



**South Aiken Presbyterian Church**  
**1711 Whiskey Rd.**  
**Aiken, SC 29803**

# *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!

## *Thank you*

.....to all who brought non-perishable food items for Golden Harvest Food Bank last Sunday! Because of your generosity, ***our church donated 171 pounds*** that will be distributed to the children, families, and senior citizens in our community who struggle with hunger.

November 5, 2023

All Saints' Day Service/23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**John Kelly (Pulpit Assistant, PA)**

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

**Introit**

***"O God Beyond All Praising"***

**Holst**

## **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**\*Call to Worship** (*Psalm 34*) (*Responsively*):

PA: We will bless the Lord at all times; the Lord's praise will always be in our mouth.

**ALL: We praise the Lord!**

PA: Magnify the Lord with us! Together, let us lift the Lord's name up high!

**ALL: We sought the Lord and the Lord answered us. God delivered us from all our fears.**

PA: Those who look to God will shine; their faces are never ashamed.

**\*Congregational Song**

***"Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone"***

**Tomlin**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed  
My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love  
Amazing grace  
The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures  
My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love  
Amazing grace  
My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love  
Amazing grace  
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God, who called me here below  
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

**Prayer of Confession (*Together*):** Eternal God, in every age you have raised up siblings to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

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

PA: Amen

**Assurance of Forgiveness (*Responsively*):**

PA: Hear the good news: We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the living and the dead. When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life.

Friends, believe the good news:

**ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

PA: Let us give thanks unto the Lord; God's steadfast love endures forever.

**The Baptismal Font** *(water poured into the 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.**

**\*Passing the Peace (*Responsively*):**

PA: 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.)*

## **ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD**

**Children's Moment**

**Kim Goetter**

**Interim Children and Family Ministry Coordinator**

*(Children are invited to come to the stage steps for a small lesson, then walk together to Children's Church in the Fellowship Hall.)*

**Anthem**

***"At the Name of Jesus"***

***Berry***

**Prayer for Illumination**

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

**Old Testament Reading:** **1 Chronicles 29:14** *(page 387 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)*

**Gospel Reading:** **Matthew 23:13-21** *(page 25 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

**“Generosity Multiplied”**

Rev. Jason Hammersley

**\*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

**Remembrance Observance:** Frances Shull (12/8/1924 – 2/9/2023), Richard Everett Edwards, Jr. (5/24/1957 – 5/26/2023), David Allen Pethick (10/27/1944 – 7/4/2023), Betty Legrand (8/8/1927 – 8/14/2023), Mildred Jolley (12/13/1930 – 8/7/2023), Jean Doris Kimura (5/21/56-3/19/23), Beverly Cohen Huntley (9/4/1937 – 8/25/2023).

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

**Minute for Mission: Stewardship**

**Offering of Gifts**

**\*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

## NOURISHING THE PEOPLE COMMUNIONING WITH CHRIST

\*Hymn #507

*"Come to the Table of Grace"*

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

**Come to the table of joy. Come to the  
table of joy. This is God's table; it's  
not yours or mine. Come to the table of joy**

**Invitation to the Lord's Supper**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

One: The Lord be with you

**ALL: And also with you**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is indeed right to give our thanks and praise to you, the God of Abraham and Sarah, Miriam and Moses, Joshua, Deborah, Ruth, David, priests, and prophets, Mary, Joseph, Peter and Paul, apostles, and martyrs, and ordinary unknown saints .

**ALL: You are the God of our mothers and fathers and our children to all generations. You, Everlasting One, made us all. You fashion us into one people, and continue to love us even when we deny our godly heritage.**

One: Still, you call us home to you through saints dedicated to your will. Therefore, we praise you joining our voices with all the people of faith of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Blessed are you, most gracious God, for the gift of your child, our brother, Jesus Christ, who lived in accord with your will to the point of laying down his life for the good news he preached and passed on to us. On the night of his arrest, he taught us how to serve one another in love with a ritual of table fellowship enjoyed by Christians of all times and places.

**ALL: And so in remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves with thanksgiving as a living sacrifice. In union with Christ's offering for us, we live out the mystery of the faith we proclaim:**

One: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

**ALL:** Spirit of the living God, make us one as we partake of these your gifts to us so we might be in communion with you and one another. As we break bread together, may our eyes be opened to see your glory.

**One:** As we lift the cup of salvation, may we be strengthened to follow your Way. Until Christ comes in final victory and we feast together with all the saints at God's great family reunion, keep your church one in service to the world here and now. May your will be done. May your Kingdom come. Work with who we are, where we are, to form these clay pots into vessels of living praise, that our lives may participate in the same unending song of the universe raised by all the saints,

**ALL:** Through Christ with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor and praise are yours almighty God, now and forevermore. Amen.

