

*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**.*

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1711 Whiskey Rd.**

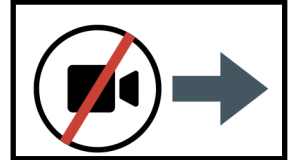
# Welcome!

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

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](mailto:media@southaiken.org) for more details and to confirm your privacy request.*



## TODAY, *after Worship*



# Online Donations

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



February 8, 2026

5th Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

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

Prelude

*“Cornerstone”*  
Olga Kuzmenkova, Pianist

Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Melissa Major (Pulpit Assistant, PA)

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

Introit

*“Walk With Me”*  
JaM (Jesus and Me Children’s Choir)

Brad Nix

*“God is Good”*  
Lyn VanDervort and Lynn Burkes, Directors

Mary Hughes

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**\*Call to Worship** (*Psalm 15*) (*responsively*):

One: O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**ALL: Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart;**

One: who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors;

**ALL: in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

One: who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

**ALL: Those who do these things shall never be moved**

**\*Praise Hymn #614**

*“Great Are You Lord”*

Michael W. Smith

**Prayer of Confession** (*Together*): Almighty God, we are blessed beyond measure by your grace and mercy bestowed upon us. Sometimes we do not realize the blessings in the small things of life. We confess that sometimes we think the blessings received are owed to us. Lead us, O God to a life of gratitude for all you have accomplished in Christ for us, that we might communion with you today.

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

PA: Amen

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

One: Who is in a position to condemn?

**ALL: Only Jesus Christ. Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ rules in power for us, and Christ prays for us. Anyone who believes in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone, the new life has begun. Know we are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.**

One: As you see and hear the water being poured into the font, remember you belong to the Lord and you are a new creation.

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

**Anthem**

**“Goodness of God”**

**Johnson, Cash, & Ingram**

**Prayer for Illumination**

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

**Old Testament Reading:** **Micah 6: 1-8** (*pg. 866 of the Old Testament*)

**Gospel Reading:** **Matthew 5: 1-12** (*page 4 of the New Testament*)  
*(fill-in the blanks on page 7)*

One: Hear what the Spirit says to the church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Blessed Are....”

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**

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

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

**Offering of Gifts**

Offertory

*“I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

*Curry*

**\*Doxology: Hymn #606** *“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”*  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;**

**\*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 ON OUR HEARTS**

**\*Preparation Hymn #525**

***"Let Us Break Bread Together"***

**Sacrament of The Lord's Supper**

**Invitation to the Lord's Supper**

**Great Thanksgiving** (*Responsively*):

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 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 #543

*“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”*

\*Charge 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.**

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**Sermon Scripture Activity (NRSVUE):**

*As the Scripture is read (Matthew 5: 1-12) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.*

### **The Beatitudes**

**5** When Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he began to \_\_\_\_\_ and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_ in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who \_\_\_\_\_, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for \_\_\_\_\_, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are \_\_\_\_\_ when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely<sup>[b]</sup> on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

***Which beatitude do you relate to the most? Why?***



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.

### Medical Equipment Available

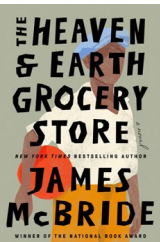
This is a reminder to our members that there is a supply of medical equipment available to borrow. These items include crutches, bedside commodes, and walkers among others. These items are located in the Mechanical Room in the FLC. There is a sign out sheet located to the right of the door as you enter.



### Gym Setup for Events

Each planned church activity may need a specific set up. A drawing of the gym is used to plan out what is needed and then provided to Kirk so that he can set things up as required. A “Gym Set-up and Tear Down Request Form” can be found in the Church Office (Room F100) in a mailbox labeled “Gym Layout”. We ask for this information at least 2 days prior to the event. Thank you

### The Chapter Chat Book Club



### “Heaven & Earth Grocery Store”

By James McBride

Thursday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, at 2 pm.  
Meet in the Church Library

Contact Maureen Dunn at [maureendunn14@bellsouth.net](mailto:maureendunn14@bellsouth.net) for more info.

### Have you misplaced an item while you were at SAPC or the Family Life Ctr?

*Please stop by the Family Life Center (Room F100) to see if, we have what you are looking for.*

SAPC

# Talent Show

Enjoy performances, culinary skills, and artwork!

February 28<sup>th</sup>, 5pm

\$10 per adult  
\$5 per child

Dinner included with entry

Bring your spare change to vote for your favorite act!



Tickets on sale now! Proceeds benefit SAPC Children’s Ministries

SPRING 2026 FOOD FOR THOUGHT  
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM:

You are God's

*Masterpiece*

*An exploration of how we are each  
unique and a part of God's plan*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Willing to help facilitate the children's lessons at  
Food for Thought? Contact Kim Goetter at  
[families@southaiken.org](mailto:families@southaiken.org) to sign up!

## SAPC's Blessing Box

Please don't forget our homeless, please consider  
bringing one of the following for them.

