Let us welcome them as they join us in the worship and mission of the church.

Congregation: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

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.
Alleluia!....Alleluia!

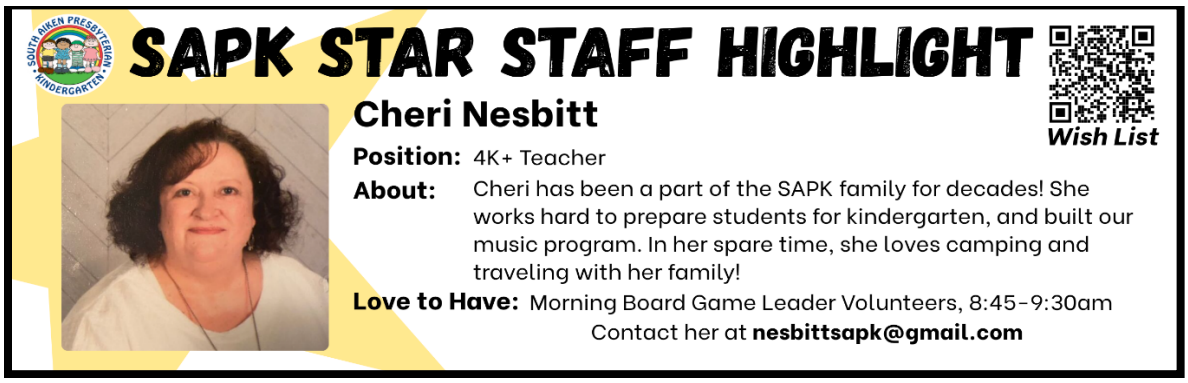
Now anyone who's born of the Spirit, sing a new song of joy.
Now anyone who's born of the Spirit, sing a new song of joy.
Alleluia!....Alleluia!

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.

***Blessings 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.



TRUNK OR TREAT

Oct 25th, 4-6PM

PLEASE DROP OFF DONATIONS OF CANDY TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY OCTOBER 16th"

October Collection

(Soup)

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.

TRUNK OR TREAT CARS NEEDED!

OCT. 25, 4-6PM

Email FAMILIES@SOUTHAIKEN.ORG your theme to register!

SECRET SANTA

OF SOUTH AIKEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APPLICATION DAYS

SAT · OCT 17 & OCT 24 · 9AM -12PM

SAPC October Youth Mission:

SPOOKY TO BE HUNGRY

Donate to our fundraising page to support Golden Harvest Food Bank!

We're collecting through Trunk or Treat

Bring in your unwanted toy catalogs!

Help parents write their child's Christmas wish lists for Secret Santa Application Day

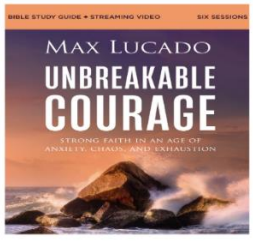
Fall 2026 Food for Thought

Wednesdays, starting Oct. 14th

5:30pm meal, 6:00 lesson

With a parallel lesson for children ages 3 - 6th grade!

Join us in discussing...



Donation box available upon entry

Week 1 (10/14)

Poppyseed Chicken/Shepherd's Pie with

Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

Navigating GriefLand

Meet Peggy Haymes,
creator of Navigating Griefland

An eight week grief support for churches, faith based counseling centers and support groups.

Thursday, October 15, 2026 9:00 AM-12:30 PM

First Presbyterian Church, Aiken Church Fellowship Hall

For more information, contact
Rev. Dr. Beth Yarborough at 803-648-2662

Sponsored by FPCA Stephen Ministers

Sanctuary flowers for this Sunday's Worship were provided by Alex and Carina McGee , to celebrate the baptism of their son, Jonathan Arbor McGee.

"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.

Let's Jam
Jesus and Music
Children's hand chimes, instruments, and choir

Hand Chimes
Instruments
Singing

Sunday mornings
9:00am

Sunday Mornings
8:50am Fellowship Hall

Coordination Team:
Lyn VanDervort &
Lynn Burkes

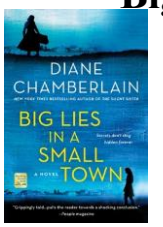
We follow the ACPSD school calendar - when they are off on Monday, there will no practice on the prior Sunday.

