

Second Sunday of Lent



*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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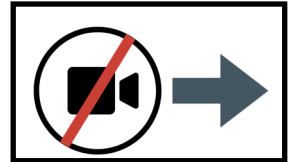
Welcome!

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.*

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



March 1, 2026

2nd Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

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

Lenten Dailey Scripture Reading (*take insert home*)

Prelude

“Draw Me Close”
Olga Kuzmenkova, Pianist

Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Michelle Green (Pulpit Assistant, PA)

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

Introit

“Lead Me, Guide Me”
Jeremy Woodruff, Percussion

Doris Akers

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** (*Exodus 20: 8-11*) (*responsively*):

One: Remember the Sabbath day and treat it as holy.

ALL: Six days you may work and do all your tasks,

One: but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. Do not do any work on it—not you, your sons or daughters, your male or female servants, your animals, or the immigrant who is living with you.

ALL: Because the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them in six days, but rested on the seventh day. That is why the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

***Praise Hymn**

“He Is Exalted”
See insert

Twila Paris

Prayer of Confession (*Together*): **Almighty God, you created all of creation in six days, but rested on the seventh day. We confess sometimes we are too busy to rest. We hurry from place to place without acknowledging your presence. We replace doing things for not listening to you in prayer. Forgive us, O God, when hurrying becomes our worship and not Jesus Christ.**

(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 #441** *“Hear the Good News of Salvation”*

**Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God’s love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleanse within.**

***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

Jim & Mary Bunch

(Children are invited to come to the stage steps for a small lesson, then walk together to Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall.)

Anthem

“Holy is the Lord”

Arr. By Mary McDonald

Prayer for Illumination

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

Old Testament Reading: **Genesis 2: 1-14** *(pg. 2 of the Old Testament)*

Epistle Reading: **Hebrews 10: 19-25** *(pg. 224 of the New Testament)*

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 11: 25-30** *(page 12 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

“Resting in the Lord”

Rev. Jason Hammersley

***Hymn #483**

“Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”

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.

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

“This is My Song”

North Point Worship

**Jackie Scherman, Guitar; Todd Lorenc, Bass; Andy Robison, Vocals
Jeremy Woodruff, Percussion**

**I remember those melodies
The words we sang when I first believed
Songs of redemption, stories of hope
Heaven awakened inside my soul**

Chorus

**In Christ alone, my solid ground
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
On that rugged cross, Jesus paid it all
Because He lives, this is my song.**

**Peace like a river, love so divine
Those worked kept singing through the darkest nights
Sweet hymns of freedom, anthems of praise
Remind my heart to trust His name**

Chorus

**In Christ alone, my solid ground
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
On that rugged cross, Jesus paid it all
Because He lives, this is my song.**

**This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
Blessed assurance, glory divine
Hallelujah, Jesus is mine.**

Chorus

**In Christ alone, my solid ground
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
On that rugged cross, Jesus paid it all
Because He lives, this is my song.**

Because He Lives, this is my song.

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**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn #698**

“Take, O Take Me as I Am”

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me**

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude Hymn #539**

“We Will Go Out with Joy

**We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.
We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.
Alleluia!....Alleluia!**

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Alleluia!....Alleluia!**

Sermon Scripture Activity (NRSVUE):

As the Scripture is read (Matthew 11: 25-30) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.

Jesus Thanks His Father

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I thank^[a] you, Father, Lord of _____ and _____, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to _____; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.^[b] ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my _____, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the _____ and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy _____, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in _____, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."



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.

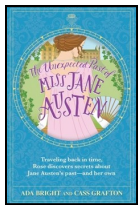
March Collection

(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. *Thank you!*

The Chapter Chat Book Club



“The Unexpected Past of Miss Jane Austen”
By Ada Bright and Cass Grafton

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

Contact Maureen Dunn at maureendunn14@bellsouth.net for more info.

