



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

# Welcome!

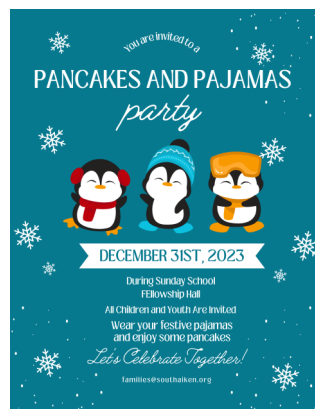
Welcome to God-Encountered worship at South Aiken Presbyterian Church! We are thankful that you have been called to worship with us this morning. We believe all people are children of God. We believe that the redeeming grace of God can transform our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit. We believe all 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!

**Staff Announcement:** Scott Chappell, Pianist/Accompanist of South Aiken Presbyterian Church is stepping down after 13.5 years. We are sad to see him go, but we celebrate his playing and service to God. He has inspired us to see God through the music heard from the piano, organ, and his singing. We are grateful for Scott and his musical talents! Please see page 8 for a snapshot of memories of Scott with his involvement with the SAPC music. We appreciate you Scott, for having made so many wonderful memories through the years.



# Today!



**From all the SAPC Session and Staff Members....***We personally thank you for all the ministry you have done and how God will bless you in 2024.*

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

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Sandy Haines (Pulpit Assistant, PA)

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

**Introit**

***“Good Christians & Friends, Rejoice”***

**Alington**

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**\*Call to Worship** (*Psalm 148*) (*Responsively*):

One: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise the Lord in the heights!

**ALL: Praise God, all God’s angels; praise the Lord, all the Lord’s host!**

One: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

**ALL: Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

One: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for the Lord’s name alone is exalted; God’s glory is above earth and heaven.

**ALL: God has raised up a horn for God’s people, praise for all the Lord’s faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to the Lord. Praise the LORD!**

**\*Hymn #143**

***“Angels, From the Realms of Glory”***

**Prayer of Confession** (*Together*): Loving God, we confess that sometimes we choose to see what is wrong instead of what is good. We struggle with new things and accept the status quo. Forgive us, O God for not being willing to change according to your Holy Spirit’s leading through Jesus Christ.

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

PA: Amen

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

PA: As you hear the water being poured into the font, remember Jesus Christ is the light of the World.

**The Font** (*pouring of the water*)

**\*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: 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**

**Anthem**

***“Carols Around (And a Round)”***

**Wesley**

**Prayer for Illumination**

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

**Old Testament:** **Isaiah 43: 14-21** *(page 672 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)*

**New Testament:** **John 1: 43-51** *(page 92 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*  
*(fill-in the blanks on page 6)*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

***“You Will See Greater Things Than These”***

**Rev. Jason Hammersley**

**\*Hymn #134**

***“Joy to the World”***

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*Affirmation of Faith *(Together)*:** **The Brief Statement of Faith *excerpt***

**We trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Amen.

## SENDING INTO THE WORLD

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

**Minute for Mission**

**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

**\*Hymn #136**

*“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude:**

*“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”*

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.  
I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I’ll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow till we’ve seen this journey through.

### **Sermon Scripture Activity (NRSVUE):**

*As the Scripture is read (John 1: 43-51) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.*

#### **Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael**

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_." <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and  
said to him, "We have found \_\_\_\_\_ about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote,  
\_\_\_\_\_ son of \_\_\_\_\_ from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, "Can anything \_\_\_\_\_ come  
out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_." <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming to-  
ward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no \_\_\_\_\_!" <sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked  
him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the \_\_\_\_\_ tree before Philip  
called you." <sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of \_\_\_\_\_! You are the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
Israel!" <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you \_\_\_\_\_ because I told you that I saw you under the fig  
tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, <sup>[a]</sup> you will  
see \_\_\_\_\_ opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
\_\_\_\_\_."

# *Would you Like to Participate in the Count of Local Homeless?*

Several folks have expressed an interest in helping with the homeless PIT (Point in time) Count the week of January 24. This is being headed up by the Homeless Coalition of Aiken County. If you want to volunteer, you need to go on their website <https://www.aikencountyhomelesscoalition.org/pit-count> to sign up. They need to know **as soon as possible** how many volunteers they will have so they can plan. All information about the count is there.

This count of homeless people in Aiken County is necessary in order to obtain funding for the various agencies who assist the homeless. Just some of those agencies who will be participating are ACTS, Veterans Affairs, Family Promise, the Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul, and MANY churches. By necessity to find the homeless, it will have to be done either late at night or very early in the morning.

If you would like to help but are not comfortable being out in the dark, organizations are collecting items to hand out to the homeless during the count. You also can go to the website to find other ways to donate or organize.

Our knitting/crocheting ministry is making hats to hand out. You can join us Thursday, January 11 at 1:30 in the church library to help with that.

We are looking for the following information.