### **Breaking the Bread**

**Communion of the People** (*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 TO PRACTICE FAITH AND SHARE GOOD NEWS**

**\*Hymn #306**

*"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

**\*Blessing and Benediction**

**\*Postlude Hymn #614:**

*"Great Are You, Lord"*

Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just; by your power we trust in your

Love. Great are you Lord: you are faithful and true: by your

Mercy you prove you are love. Great are you Lord, and

worth of glory? Great are , Lord and worthy of praise.

Great are you Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice:

great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

# Announcing Fall Food for Thought!

*Reflecting God's Light in Today's World (Living with Virtue)*

**Dinner: 5:30 – 6:00 PM**

**Discussion: 6:00 - 7:00 PM**

## Upcoming Schedule

**Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> Growing in Godly Grace**

Jim and Mary *Poppy Seed Chicken Barber Salad,  
Green beans*

**Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> Our Hope for the Future**

Frank Cunningham *Lasagna, Salad*

Join in the fellowship of dinner and discussion with other church members while we discuss and discern living in Today's World as a Christian. For child care, please contact Cissy Kelly.

## Living in Faith Together (LIFT)

*(Women's Small Group)*



**Discovering Your Faith Statement, facilitated by  
Catherine Pateracki**

When: Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:30

Where: SAPC Gym

Join us for dinner and a discussion in Growing in Godly Grace with Jimmy & Mary Bunch.

If you need child care, let me know.



## Online Donations

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



**Please Note:** *We can no longer determine who has donated stocks to the church, due to a recent change in laws. However we want to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone who has made this type of contribution to SAPC. We are extremely grateful for your donation. If you would like a letter for your taxes, please notify us of your donation and we will be glad to provide it to you.*



## November 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. Thanks for sharing with others!

**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

## Have you misplaced an item while you were at South Aiken Presbyterian Church or the Family Life Center?

We have a beautiful floral walking cane, along with a pair of glasses in a black case, a man's blue Irish cap, women's brown gloves, a leather/metal belt, etc. Please stop by the Family Center (Room F100) to see if, what you are missing, has been found!!



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

## SAMARITAN PURSE PROJECT

The Sonshine Circle invites members of the congregation to participate in the Samaritan Purse Project. Boxes are available in the hallway behind the sanctuary. If you take a box or more, please sign your name and indicate how many boxes you plan to fill. They should be returned to the library no later than the Circle meeting date Nov. 7, 2023. Don't forget to add a \$10.00 cash donation inside the box to help offset delivery cost. PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS THAT ARE INSIDE OF THE BOX. Questions? Please contact Betty Busch at [bettyrbusch@gmail.com](mailto:bettyrbusch@gmail.com).

**Please Note:** When you return your box(es) to the library, please check off your name from the list in the hallway behind the sanctuary.

## GriefShare Grief Support Ministry



### ***What is GriefShare?***

*A weekly faith-based support group for those grieving the death of a loved one.*

### ***Where does it take place?***

*GriefShare meets in the SAPC Choir/Music room in the Family Life Center*

### ***When does it take place?***

*Each Monday from 1:00 - 3:00 PM (Library) and 5:30-7:30 PM (Library).*

### ***When can I join?***

*The current cycle of GriefShare began on August 7, 2023, you can join during any of the 13 classes.*

### ***Do I have to be a member of SAPC to participate?***

*No, all those who are grieving the death of a loved one are welcome.*

### ***Where can I find more information about GriefShare?***

*Visit the GriefShare website at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org).*

***Want to get the digital newsletter of announcements each week?***

Email [secretary@southaiken.org](mailto:secretary@southaiken.org) to join the Spirit Express emailing list!

