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!

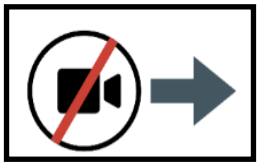
Welcome to God-Encountered worship at South Aiken Presbyterian Church! We are thankful that you have been called to worship with us this morning. We believe all people are children of God. We believe that the redeeming grace of God can transform our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit. We believe all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

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.



Christmas Cantata Rehearsal

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the Music Room
Help prepare for our Christmas Cantata
Ballad of Bethlehem by Pepper Choplin
Sunday, December 13th at 10:00 AM
With stringed orchestra, percussion, piano, choir, and soloists

Food for Thought

Wednesdays at 5:30 (meal), 6pm lesson
In our Family Life Center gym

Online Donations

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

October 18, 2026 **21st Sunday after Pentecost** **10:00 am**

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

Prelude **Olga Kuzmenkova (Accompanist)**

Welcome and Announcements **Lyn VanDervort (Pulpit Assistant, PA)**

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

Introit **"*Open the Eyes of My Heart"*** **Paul Baloche**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Call to Worship** ***(Psalm 143:1-2, 7-8) (Responsively):

One: Listen to our prayers, Lord! Because of your faithfulness, hear our requests for mercy! Because of your righteousness, answer us!

ALL: Please don't bring your servant to judgment, because no living thing is righteous before you.

One: Answer us, Lord—and quickly! Our breath is fading. Don't hide your face from us or I'll be like those going down to the pit!

ALL: Tell us all about your faithful love come morning time, because we trust you. Show us the way we should go, because we offer our life up to you.

Hymn** ***"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" **Rick Founds**

(Sung Twice)
Lord, I lift Your name on high
Lord, I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us
You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

Prayer of Confession (Together): Gracious God, we want to be close to you and we want to encounter your presence, but we refused to schedule a time for you. We schedule every other activity in our life, but time with you, you alone. Forgive us, O God, for making time to for all things in life except with time with you. Lead us to look at our schedule and times in order to create time with you 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 *(pour 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 **Jim & Mary Bunch**

(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 *"Grace"* arr. By Mark Hayes

Prayer for Illumination

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

Old Testament Lessons: **1 Kings 17: 8-24** *(pg. 324 of the Old Testament)*

New Testament: **Matthew 6:25-33** (*pg. 6 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 **"Looking for a Miracle"** **Rev. Jason Hammersley**

Responsive Hymn #469** ***"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Affirmation 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

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Intercession

Offering of Gifts

Offertory ***"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"*** **arr. Johnston**

***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. Amen

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

Sending Prayer for Sandy Haines

Hymn #543** ***"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep me (O Christ, Surround Me)"

***Blessings and Benediction**

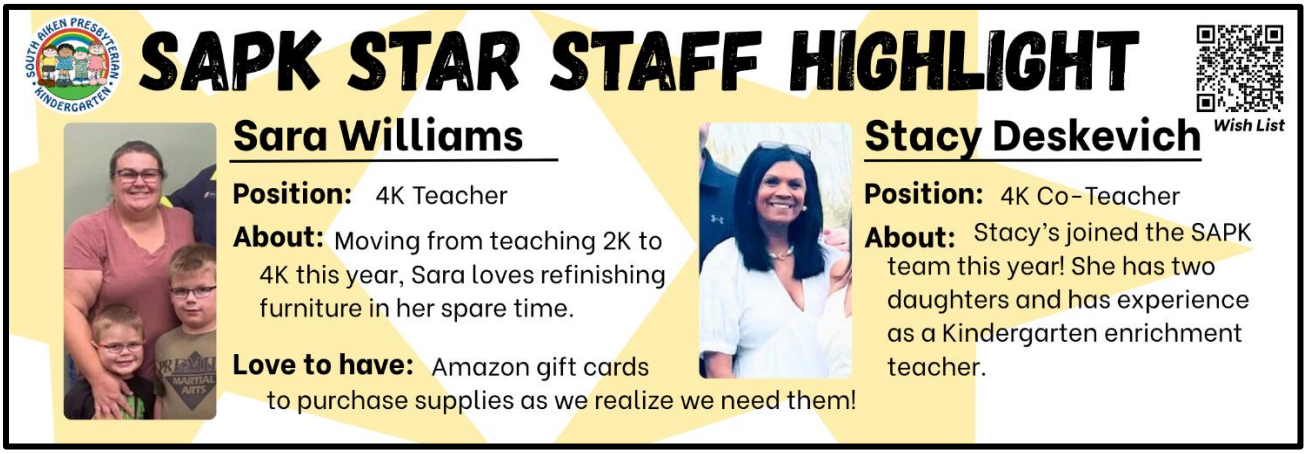
Postlude Hymn #743** ***"O God, You Are My God"
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise You.
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise You.
I will seek you in the morning, and I will
learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you'll lead me,
and I will follow you all of my days.

