



*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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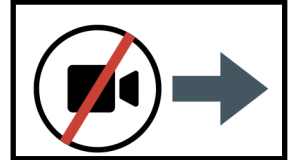
Welcome!

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 8, 2026

3rd Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

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

Prelude

“Jesus Messiah”

Alex-Zsolt

Olga Kuzmenkova, Pianist

Welcome and Announcements

Paul Ebel (Pulpit Assistant, PA)

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

Introit #825

“Lift High the Cross”

By Sydney Nicholson

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** (*Psalm 95: 1-6*) (*responsively*):

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

ALL: Let us come into the Lord’s presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise!

One: For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.

ALL: In God’s hands are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are God’s also.

One: The sea is God’s, for God made it, and the dry land, which God’s hands have formed.

ALL: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

***Hymn #382**

“Heaven is Singing for Joy”

Prayer of Confession (*Together*): **Almighty God, you meet us wherever we are in our life. You offer us living water, but sometimes we reject it. Sometimes we let our past dictate our future. Forgive us, O God for allowing our past to prevent us from receiving the good news and being healed - mind, body and spirit through 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

Pastor Jason

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

Anthem

“A Clean Heart”

By Benjamin Harlan

Prayer for Illumination

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

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 17: 1-7 (*pg. 64 of the Old Testament*)

Gospel Reading: John 4: 5-42 (*page 94 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.

*Hymn #65

“*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*”*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

“*At the Cross*”

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**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn #697**

"Take My Life" (stanzas 1-4)

***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!**

Sermon Scripture Activity (NRSVUE):

As the Scripture is read (John 4: 5-42) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.

⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a _____." ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of _____ and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you _____ water."

¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, ^[b] you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³ Jesus said to her, "_____ who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a _____ of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, ^[c] give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, ^[d] I see that you are a _____. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you ^[e] say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you ^[f] will worship the _____ neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You ^[g] worship what you ^[h] do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in _____ and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I am he, ^[i] the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever _____! He cannot be the Messiah, ^[j] can he?" ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you _____ about." ³³ So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his _____. ³⁵ Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the _____? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving ^[k] wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that _____ and _____ may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more _____ because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the _____ of the world."



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!*



VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

*Student registration
opens March 20th!*

June 22
through
26th

Register here!



Filled Easter Egg Donations Needed!

PLEASE NO CHOCOLATE (IT MELTS!)

DROP OFF IN THE CHURCH OFFICE
THROUGH MARCH 31ST



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.

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.)

Sign up on the bulletin board!

And more!

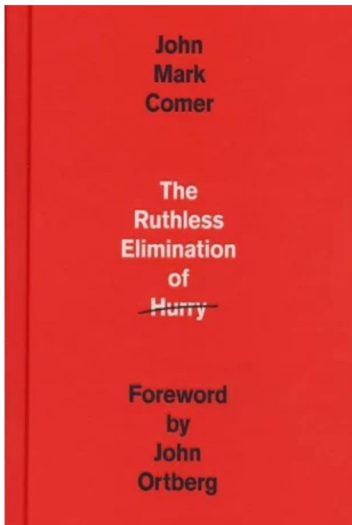


Spring 2025 Food for Thought

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:



Donation box available upon entry

Our Food for Thought meal will be:

Lasagna and Veggie Lasagna



Calling All Ushers!



A training session will be held on March 28th at 10am in the Sanctuary. Please plan to attend to review the current procedures involved in ushering here at SAPC. If you would like to become an usher, please call the church office at 803-648-9574 and leave a message for Diane Davies for more information. *All are welcome!*

See you on March 28th at 10am!

Living in Faith Together (LIFT)

(Women's Small Group)



When: March 26th, at 6:00pm

Where: Feed Sack

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.*



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.*

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.

Donna B. for healing & recovery.

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

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: Paul Ebel

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

Sound: Steve Kuhl

Video: Angela Clifford

JaM Director: Lyn VanDervort

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Lyn VanDervort

Ushers: Linda Blake, Cheryl McCrum,
Sharon Filler, Shirley Colburn

Sound: Alex McGee

Video: Kelly Frontroth

JaM Director: Lyn VanDervort

Upcoming Schedule for Sunday School

March 8th (*SOAR, Turbulence*)

Teacher: Susan Glenn

Assistant Teacher: Katie Moler

Aide: Sandy Haines

March 15th (*SOAR, Cruising Altitude*)

Teacher: Emily Martin

Assistant Teacher: Madison Wooten

Aide: Susan Selden

March 22nd (*SAPK Sunday*)

Teacher: Angela Clifford

Assistant Teacher: Margaret Clifford

Aide: Shirley Colburn

March 29th (*Palm Sunday*)

Teacher: Kim Goetter

Assistant Teacher: Alan Miller

Aide: Elsie Worpell

SAPC THIS WEEK

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)

Monday, March 9th

- 12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
- 2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
- 4:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
- 5:00p SAPK Board Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30p Youth Christian Education (Youth Rm in FLC)

Tuesday, March 10th

- 12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
- 2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
- 4:30p Belles Canto (Music Room)
- 5:30p Worship & Music Team Meeting (Library)
- 6:00p Carolina Flight Basketball (Gym)
- 7:00p Scouts Meeting (F205 in FLC)

Wednesday, March 11th

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

Thursday, March 12th

- 12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
- 1:15p Busy Hands in Faith (Library)
- 2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
- 5:00p Kash Elite Basketball (Gym)

Friday, March 13th

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

Saturday, March 14th

- 7:00a Atlanta Spartan, 5K Obstacle Race (Youth)
- 11:30a Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
- 2:00p Pickleball (Gym)

Sunday, March 14th

- 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 Diaconate Meeting (Library)
- 2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
- 3:00p Admin & Stewardship Meeting (Library)
- 6:00p Youth Group Meeting (Youth Rm in FLC)

* FLC - Family Life Center

** PCR - Pastor's Conference Room

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