South Aiken Presbyterian Church
1711 Whiskey Rd.
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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 worship God!

October 2, 2022 **17th Sunday after Pentecost** **10:00am**

World Communion Sunday

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements **Michelle Green (Pulpit Assistant, PA)**

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

Introit **As the Deer** **Martin J. Nystrom**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** *(Psalm 119:1-5) (Read responsively):*

One: Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD.

Many: Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart—they do no wrong but follow his ways.

One: You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed.

ALL: Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees!

***Hymn #756** **O God of Every Nation**

Prayer of Confession *(Unison):* **Gracious God, we confess that we place pressure placed on ourselves to increase our personal faith, yet it is your gift of faith in Jesus Christ we rely on. We judge ourselves for supposedly manufacturing more faith by laboring and working at following Jesus. O God, grow us to trust your gift of faith given through the Holy Spirit as we trust Christ more as we live it out in the world.**

(Pause and confess your personal sin in silence to God)

PA: Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness *(Responsively):*

One: Who is in a position to condemn?

Many: Only Christ. Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone and the new life has begun.

ALL: We are forgiven and embrace the peace of Christ.

PA: *As the water is poured into the baptismal font, let us remember we are forgiven in Jesus Christ. Let us live by the Spirit of the living God.*

The Font *(pour water into the baptismal font)*

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** *(share fist bumps, handshakes, hugs, and signs of peace)*

PA: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Moment **Michelle Lorio**

Anthem **Day of Arising** **Carl Schalk**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament Lesson:	**Lamentations 1: 1-6**
Epistle Lesson:	**2 Timothy 1:1-14**
Gospel Lesson:	**Luke 17: 5-10**

One: Hear what the Spirit of God says to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **"Increase Our Faith"** **Rev. Jason Hammersley**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** *(Unison):* **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.

Prayer of Intercession *(prayers for the Church, the world, the nation, the community and our loved ones.)*

SEALING OF THE WORD

***Hymn #769** **For Everyone Born** *(stanzas 1-4)*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving *(Responsively):*

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy…who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Many: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the death…Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. Amen

Breaking of the Bread

Communion *(guidance of what to say each time you give or receive the Bread or the Cup)*

Giving the Bread: The body of Christ, given for you.

Receiver: Amen.

Giving the Cup: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Receiver: Amen.

Prayer After Communion

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Offertory

***Doxology: Hymn #606 Praise 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

***Hymn #716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending**

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Usher Volunteers

The church currently has a need for volunteers to serve as Ushers.

If you are interested in serving as an Usher, please contact Elsie Worpell at rogerelsie@bellsouth.net

The Chapter Chat Book Club

The Flight Girls by Noelle Salazar

Thursday, October 6, at 2 pm

In the Church Library

Call Maureen Dunn (803) 443-8681 for more info.

Join the Membership and Mission Committee!

Meetings: 2nd Sunday of the month, 11:00am.

For more information, please email weimerchrystie@gmail.com!

Sunday School Substitutes Needed

We are looking for 2 more individuals that would be willing to occasionally lead discussion in Sunday School during the year in case neither permanent teachers of the class are available.

If you would be willing to volunteer this year, please contact Angela Clifford at agelabclifford@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Greying Into Life Series - Brown Bag Luncheon

The first Greying Into Life Lunch will be held on October 12th in the South Aiken Presbyterian Family Life Center Gym. The speaker will be Anna Cain, the Director of Communications and Outreach for Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina.

Bring your lunch (tea, lemonade and water will be provided) and hear about the services that are provided by our Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina. Lunch will start at 11:30 AM with the program starting at noon. We will be done before 1:00 PM. More information will be coming concerning the presentation. A brief introduction to Ms. Cain is below.

The Greying Into Life Lunches are not just for those that are retired – it is for anyone who someday wants to retire, anyone who has retired parents that they are assisting, and those that want to learn more about Presbyterian services provided here in South Carolina.

If you will be attending, please email either Greg Burkes at – glburkes@outlook.com or the Church Secretary at - secretary@southaiken.org. ***All are welcome – please invite your friends.***

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

GriefShare Grief Support Ministry

Fall Cycle will begin September 19th thru December 19th

Meetings will be held each Monday from 5:30-7:30pm, in the SAPC Library

Help the Salvation Army!

DOING THE MOST GOOD

Donate sweat pants, T-shirts, and under-wear for men and women.

Please drop donations off at 322 Gayle Ave.

October Collection (Canned Fruit)

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. Thanks for sharing with others!

"Welcoming Church to an Engaging Church"

"Food For Thought Spiritual Enrichment Series"

Begins Oct 12, 2022

Time: 5:30-7:00pm

Wednesdays

in the Church Gym

Sanctuary flowers for this Sunday's Service were given by Jane & Edmund Jones, in honor of their grandchildren.

Sanctuary flower sign ups are located in the hall-way on the bulletin board outside of the library.

Samaritan's Purse

The Sonshine Circle invites you to partici-pate in their mission to "fill a shoebox" for Samaritan's Purse. The boxes are located at the table behind the sanctuary with instruc-tions and labels inside each box. The label gives you a choice of girl or boy and age re-lated to the contents. The instructions should be followed closely as some items cannot be included. Please sign the clip-board so that we can be sure to collect all boxes prior to the "drop-off" date. The box-es should be returned to the library before Circle meets first Tuesday in November.

BE SURE TO INCLUDE AT LEAST A $10.00 DONATION TO ASSIST IN MAIL-ING COSTS. Any questions, please see Anita Self, at *clerksapc7@gmail.com*.

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