Living in Faith Together (LIFT)

(Women's Small Group)



When: March 24th, at 6:00pm

Where: Neon Fig

We will be going over the second chapter of The Four Agreements.

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



Filled Easter Egg Donations Needed!

PLEASE NO CHOCOLATE (IT MELTS!)

**DROP OFF IN THE CHURCH OFFICE
THROUGH MARCH 31ST**

VOLUNTEER TO

READ TO SAPK CLASSES!

SIGN UP AT THE
BULLETIN BOARD OR CONTACT
SAPKDIRECTOR@SOUTHAIKEN.ORG

Adopt an SAPK Classroom!

Connect with one of our classes of students to help support unique opportunities of learning

- Help organize guest speakers
- Host end-of-year celebrations
- Send in prayer notes, cards of encouragement
- Give random acts of kindness
- Help support ongoing enrichment (like class pets, garden projects, hatching chicks in the spring, etc.)

And more!

Sign up on the bulletin board!

Spring 2025 Food for Thought

Wednesdays, starting Feb. 25th
5:30pm meal, 6:00 lesson

Join us in discussing...

With a parallel lesson for children ages 3 - 6th grade!

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

Donation box available upon entry

Our Food for Thought meal will be:

Grilled Chicken, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw and Mac & Cheese.



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'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



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 or (803-648-9574) to let your wishes be known.

The church email address is:

secretary@southaiken.org

Prayer Requests

Hook Family - season of grief.

Stephens Family - season on grief.

Pateracki Family - season of grief.

MacCrum & Tyler Family season of grief.

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

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..

Lois V. sister of Lyn V., increased mobility

Barbara K. for transition.

Anita & Bob P. comfort and discernment.

Homebound Members

Email secretary@southaiken.org to change information or removal of name.

Volunteers Today

Pulpit Assistant: Michelle Green

Ushers: Jenny Chase, Elaine Barnes,
Kelli Williams, Alan Miller

Sound: Scott Martin

Video: Anthony Williamson

JaM Director: Lyn VanDervort

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Paul Ebel

Ushers: Bonnie Hayes, Hank Hayes,
Linda Poulson, Bill Poulson

Sound: Steve Kuhl

Video: Angela Clifford

JaM Director: Lyn VanDervort

Upcoming Schedule for Sunday School

March 1st (SOAR, Full Speed)

Teacher: Mary Bunch

Assistant Teacher: Jim Bunch

Aide: Sandy Erwin

March 8th (SOAR, Turbulence)

Teacher: Susan Glenn

Assistant Teacher: Katie Moler

Aide: Susan Selden

March 15th (SOAR, Cruising Altitude)

Teacher: Emily Martin

Assistant Teacher: Madison Wooten

Aide: Sandy Haines

March 22nd (SAPK Sunday)

Teacher: Angela Clifford

Assistant Teacher: Margaret Clifford

Aide: Shirley Colburn

SAPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 1st

- 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 Kid's First Training (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
- 6:00p Youth Group Planning Meeting 2 (Youth Rm in FLC)

Monday, March 2nd

- 12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
- 2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
- 4:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
- 6:00p Communication Team Meeting (PCR)

Tuesday, March 3rd

- 8:45a Sonshine Meeting (Library)
- 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, March 4th

- 12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
- 2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
- 5:30p Food for Thought (Gym, Kitchen, Rm 203)
- 6:00p Young Adults Bible (Youth Room in FLC)
- 7:00p Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, March 5th

- 12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
- 2:00p Chapter Chat Book Club (Library)
- Pickleball (Gym)
- 5:00p Kash Elite Basketball (Gym)

Friday, March 6th

- 12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
- 2:00p Coin Club Setup (Gym)

Saturday, March 28th

- All Day Coin Club (Gym)

Sunday, March 7th

- 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 Mission & Membership Meeting (Library)
- 2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
- 6:00p Youth Group Game Night (Youth Rm in FLC)

* FLC - Family Life Center

** PCR - Pastor's Conference Room

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