



**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!

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

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lyn Vandervort (Pulpit Assistant, PA)**

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

**Introit**

**“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

**Cindy Berry**

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**\*Call to Worship** (*Psalm 112: 1-6*) (*Responsively*):

One: Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in the Lord’s commandments.

**ALL: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

One: Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

**ALL: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

One: It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

**ALL: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

**\*Hymn #396**

**“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”** (*stanzas 1-2, 4*)

**Prayer of Confession** (*Unison*): **Gracious God, we confess that we seek your grace and mercy, yet we sometimes do not acknowledge the hurt and damage in our words, thoughts and actions. We seem to want to reconcile quickly without the process of restoration. We sometimes are unbalanced with the blessing of grace and obeying the law. Empower us, O God to be faithful to Christ.**

*(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 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.**

PA (*Responsively*): As you see and hear the water being poured into the font, let us remember we belong and have Communion with Christ.

**The Font** (*Water is poured as a visual sign of the washing away of sin and the bonding to Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit.*)

**\*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**

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 THE WORD OF GOD**

**Children’s Moment**

**Michelle Lorio**

**Anthem**

**“We Remember”**

**Prayer for Illumination**

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

**Old Testament Lesson:** **Isaiah 58: 1-9** (*page 688 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible*)

**Gospel Lesson:** **Matthew 5: 13-20**-(*page 4 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible*)  
(*fill-in the blanks on page 7*)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**“I Didn’t Come to Abolish the Law...to Fulfill”**

**Rev. Jason Hammersley**

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (*Unison*):

**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** (*prayers for the Church, the world, the nation, the community and our loved ones.*)

**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**

## SEALING GOD'S WORD ON OUR MINDS AND HEARTS

\*Hymn #525

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

**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: Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad...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 WITH GOOD NEWS

\*Hymn #700

“I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me ”

\*Charge and 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 Pastor Jason reads Matthew 5: 13-20, fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.*

Salt and Light

<sup>13</sup> "You are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth, but if salt has lost its \_\_\_\_\_, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for \_\_\_\_\_ but is thrown out and \_\_\_\_\_ under foot.

<sup>14</sup> "You are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> People do not \_\_\_\_\_ a lamp and put it under the \_\_\_\_\_; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives \_\_\_\_\_ to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before \_\_\_\_\_, so that they may see your good works and give \_\_\_\_\_ to your Father in heaven.

The Law and the Prophets

<sup>17</sup> "Do not think that I have come to \_\_\_\_\_ the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, <sup>[a]</sup> not one \_\_\_\_\_ of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, whoever \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>[b]</sup> one of the least of these commandments and \_\_\_\_\_ others to do the same will be called least in the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called \_\_\_\_\_ in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the \_\_\_\_\_ and Pharisees, you will never enter the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven.

Online donations available on our website, or by scanning the QR code here.



## Registration for “Kids First” Training

February 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 – 12:00

In the Church Library

We train our volunteers to protect the children and the adults who work with them. The purpose of “Kids First” policy is to create an environment and a document that demonstrates our commitment to the physical, emotional safety, and spiritual growth of all of our children, youth, and adults. In order to help ensure the continued safety and health of the church for the ministries of youth and children, “Kids First!” implements some simple guidelines and procedures that effectively reduce the risk of all forms of abuse or neglect including the risk of sexual misconduct in the church.



### 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 started 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

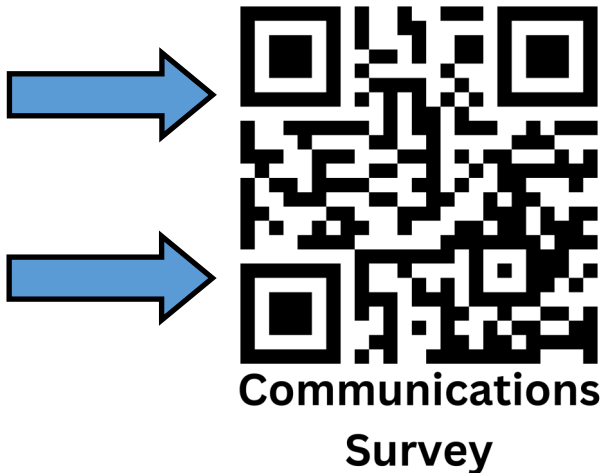
Prayer is a powerful force for those in need of healing, comfort, strength, and encouragement. It is often as much of a blessing for those offering the prayers. If you have a prayer request during office hours (Monday-Friday 9am-1pm) please contact the church office at 648-9574 or at [secretary@southaiken.org](mailto:secretary@southaiken.org).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



Please complete the.....