- \* *Where are you sleeping tonight?*
- \* *What is your name?*
- \* *Are you alone or with others? What are their names/ages?*
- \* *What is your birth date?*
- \* *What is your gender?*
- \* *What is your race/ethnic background?*
- \* *How long have you been homeless?*
- \* *Is this the first time you are homeless?*
- \* *Are you from Aiken? Where are you from?*
- \* *Do you suffer from any disabling conditions? (e.g., substance abuse, mental health problems, HIV, developmental, chronic conditions)*
- \* *Are you a veteran?*
- \* *Are you a victim of domestic violence?*
- \* *What is your Social security number? Or last four numbers*



*Help Us Help the Homeless*



## Honoring Scott Chappell

Having you as part of our staff over the past thirteen years has made us happy beyond what mere words could express. You have thrived in your role here at South Aiken Presbyterian Church, and have exceeded expectations in all aspects of your ministry.

We are sad to see you step down as pianist, however we celebrate how God will use your gifts next.

These pictures are just a glance at the memories we shared together.



## Sound Operator's Needed

We are in need of additional volunteers to serve as Sound Operators. Each new operator will be provided with training, and will serve with support until they are completely comfortable with the system. Once trained, each operator serves approximately once every 4 to 6 weeks and on special occasions.

Anyone who is interested in serving in this capacity should contact **Larry Hinson** at [shbc50@gmail.com](mailto:shbc50@gmail.com) for more info.



## 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.*

**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



## Calling all

### Knitters and Crocheters!

Our prayer shawl ministry meets 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 yarn and patterns, so just come! If you have questions, please contact Mary Bunch at [marybunch1953@gmail.com](mailto:marybunch1953@gmail.com)



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



### 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!

## Jesus & Music (JaM)

*Coming soon to our neighborhood!*

**What is JaM?** Children's Choir for South Aiken Presbyterian Church

**Who is this for?** 4K and Older Youth

**Where will this be held?** South Aiken Presbyterian Church's Fellowship Hall

**When?** Sunday Mornings, 9 – 9:20 AM. After dismissal the children will go to the nursery until church. Practice will follow closely to the Aiken County Public School District Calendar.

**Why?** To share the love of music with our young people and celebrate our love of Jesus. They be learning songs, but they will also discuss what the words mean.

Children will be able to share the songs with others and with the congregation. The real heart of this choir is in the week-to-week community-building and skill development that will occur.



***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!

## ***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

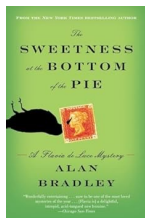
### **Pickle Ball**

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)

### **The Chapter Chat Book Club**



#### **“The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie”**

**By Alan Bradley**

**Thursday, January 4<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.

### **Prayer Requests**

**Brooke R.** (friend of Jimmy B.) for health concerns.

**Myra R.** (friend of Jimmy B.) for health concerns.

**Linda S.** (friend of Scott M.) for healing.

**Emily L.** for comfort.

**Leona F.** for comfort.

**Edmund J.** for healing.

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

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

**Hammersley Family** in season of grief.

**Pethick Family** in season of grief.

**Lewis Family** in season of grief.

**Edwards Family** in season of grief.

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

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

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

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

**Lynn S.** - for comfort

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

**Dot M.** - for comfort

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

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

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

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

**Peg P.** for comfort.

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

**Jayne B.** for comfort.

**Barbara K.** for healing.

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

### **Homebound Members**

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

## **Volunteers Today**

**Pulpit Assistant:** - Sandy Haines

**Ushers:** Greg Peterson, Kathy Peterson,  
Jim Barber, Mary Barber

**Sound:** Scott Martin

**Video:** Haley Culp

## **Volunteers Next Week**

**Pulpit Assistant:** Paul Ebel

**Ushers:** Jenny Chase, Elaine Barnes,  
Mary Snyder, Amy Loftus

**Sound:** Scott Martin

**Video:** Kelly Frontroth

## ***SAPC THIS WEEK***

### **Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> (New Years Eve)**

9:00a - Apocrypha Sunday School (Library)

9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR)

9:00a - JaM (Fellowship Hall)

10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:00a - Pancakes & Pajama Party (Fellowship Hall)

2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)

6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

### **Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)

6:00p - Communication Team Meeting (PCR)

### **Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

10:00a - The Sonshine Circle (Library)

2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)

4:30p - Belles Canto (Music Room)

5:00p - Property Team Meeting (Library)

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

### **Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)

5:30p - Tall Pines Basketball (Gym)

7:00p - Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

### **Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:50a - SAPK Chapel (Sanctuary)

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)

2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)

2:00p - Chapter Chat Book (Library)

4:00p - Aiken Kinderchoir (Fellowship Hall)

5:30p - Tall Pines (Gym)

5:30p - Aiken Coin Club (Fellowship Hall)

### **Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)

2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)

### **Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)

### **Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

9:00a - Apocrypha Sunday School (Library)

9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR)

9:00a - JaM (Fellowship Hall)

10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)

6:00p - Youth Group (FLC, Rm 202)

\* FLC - Family Life Center

\*\* PCR - Pastor's Conference Room

Isaiah 43: 19

I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth; do you not  
perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.

***Happy  
New Year!***

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