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*

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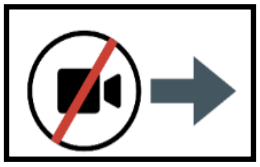

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available on our website, or by scanning this QR code with camera.

October 25, 2026 **22nd Sunday after Pentecost** **10:00 am**

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

Prelude **Olga Kuzmenkova (Accompanist)**

Welcome and Announcements **Greg Burkes (Pulpit Assistant, PA)**

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

Introit ***"We Are Called"*** **David Haas**

Come, live in the light
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord
We are called to be light for the kingdom
To live in the freedom of the city of God

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Call to Worship** ***(Psalm 90: 1-4) (Responsively):

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

ALL: Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

One: You turn us back to dust and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

ALL: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past or like a watch in the night.

Hymn** ***"El Cielo Canta Alegria" **Pablo Sosa**

(Heaven is Singing for Joy)

Prayer of Confession (Together): Gracious God, we worship an Almighty and all-powerful God, yet seeds of doubt are sown into our minds. We exercise our faith just enough to keep doubt away, but may never fully commit to you. We fear when we fall, you will not catch us. Forgive us, O God for doubting you even when you have been faithful all our lives 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 **Pastor Jason**

(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 ***"God of Heaven"*** **Heather Sorenson**

God of Heaven, God of all the earth and sky
Master of all nature
Who gives birth to snow from heaven?
Holds the waves at ocean's edge
Gives the orders to the morning
Shows each dawn its place to shine
God of Heaven (God of Heaven)
God of all the earth and sky

God of ages
God of ages, God who wrote the Book of Time Sovereign Ruler
Sovereign ruler, Alpha and Omega Saints before, He's guided safely

History's pages signed by Him Author of our days and hours
Things to come are held secure God of ages
God of ages, Alpha and Omega

God of power, God Who breaks the darkness
Righteous Warrior, Champion of His children
Goes before us into battle Good and evil bow to Him
Those in bondage freed forever Victories won at His command

God, Who heals us God, Who gives us peace and hope
God, Who listens Carries all our fragile

Dreams and heartaches Wins and failures
Binds the broken, hides the weak
New beginnings freely offered
Who can make us whole again?

God, Who heals us, God Who heals us
God of power, God of power God of ages, God of ages
God of Heaven God of all the earth and sky

Prayer for Illumination

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

Old Testament Lessons:	**1 Kings 18: 17-19, 20-40** *(pg. 325 of the Old Testament)*
Epistle Reading"	**Ephesians 6: 10-18** *(pg. 195 of the New Testament)*
Gospel Reading:	**John 11: 17-27** (*pg. 105 of the New Testament)*
	(fill-in the blanks on page 7)

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

Sermon **"Taking a Stand Behind Enemy Lines"** **Rev. Jason Hammersley**

Responsive 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

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 ***"Nearer, My God to Thee""*** **Lowell Mason**
Lyn VanDervort, 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. 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 #368** ***"We Fall Down"
We fall down; we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus:
The greatness of mercy and love, at the feet of Jesus.
And we cry holy, holy, holy.
And we cry holy, holy, holy.
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

***Blessings and Benediction**

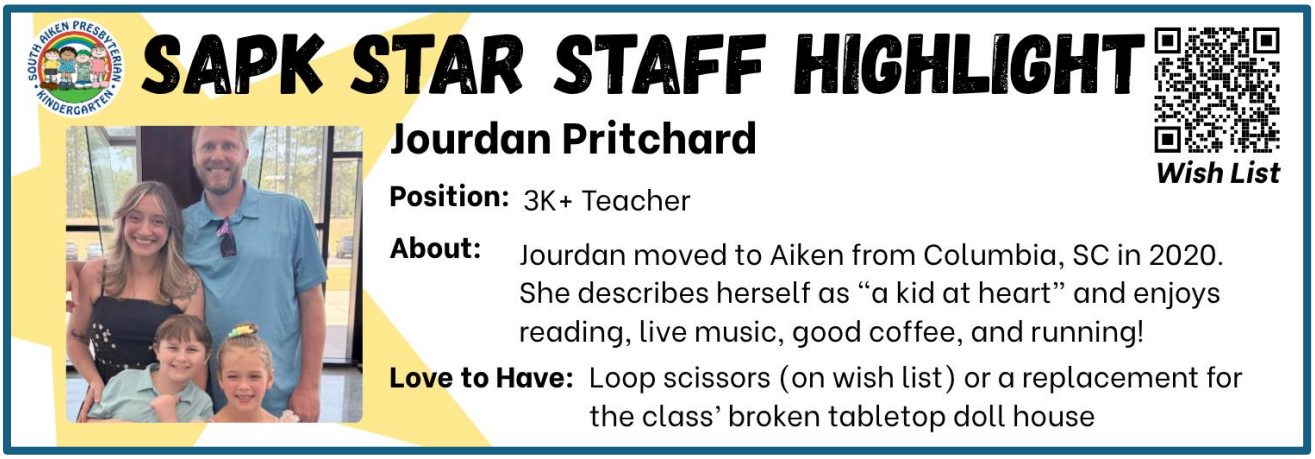
Postlude Hymn #613** ***"O Lord, Our Lord"
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the Earth. O earth. O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name: Prince of Peace, mighty God; O Lord God Almighty

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.



To All of Our Wonderful Volunteers

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.

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

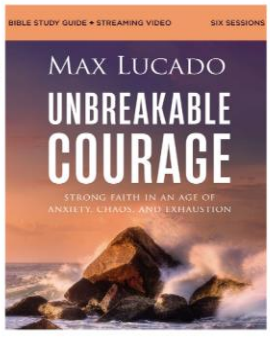
With stringed orchestra, percussion, piano, choir, and soloists

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 3 (10/28)

Ham, Macaroni & Cheese, 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.

SUNDAYS AT 9:00AM
IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL

For ages 3yr - 5th grade

Let's JaM
Jesus and Music

Following the ACPSD calendar - no JaM the Sunday before a school holiday

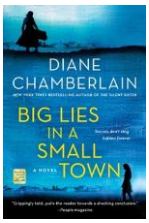
CHILDREN'S CHOIR

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
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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.

Henry K. (Lyn B.) for effective treatment.
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: Greg Burkes

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

Sound: Alex McGee

Video: Kelly Frontroth

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Paul Ebel

Ushers: Jenny Chase, Alan Miller, Mary Ann Hinson, Larry Hinson

Sound: Scott Reboul

Video: Angela Clifford

Upcoming Schedule for Sunday School

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

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

November 8th (*Books of the Bible, Heaven Sounds Awesome)*
Teacher: Angela Clifford
Assistant Teacher: Madison Wooten
Aide: Shirley Colburn

PRIVACY OF CONTACT INFORMATION

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SAPC THIS WEEK

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)

Monday, October 26th
9:30a Music Room Reserved
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball Practice (Gym)

Tuesday, October 27th
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
7:00p Scouts Meeting (F205 in FLC)

Wednesday, October 28th
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 29th
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
5:00p Kash Elite Basketball (Gym)
5:30p Missions & Membership Budget Meeting (Library)

Friday, October 30th
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)

Saturday, October 31st
11:30a Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)

Sunday, November 1st
9:00a The Present Word Sunday School (Library)
- Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR) Book of Acts
10:00a Worship Service
11:00a Session Meeting (Library)
2:00p Pickleball
6:00p Youth Cooking Dinner w/Devotion Activities (Youth Rm 202 in FLC)

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

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