



**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!

Poinsettias Dedications

Greg & Lynn Burkes, in memory of their parents, Marilyn & Bob Kierspe and Nell & Lamar Burkes.

Greg & Lynn Burkes, in honor of Alice Kierspe.

Barbara Knapp, in memory of mother, Ann McDaniel.

Elsie Worpell, in memory of Roger.

Martin & Julie McCrum, in memory of loved ones and grandchildren.

Jenny Chase, in memory of Ken.

Alice Kierspe, in memory of her husband, Bob Kierspe.

Paul Ebel, in memory of Susan.

Jim & Mary Barber, in memory of their parents.

Felder & Dot McLauren, in memory of brother, J.W. & Vincent Sparks.

Hank & Bonnie Hayes, in loving memory of our mothers, Mildred Lowery & Sarah Bullock.

Greg & Kath & Emily Peterson, in memory of their family members.

Phillip & Becky Campbell Hare, in memory of Rev. Lee Roy Campbell.

Phillip & Becky Hare, in memory of Rev. Marion Hare.

Ken & Marilyn Hofstetter, to honor our families.

Carl & Jackie Scherman, in memory of Richard Kimura and Torao Kimura.

Lynn Shepard, in loving memory of her mom, Fern Baker.

Lynn Shepard, in loving memory of her dad, Bob Baker.

Robert & Cheryl Glance, in memory of Catherine & Wendell Glance.

Robert & Cheryl Glance, in honor of their family.

Keely Rhodes, in honor of service men & women who are not home for the holidays.



December 25, 2022

Nativity of the Lord
Christmas Day Lessons and Carols

10:00 am

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Anita Self (Pulpit Assistant, PA)

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

***Introit**

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Lloyd Larson

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** (*Psalm 97:1-6*) (*Read responsively*):

One: The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

ALL: Clouds and thick darkness are all around God; righteousness and justice are the foundation of God’s throne.

One: Fire goes before God and consumes the Lord’s adversaries on every side.

ALL: God’s lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

One: The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.

ALL: The heavens proclaim the Lord’s righteousness, and all the peoples behold God’s glory.

***Hymn #140**

“Once in Royal David’s City” (*stanzas 1-2, 4*)

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*): **Loving God, we confess that we know the Savior, yet our lives are not fully transformed. We receive the Savior, yet sometimes we treat our relationship with Him like a bad Christmas gift. Forgive us, O God, for not cherishing Jesus the Christ all year long.**

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

PA: Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness *(Responsively)*:

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

ALL: We declare God's promises, in the name of Jesus the Christ, we are forgiven.

One: May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness,

ALL: And by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

***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.

PA: *(As the water is poured into the font, remember your baptismal covenant with God and share the light of Christ at home, in the community, and throughout the world.)*

***Passing the Peace**

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.)*

Prayer of the People

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

***Doxology Hymn #606**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***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**

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD OF GOD AND MUSIC

Anthem

“The Glory of Christmas”

Lloyd Larson

Prayer for Illumination

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3: 8-15, 17-19 *Adam and Eve disobey God's command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation.*

CAROL: **“O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

Hymn #121

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22: 15-18 *God promises that, through Abraham, all the people of the world will be blessed..*

CAROL: **“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”** *(stanzas 1, 3-4)*

Hymn #88

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7 *The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah.*

CAROL: “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” (stanzas 1, 3, 5)

Hymn #123

FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 11: 1-4a, 6-9 *The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation.*

CAROL: “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

Hymn #129

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1: 26-35, 38 *An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child.*

CAROL: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Hymn #119

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7 *Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child.*

CAROL: “Away in a Manger”

Hymn #115

SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16 *Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah.*

CAROL : “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Hymn #113

EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11 *Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus.*

CAROL: “We Three Kings of Orient Are” (stanza 1-2, 5)

Hymn #151

NINETH LESSON

John 1:1-14 *The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth.*

CAROL: “Silent Night, Holy Night”

Hymn #122

Prayer of the People

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn #134**

“Joy to the World!”

***Charge and Blessing**

***Postlude:**

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” *(stanza 1-2)*

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.



December Collection (Canned Vegetables)

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!

Seeking Usher Volunteers

The church continues to need volunteers to serve as Ushers.



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

Help the Salvation Army!



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

Please drop donations off at 322 Gayle Ave.

Calling all Knitters and Crocheters!

Our prayer Shawl Ministry will start back up on January 12th after taking the holidays off. We are meeting every second and fourth Thursday in the library at 1:30 pm. Besides shawls, we also make lap afghans, hats, baby blankets, etc.