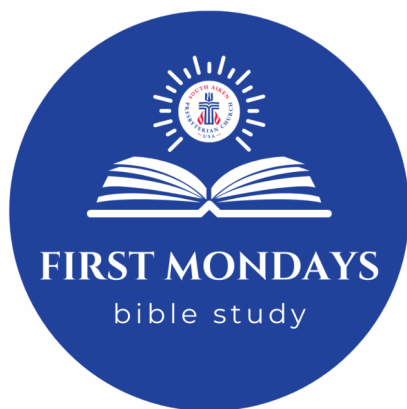
### Possible Non-Perishable Food Items

- ◆ Bottled Water
- ◆ One-box meals
- ◆ Dried fruits & nuts
- ◆ Canned goods
- ◆ Granola bars
- ◆ Instant Oatmeal
- ◆ Crackers
- ◆ Fruit cups
- ◆ meat, fruit, & vegetables



### Possible Personal Care Items

- ◆ Unused Underwear/Socks
- ◆ Travel-sized hygiene items  
(toothpaste, soap, etc.)
- ◆ Toilet paper
- ◆ Band Aids/Wet wipes
- ◆ Nail clippers



Monday,

Feb 9<sup>th</sup>

8:45 Coffee

9am Lesson

### "Practicing Love in a Fractured World"

Please read Corinthians 13

& 1 John 4:7-21 in preparation and  
bring your bible.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN**

## *Do you like to run? What about being physically challenged?*



Join the youth in a  
5K Spartan Sprint in  
Atlanta on March 14th. It is \$130  
per person with carpooling where  
possible. Sign up ASAP before  
*spots are gone* and get to training!

If you want to know more about the  
specific race, go to  
**Spartan.com.**



## Today's Communion Servers

(Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>)

Susan Glenn      Mary Bunch  
Shirley Colburn   Paul Ebel

Communion Server Coordinator for 2025  
Lyn VanDervort

## January 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. *Thank you!*

## Living in Faith Together (LIFT)

*(Women's Small Group)*

**When:** February 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm

**Where:** Neon Fig

We will be studying the first chapter of The Four Agreements.

Please let Lynn know if you need childcare. *To join our group on Facebook, scan this QR Code.*



### 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.

The church email address is:

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

## Prayer Requests

**Anderson Family** - season of grief.

**Stephens Family** - season on grief.

**Pateracki Family** - season of grief.

**MacCrum & Tyler Family** season of grief.

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**John** (Sharon F's nephew) for healing & recovery.

**Graham T** (Chery M.'s great grandson) for healing & recovery.

**Jim M.** (Alex M's father) for health concerns.

**Gordon C.** recovery

**Judy D.** for comfort & recovery.

**Donna B.** for healing & recovery.

**Sonni C.** for healing & recovery.

**Suzan M.** for health concerns.

**Owens G.** (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..

**Steve & Linda H.** comfort.

**Lois V.** sister of Lyn V., increased mobility

**Barbara K.** for transition.

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

### Homebound Members

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

## Volunteers Today

**Pulpit Assistant:** Melissa Major

**Ushers:** Kelli Williams, Scott Martin,  
Angela Clifford, Margaret Clifford

**Sound:** Steve Kuhl

**Video:** Carina McGee

**JaM Director:** Lyn VanDervort

## Volunteers Next Week

**Pulpit Assistant:** Lyn VanDervort

**Ushers:** Margie Hamman, Gary Hamman,  
Vickie Schmidt, George Schmidt

**Sound:** Alex McGee

**Video:** Kelly Frontroth

**JaM Director:** Lyn VanDervort

## Upcoming Schedule for Sunday School

### February 8<sup>th</sup> (*Ski Resort, Ski Lodge*)

Teacher: Emily Martin

Assistant Teacher: Madison Wooten

Aide: Sandy Haines

### February 15<sup>th</sup> (*Ski Resort, Slalom*)

Teacher: Kimberly Goetter

Assistant Teacher: Alan Miller

Aide: Paul Ebel

### February 22<sup>nd</sup> (*SOAR, Take Off*)

Teacher: Angela Clifford

Assistant Teacher: Margaret Clifford

Aide: Shirley Colburn

### March 1<sup>st</sup> (*SOAR, Full Speed*)

Teacher: Mary Bunch

Assistant Teacher: Jim Bunch

Aide: Sandy Erwin

## *SAPC THIS WEEK*

### Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

- 8:50a Children's Chime Choir (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00a The Present Word Sunday School (Library)
- Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR) Book of Acts
- 9:05a JaM Practice (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00a Worship Service
- 11:00a Chili Cookoff & Corn Hole Toss (Gym)
- Mission & Membership Meeting (Library)
- 2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
- 5:00p Youth Group Cooking Night (Youth Rm&  
Kitchen in FLC)

### Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

- 12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
- 2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
- 5:00p SAPK Board Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00p Communication Teams Meeting (PCR)
- Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
- 6:30 Christian Education Youth (Youth Rm in FLC)

### Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

- 12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
- 2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
- 4:30p Belles Canto (Music Room)
- 6:00p Carolina Flight Basketball (Gym)
- 7:00p Scouts Meeting (F205 in FLC)

### Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

- 12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
- 2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
- 5:30p Worship & Music Team Meeting (Library)
- 6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
- 7:00p Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

### Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

- 8:50a SAPK Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
- 1:15p Busy Hands in Faith (Library)
- Pickleball (Gym)
- 5:00p Kash Elite Basketball (Gym)

### Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

- 12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
- 2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
- 4:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
- 6:00p Carolina Flight Basketball (Gym)

### Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

- 11:30p Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)

### Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

- 8:50a Children's Chime Choir (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00a The Present Word Sunday School (Library)
- Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR) Book of Acts
- 9:05a JaM Practice (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00a Worship Service
- 11:00 Diaconate Meeting (Library)
- 2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
- 6:00p Youth Group Drama Night (Youth Rm in FLC)

\* FLC - Family Life Center

\*\* PCR - Pastor's Conference Room

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