KINDer Closet

We've expanded to include **children sizes 7 through 18** – if you have any items, please consider donating today!

Needs Big kid Sizes!

The Chapter Chat Book Club
Big Lies in a Small Town



By Diane Chamberlain
Thursday, Nov. 5 at 2pm

Contact Mauren Dunn at
maureendunn14@bellsouth.net for
more information

WANTED

Volunteer(s) for the SAPC's Property Committee Team who has talents for:

⇒ **Electrical**

⇒ **Plumbing**

⇒ **HVAC**

⇒ and **General Repairs**

for our SAPC property.

Please contact Gary Hamman via the church office (803-648-9574).

Prayer Requests

Hammond Family - season of grief.
Anita P. & Linda M. - season of grief.
Hinson Family - season of grief.
Appigani Family - season of grief.
Kierpse Family - season of grief.
MacCrum & Tyler Family season of grief.

Barbara K. for healing and strength.
Lisa L. for comfort & healing.
James W. (Husband of Sara W.) for effective treatment.
Rob K. (Lynn B.'s brother) for comfort & healing.
Ed T. for comfort (hospice).
Jimmy H. for comfort.
John C. for recovery.
Jane B. for effective treatment.
Judi A. for recovery.
John P. (friend of Will & Anita Self) for healing & strength.
Crissy C. (Daughter in Law of John C.) - for health concerns.
Donna B. for healing & recovery.
Graham T. (Chery M.'s great grandson) for healing & recovery.
Jim M. (Alex M's father) for health concerns.
Gordon C. for strength
Sonni C. for stability.
Leland K. (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..
Lois V. sister of Lyn V., increased mobility

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

Volunteers This Week

Pulpit Assistant: Melissa Major

Ushers: Cindy Hoepker, Duane Hoepker, Katie Moler, Sharon Filler

Sound: Scott Martin

Video: Kelly Frontroth

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Lyn VanDervort

Ushers: Mollie Brownlow, Jim Brownlow, Shirley Colburn, Linda Blake

Sound: Steve Kuhl

Video: Haley Culp

Upcoming Schedule for Sunday School

October 11th *(Books of the Bible, History Again)*
Teacher: Kimberly Goetter
Assistant Teacher: Emily Martin
Aide: Elsie Worpell

October 18th *(Books of the Bible, Dear Pastor!)*
Teacher: Mary Bunch
Assistant Teacher: Jim Bunch
Aide: Sandy Erwin

October 25th *(Books of the Bible, Paul's Pen Palls!)*
Teacher: Susan Glenn
Assistant Teacher: Katie

PRIVACY OF CONTACT INFORMATION

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SAPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 11th
8:50a Children's Chime Choir (Fellowship Hall)
9:00a The Present Word Sunday School (Library)
- Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR) Book of Acts
10:00a Worship Service
11:00a Mission & Membership Meeting (Library)
1:00p Youth - Clinton Sease Farm
2:00p Pickleball

Monday, October 12th
8:45 First Mondays Bible Study (Library)
9:30a Music Room Reserved
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
5:00p SAPK Board Meeting (Library)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball Practice (Gym)
6:30p Christian Edcation Youth (Youth Rm FLC)

Tuesday, October 13th
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
5:30p Worship & Music Team Meeting
7:00p Scouts Meeting (F205 in FLC)

Wednesday, October 14th
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
5:30p Food for Thought (Gym, Rm. F203)
7:00p Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, October 15th
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
5:00p Cash Elite Basketball (Gym)

Friday, October 16th
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)

Saturday, October 17th
7:00a Secret Santa Application Day 1 (Sanctuary)
7:30a ACTS Sr. Dist. Day, 340 Park Ave
11:30a Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)

Sunday, October 18th
8:50a Children's Chime Choir (Fellowship Hall)
9:00a The Present Word Sunday School (Library)
- Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR) Book of Acts
10:00a Worship Service
11:00a Diaconate Meeting (Library)
1:00p Admin & Stewardship Meeting (Library)
2:00p Pickleball
6:00p Youth Dinner & Games (Youth Rm FLC)

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

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