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.

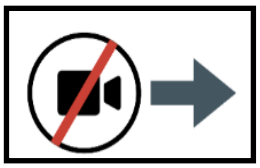
Welcome!

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.*

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.



SAPC Quarterly Financials Coming Soon…..

Online Donations

available on our website, or by scanning e with camera.

October 4, 2026 **19th Sunday after Pentecost** **10:00 am**

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

Prelude **Olga Kuzmenkova (Accompanist)**

Welcome and Announcements **Shirley Colburn (Pulpit Assistant, PA)**

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

Introit ***"Sanctuary"*** **John Thompson**
Lyn VanDervort, Guest Director

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Call to Worship** ***(Psalm 80:7-11, 14-15)(Read responsively):

One: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
ALL: You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.
One: You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.
ALL: The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;
One: It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.
ALL: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted.

Hymn** ***"Here I Am to Worship" **Tom Hughes**
(See Insert)

Prayer of Confession (Together): Gracious God, we are aware of our mistakes and sin. Sometimes our awareness paralyzes us and we do not accept nor believe that we are forgiven which prevents us from living into the joy you have for us. Help us, O God, when we struggle to repent, receive forgiveness, and forgive ourselves 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 **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 ***"At the Table of the Lord"*** **David Angerman and Joseph M. Martin**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons: ***(New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition, NRSVUE)*****:**
Old Testament Lessons: **Isaiah 5: 1-7** *(pg. 634 of the Old Testament)*
New Testament: **Matthew 21:33-46** (*pg. 24 of the New Testament)*

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

Sermon **"Capstones and Cornerstones"** **Rev. Jason Hammersley**

Responsive Hymn #288** ***"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

Prayer of Intercession

Offering of Gifts

Offertory ***"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*** **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. 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 #507** ***"Come to the Table of Grace (stanzas 1-4)"

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace. This God's table; it's Not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace

Come to the table of peace. Come to the table of peace. This God's table; it's Not yours or mine. Come to the table of peace

Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love. This God's table; it's Not yours or mine. Come to the table of love.

Come to the table of hope. Come to the table of hope. This God's table; it's Not yours or mine. Come to the table of hope.

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving *(Responsively):*

One: The Lord be with you.
Many: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
Many: We lift 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

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.

Living in Faith Together (LIFT)

(Women's Small Group)

When: Oct. 5th, at 5:30pm
Where: SAPC's Library

Angela will be leading us with a devotion and bring your own dinner

Please let Lynn know if you need childcare.

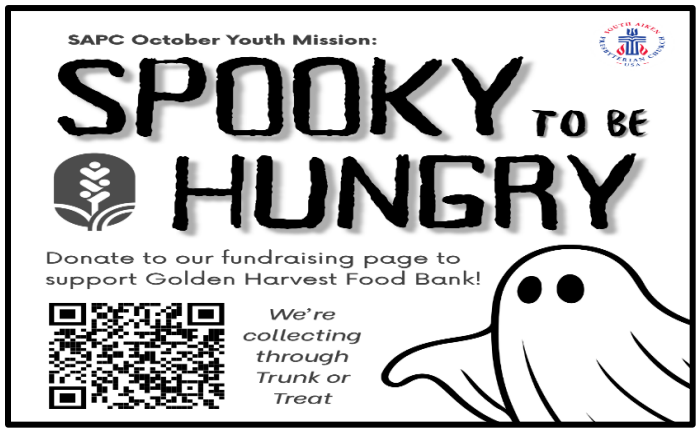
To Join our group on Facebook, scan this QR Code.

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.

Thank you!



First Monday, *Scheduled for October. 5thj*

8:45 Coffee, 9am Lesson

Topic: "Faithfulness & Wisdom in Times of Crisis"

Ruth 1, 2: and 1 Samuel 25

Join us on Monday, October 5 at 8:45 AM in the Library for a special study exploring the lives of Ruth and Abigail. We'll look at how Ruth's quiet loyalty in times of loss and Abigail's quick diplomacy in a high-conflict crisis show us how to live with courage, practical wisdom, and trust in God today.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Oct 25th, 4-6PM

PLEASE DROP OFF DONATIONS OF CANDY TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

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!

Today's Communion Servers

(Sunday, October 4th)

Shirley Colburn Paul Ebel
Diane Davies Susan Glenn
Katie Moler

Communion Server Coordinator for 2026
Lvn VanDervort

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

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: Shirley Colburn

Ushers: Jenny Chase, Elsie Worpell, Scott Martin, Debbi Reboul;

Sound: Scott Reboul

Video: Angela Clifford

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Melissa Major

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

Sound: Scott Martin

Video: Kelly Frontroth

Upcoming Schedule for Sunday School

October 4th *(Pray-Ground, No Sunday School - World Communion Sunday)*

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

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

PRIVACY OF CONTACT INFORMATION

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SAPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 4th
9:00a The Present Word Sunday School (Library)
- Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR) Book of Acts
10:00a Worship Service
2:00p Pickleball
4:00p Session Meeting (Library)
6:00p Youth, Cooking Dinner with Devotion-Activities (Youth Rm)

Monday, October 5th
8:45 First Mondays Bible Study (Library)
9:30a Music Room Reserved
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
5:30p LIFT Meeting (Library)
6:00p Communications Team Meeting (PCR)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball Practice (Gym)

Tuesday, October 6th
9:30a Sonshine Circle Meeting (Library)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
7:00p Scouts Meeting (F205 in FLC)

Wednesday, October 7th
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball Practice (Gym)
7:00p Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, October 8th
1:15p Busy Hands in Faith (Library)
4:00p Reserved (Gym)

Friday, October 9th
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)

Saturday, October 10th
11:30a Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)

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

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

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