# Thanksgiving Dinner

**Sunday, November 19th**  
after Sunday service,  
in the Family Life Center Gym  
*All are welcome*

**Officers will be providing the  
meat, mashed potatoes, stuffing,  
rolls, & gravy.**



*Congregation is encouraged to provide  
side dishes & desserts.*

## Prayer Requests

**Bill D.** for health concerns.

**Eleanor H.** for healing.

**Edmund J.** for cardiac rehab.

**Ethel** (mother to Steve H.) for comfort & healing.

**Leona F.** for comfort.

**Legrand Family** in season of grief.

**Anthony B.** (Linda B's grandson) for health concerns

**Jeff B.** (family friend to Sarah S.) for health concerns  
and in season of grief

**Hare Family** in season of grief.

**Pethick Family** in season of grief.

**Sarah S.** for healing and patience.

**Lewis Family** in season of grief.

**Edwards Family** in season of grief.

**Samuel M** (Becky H's Uncle) for health concerns.

**Mike D.** (Linda B's daughter's husband) for health  
concerns.

**Pat M.** (Linda B's sister) for health concerns.

**Mike G.** (brother in-law to Steve K.) - for health  
concerns.

**Scherman & Kneece** - in season of grief.

**Court S.** (grandchild of Jane J.) - for health concerns.

**Kari M.** for health concerns.

**Mary Louise S.** (Mary S.'s granddaughter) for health  
concerns.

**Leslie C.** for health concerns.

**Doug M.** (Linda B.'s nephew) for healing and comfort.

**Kelli W.** in her season of grief.

**Ray P.** (cousin of Sarah Scott) for healing and strength

**Lynn S.** - for comfort and wisdom after recent  
diagnosis.

**Scott Family** - in season of grief.

**Dot M.** - for comfort and healing.

**Gail** (friend of Kitt M.) for healing as her treatments  
have changed.

**Steve & Linda H.** for comfort.

**Bob A.,** for comfort and strength

**Phil & Emily L.** for health concerns.

**Lois V.,** sister of Lyn V., for continuing improvement.

**Peg P.** for comfort.

**Jim and Shirley S.** for comfort.

**Jayne B.** recovering from procedure.

**Anita & Bob P.** for comfort.

**Homebound Members**

*Email [secretary@southaiken.org](mailto:secretary@southaiken.org) to change information*

## *Join us in this learning opportunity....*

### **Presby Café**

Life of Joseph through the lens of Family Systems  
Theory (Genius 37)



Where?: Pastor Conference Room  
(PRC) in the

Family Life Center

When? Each Sunday at 9:00am

## **The Chapter Chat Book Club**

*Each book club member will read and  
discuss a Christmas themed book  
they have read*

**Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>,  
at 2 pm.**

**Meet in the Church Library**

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



## **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](mailto:secretary@southaiken.org) or (803-648-9574) to let  
your wishes be known.

## **Volunteers Today**

**Pulpit Assistant** - John Kelly

**Ushers:** Jenny Chase, Mary Snyder, Cheryl McCrum, Elsie Worpell

**Sound:** Scott Martin

**Video:** Haley Culp

## **Volunteers Next Week**

**Pulpit Assistant** - Greg Burkes

**Ushers:** Linda Blake, Debbi Reboul, Scott Martin, Kelli Williams

**Sound:** Steve Kuhl

**Video:** Kelly Frontroth

## **Pickle Ball**

SPCA now has Pickle Ball courts. To sign up for games, please use the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the hallway behind the Sanctuary.



Any questions, please contact Linda Blake at [mrhankey@gforcecable.com](mailto:mrhankey@gforcecable.com)

## **Secret Santa of SAPC Volunteer Needs**

Shopping Day - Sat. Nov. 28th, 9am-12pm at Walmart on Richland Ave.

Wrapping Day - Sat. Dec 2nd, 9am-12pm Fellowship Hall.  
Please let us know if you plan to volunteer by Nov. 22nd.



The church email address is:

[secretary@southaiken.org](mailto:secretary@southaiken.org)

## ***SAPC THIS WEEK***

### **Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

9:00a - Apocrypha Sunday School (Library)  
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR)  
10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary),  
11:00a - Bethel Study (Library)  
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)  
6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

### **Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

9:00a - Beginner Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)  
10:00a - Interm. Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)  
12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)  
1:00p - GriefShare (Library)  
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)  
5:30p - GriefShare (Library)  
5:45p - Tall Pines Basketball (Gym)  
6:00p - Communication Team (PCR)

### **Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

10:00a - The Sonshine Circle (Library)  
12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)  
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)  
4:00p - Mighty Warriors of God (Gym)  
4:30p - Belles Canto (Music Room)  
5:00p - Property Team Meeting (Library)  
5:45p - Tall Pines Basketball (Gym)  
7:00p - Carolina Grizzlies (Gym)  
7:00p - Scouts Meeting (Upstairs Scouts CR)

### **Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

11:00a - Admin & Stewardship Mtg (Rm. F101)  
12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)  
5:30p - LIFT (Gym)  
5:30p - Food for Thought (Gym)  
7:00p - Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

### **Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:50a - SAPK Chapel (Sanctuary)  
12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)  
1:30p - Prayer Shawl (Library)  
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)  
4:00p - Mighty Warriors of God (Gym)  
4:00p - Aiken Kinderchoir (Fellowship Hall)  
5:45p - Tall Pines (Gym)  
7:00p - Carolina Grizzlies (Gym)

### **Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)  
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)  
5:30p - Mighty Warriors of God (Gym)

### **Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)

### **Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Kirkin of Tartans, Ordination & Installation*

9:00a - Apocrypha Sunday School (Library)  
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR)  
10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary),  
11:00a - Bethel Study (Library)  
11:00a - Mission/Membership Mtg (PCR)  
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)  
6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

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

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