**Communications Survey** to help us understand how best to get information to you! Scan the QR code, or go to [shorturl.at/KPT59](https://shorturl.at/KPT59). The link to the survey is also available



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.*

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

*The current sessions of GriefShare began on January 2, 2023.*

### ***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](https://griefshare.org).*

***NOTE: Additional weekly Daytime (1pm) Sessions began January 23rd and will go thru March 27th in the SAPC Library.***

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

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

## February Collection

### (Peanut Butter & Jelly)



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!

## YOUNG AT HEARTS UPCOMING OUTING Feb. 9th - 5:30 PM

We will leave for Ole McDonald's Fish Camp for good food and fellowship. Cost is \$5.00 per person to ride the bus plus the cost of your meal. Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the back hall.

The Deadline is February 5th.



## Long Range Planning Committee

will meet on the 2nd Monday of each month, beginning with March 13th at 11:00am.

## Registration for Upcoming Kindergarten classes

South Aiken Presbyterian Kindergarten registration for the 2023/2024 school year to the public on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Placement is on a first come, first serve basis until enrollment is full. Please contact Michelle Lorio (803)-648-9895 or [sapkindergarten@gmail.com](mailto:sapkindergarten@gmail.com) with questions or to request a registration form.



## Prayer Requests

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

**Bill S.** - for healing from surgery

**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.

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

## Volunteers Today

**Pulpit Assistant** - Lyn VanDervort

**Ushers:** Jenny Chase, Maureen Dunn,  
Donna Boik, Paul Ebel

**Sound:** Scott Martin/Larry Hinson

**Video:** Haley Culp

## Volunteers Next Week

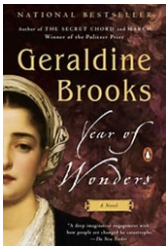
**Pulpit Assistant** - Chrystie Weimer

**Ushers:** Linda Blake, Scott Reboul,  
Cheryl MacCrum, Barbara Knapp

**Sound:** Dale Stephens

**Video:** Kelly Fronthroth

## The Chapter Chat Book Club



**A Year of Wonders**  
by Geraldine Brooks

**Thursday, March 2nd, at 2 pm.**  
**Meet in the Church Library**

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

## Living in Faith Together (LIFT)

This young ladies small group had their January meeting at Mi Pueblo. They are studying the Bad Girls of the Bible. This month they learned about Eve and how to be bold and courageous but not blame others for our decisions. Next month they will be studying Lot's wife. The upcoming meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 8th at 5:30** at the **Wild Wings Cafe**. Hope to see you there!

## *SAPC THIS WEEK*

### Sunday, February 5th

- 9:00a - Ezekiel Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (Pastor's Conf. Rm)
- 10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary) Communion
- 11:00a - Bethel Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00a - Kids First Training (Library)
- 12:00a - Mission & Membership Committee  
*Luncheon for New Members* (Gym)
- 3:00p - Communion to Homebound

### Monday, February 6th

- 9:30a - Registration for Kindergarten  
(Fellowship Hall)
- 9:30a - Ukulele Fellowship (Music Room)
- 12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)
- 1:00p - GriefShare (Library)
- 5:30p - Carolina Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)
- 5:30p - GriefShare (Library)
- 6:00p - Communication Committee (Pastor's  
Conference Room)

### Tuesday, February 7th

- 9:30a - The Sunshine Circle (Library)
- 12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)
- 4:00p - Mighty Warriors of God (Gym)
- 4:30p - Belles Canto (Music Room)
- 6:00p - Tall Pines Basketball (Gym)
- 6:30p - Property Committee Meeting (Pastor's  
Conference Room)
- 7:00p - Scouts Meeting (Upstairs Scouts  
classroom)

### Wednesday, February 8th

- 11:00a - Admin & Stewardship Meeting (F101)
- 12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)
- 5:30p - Carolina Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)
- 5:30p - LIFT Meeting (Wild Wings Cafe)
- 7:00p - Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

### Thursday, February 9th

- 8:50a - SAPK Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)
- 1:30p - Prayer Shawl (Library)
- 3:30p - Aiken Kinderchoir (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:00p - Mighty Warriors of God (Gym)
- 6:00p - Tall Pines Basketball (Gym)

### Friday, February 10th

- 12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)
- 5:30p - Carolina Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)

### Sunday, February 12th

- 9:00a - Ezekiel Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (Pastor's Conf. Rm)
- 10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:00a - Bethel Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00a - Mission/Membership Meeting (Library)

## **CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Also with Instagram at: southaikenpc

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