If you don't know how to knit or crochet but want to learn, we would love to teach you!

We have both knitting needles and crochet hooks donated to us as well as *LOTS* of yarn and patterns, *so just come!* If you have questions, please contact Mary Bunch at (803) 270-5599.

PRAYER PARTNERS

Prayer is a powerful force for those in need of healing, comfort, strength, and encouragement. It is often as much of a blessing for those offering the prayers. If you have a prayer request during office hours (Monday-Friday 9am-1pm) please contact the church office at 648-9574 or at secretary@southaiken.org. After office hours please contact Emily Lockard at 649-0473 or at emilybim@bellsouth.net.

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

Join the Membership and Mission Team Ministry!

Meetings: 2nd Sunday of the month, 11:00am.
For more information, please email
weimerchrystie@gmail.com!

The Chapter Chat Book Club



**The Memory
Box by Kathryn
Hughes**

**Thursday,
January 5th,
at 2 pm.**

Meet in the
Church Library
*Call Maureen
Dunn at*

(803) 443-8681 for more info.



**Sanctuary flowers for this Sunday's
Service were given by Sue & John Kelly
in honor of SAPC Music Ministry**

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.

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 Library (in the hallway behind the sanctuary).

When does it take place?

Each Monday from 5:30-7:30 PM, beginning January 2, 2023 through March 30, 2023.

When can I join?

You can join this Ministry at any time.

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.



A New Way to Donate

We now have our own QR code!

Our online donations have had an upgrade! You can now choose to donate to specific fundraisers, organizations, and other initiatives directly when donating through our website. You can also choose to offset the online donation fees with your gift on the second page of the donation page! Register an account or donate as a guest. Simply find our "Online Donations" tab on southaiken.org, or scan the QR code here with your phone.



Online Donations

Secret Santa Update



A huge thank you to all of those who made Secret Santa possible this year! Yesterday's Distribution Day was a big success. With your help, we were able to provide Christmas gifts to 246 children in need this holiday season! Thank you to all sponsors, volunteers, and helpers throughout this process. A more detailed thank-you will be sent out shortly to all those that sponsored or volunteered directly.

Prayer Requests

Weeks Family - for comfort

Parnell Family - in a season of grief

Baker Family - in season of grief.

McCrum & Bielnell Family - in season of grief

Bob R. recovering from open heart surgery

Kari & Roger 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.

Peg M. (sister of Kit M.) successful surgery.

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.

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

Joyce & Jeff (Jayne B.'s best friends) mourning the loss of their son, Patrick.

Ethel H., Steve H.'s mother for relief from pain.

Steve & Linda H. for comfort.

Bob A., for comfort and strength

Georgia L. for healing.

Glady C. for healing.

Ron D. (Cyndy D's brother-in-law) for healing.

Debbi R. as new health issues emerge.

Phil L. for resolution of health issues.

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

Peg P. for comfort.

The Linda E. Family for continued healing.

Jim and Shirley S. for healing.

Richard E. as he receives treatment.

Jayne B. confronting 2 health issues.

Barbara K. for healing.

Anita & Bob P. for healing.

Homebound Members

Email secretary@southaiken.org to request removal of name

Volunteers Today

Pulpit Assistant - Anita Self

Ushers: Maureen Dunn, Dale Stephens,
Scott Martin, Paul Ebel

Sound: Bill Mitchell

Video: Sam Jacobs

Volunteers Next Week (Jan 1st)

Pulpit Assistant - TBA

Ushers: Jenny Chase, Linda Blake, Elsie Worpell

Sound: Scott Martin/Larry Hinson

Video: Haley Culp



SAPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 25th

9:00a - Ezekiel Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)

9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (Pastor's Conference Room)

10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Monday, December 26th

6:00p - Tall Pines Basketball (Gym)

Tuesday, December 27th

10:00a - Tall Pines Basketball (Gym)

4:15p - Tall Pines Basketball (Gym)

4:30p - Belles Canto (Music Room)

6:00p - Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)

7:00p - Scouts Meeting (Upstairs Scouts classroom)

Wednesday, December 28th

4:30p - Tall Pines Basketball (Gym)

Thursday, December 29th

10:00a - Tall Pines Basketball (Gym)

3:30p - Aiken Kinderchoir (Fellowship Hall)

6:00p - Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)

Friday, December 30th

10:00a - Ukulele Fellowship (Music Room)

2023

Sunday, January 1st

9:00a - Ezekiel Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)

9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (Pastor's Conference Room)

10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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