Sermon Scripture Activity (NRSVUE):

*As the Scripture is read (***Matthew 6:25-33***) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.*

Do Not Worry

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will _____ or what you will _____,[a] or about your body, what you will wear. I s not life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the _____ of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more _____ than they? 27 And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life?[b] 28 And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even _____ in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of _____ faith? 31 Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' 32 For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God[c] and his[d] _____, and all these things will be given to you as well.



TRUNK OR TREAT

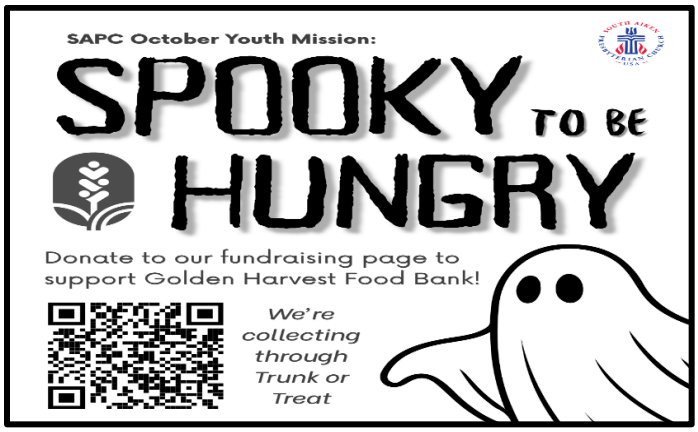
Oct 25th, 4-6PM

PLEASE DROP OFF
DONATIONS OF
CANDY TO THE CHURCH
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE"

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.

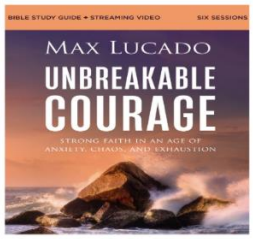


Fall 2026 Food for Thought

Wednesdays, starting Oct. 14th

5:30pm meal, 6:00 lesson

Join us in discussing...



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

Donation box available upon entry

Week 1 (10/21)

Lasagna/ Veggie Lasagna

Green Beans, Salad , Rolls, & Dessert

Living in Faith Together (LIFT)

(Women's Small Group)

When: Nov. 2th, at 5:30pm
Where: Catherine Pateracki's home for cookies and devotion.

Please let Lynn know if you need childcare.
To Join our group on Facebook, scan this QR Code.

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

KINDer Closet

KINDerClosetSAPC@gmail.com
southaiken.org/KINDer-Closet

Volunteer your time | **Donate clothes** | **Give monetarily**

Current needs:

SAPC's Blessing Box

Please don't forget our homeless, please consider bringing one of the following for them.

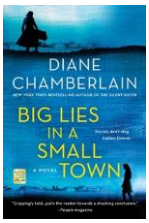
Possible Non-Perishable Food Items

- Bottled Water
- One-box meals
- Dried fruits & nuts
- Canned goods
- Granola bars, Crackers
- Fruit cups, Instant Oatmeal
- meat, fruit, & vegetables

Possible Personal Care Items

- Unused Underwear/Socks
- Travel-sized hygiene items (toothpaste, soap, etc.)
- Toilet paper
- Band Aids/Wet wipes
- Nail clippers

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.

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.
Jane B. for effective treatment.
Judi A. for healing and strength.
John P. (friend of Will & Anita Self) for healing & strength.
Crissy C. (Daughter in Law of John C.) - for health concerns.
Donna B. for comfort.
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 & 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 & comfort.
Lynn S. for comfort.
Dot M. for healing & comfort.
Lois V. sister of Lyn V., for increased mobility

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

Volunteers This Week

Pulpit Assistant: Lyn VanDervort

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

Sound: Steve Kuhl

Video: Haley Culp

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Greg Burkes

Ushers: Margie Hamman, Gary Hamman, Ron Stennett, Cheryl MacCrum

Sound: Alex McGee

Video: Kelly Frontroth

Upcoming Schedule for Sunday School

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 Moler
Aide: Susan Selden

November 1st *(Pray-Ground, No Sunday School!)*

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.

SAPC THIS WEEK

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)

Monday, October 19th
9:30a Music Room Reserved
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball Practice (Gym)

Tuesday, October 20th
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
5:00p Property Team Meeting
7:00p Scouts Meeting (F205 in FLC)

Wednesday, October 21st
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 22nd
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
1:15p Busy Hands in Faith (Library)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
5:00p Cash Elite Basketball (Gym)

Friday, October 23rd
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)

Saturday, October 24th
7:00a Secret Santa Application Day 1 (Sanctuary)
11:30a Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)

Sunday, October 25th
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
2:00p Pickleball
2:30p New Members Session (Library)
4-6p Trunk or Treat (Parking Lot)

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

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