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****.*

South Aiken Presbyterian Church

1711 Whiskey Rd.

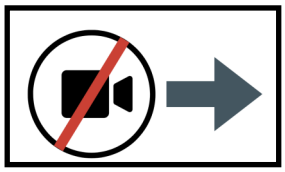
Welcome!

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 worship God!

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 for more details and to confirm your privacy request.



Pastor Jason will be out of town to a Church Administrator National Conference from July 13th-19th, returning to the office on July 20th.

CONGREGATIONAL AND PASTORAL COVERAGE

During his absence, for all congregational and pastoral care concerns, start by contacting Deacon Lisa Lader, Chair of the Congregational Care Team. She will elevate pastoral concerns to Rev. Frank Cunningham as needed and necessary. Remember that Rev. Frank is available for our needs on a 24/7 basis.

Online Donations

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

July 12, 2026 **7th Sunday after Pentecost** **10:00 am**

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

Prelude ***" I Love You Lord"*** **arr. Hayes**
Olga Kuzmenkova (Accompanist)

Welcome and Announcements **Margaret Clifford (Pulpit Assistant, PA)**

The Chiming *(For God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.)*

Introit ***"You Are My All in All"*** **Dennis Jernigan**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** *(Psalm 119:105-112) (Read responsively):*

One: Your word is a lamp before our feet and a light for our journey.
ALL: We have sworn, and we fully mean it: we will keep your righteous rules.
One: We have been suffering so much—Lord, make us live again according to your promise.
ALL: Please, Lord, accept our spontaneous gifts of praise. Teach us your rules!
One: Though our life is constantly in danger, we won't forget your Instruction.
ALL: We have decided to keep your statutes forever, every last one.

Hymn #610** ***"Grace Alone" **Scott Wesley Brown & Jeff Nelson**
(See Insert)

Prayer of Confession *(Together):* **Gracious God, we come sharing that the soil of our hearts and our minds sometimes are not fertile. We confess that weeds sometimes take root in our minds that prevents good plants to grow in our life. Help us, O God by confessing to you the weeds in our lives. May our soils be nourished by your Holy Spirit to produce good fruit with Jesus Christ.**

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

P.A.: 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 is in Christ is a new creation, the old life is gone and new life has begun. Know we are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.
One: As we see and the water poured into the baptismal font, remember that God through Christ forgives you and gives the gift of the Holy Spirit. You are a new creation sent to share the good news.

The Font *(pour water into the baptismal 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.

Holy Interruption** (aka, Passing the Peace) *(Responsively):**

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.)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Moment **"Blessing of the Backpacks** **Pastor Jason**

Anthem ***"On Eagles Wings"*** **Arr by Mark Hayes**

Prayer for Illumination

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

Old Testament Lessons: **Isaiah 55:10-13** *(pg. 686 of the Old Testament)*

Gospel Lesson: **Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23** *(pg. 13 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 **"Cultivate Your Soil"** **Rev. Jason Hammersley**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn #451** **"*Open My Eyes, That I May See" **Clara H. Scott**

`*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

Prayer of Intercession

Offering of Gifts

Offertory ***"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*** **Edstrom**

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

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

Hymn #59** ***"The Steadfast Love of the Lord" **Edith McNeill**

***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

Sermon Scripture Activity (NRSVUE):
As the Scripture is read (Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.

The Parable of the Sower

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the _____. [2] Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. [3] And he told them many _____ in _____, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. [4] And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the _____ came and ate them up. [5] Other seeds fell on _____ ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. [6] But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no _____, they withered away. [7] Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. [8] Other seeds fell on _____ soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. [9] If you have _____,[a] hear!"

The Parable of the Sower Explained

[18] "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. [19] When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the _____ one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. [20] As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with _____, [21] yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the _____, that person immediately falls away.[a] [22] As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this[b] age and the lure of _____+ choke the word, and it yields nothing. [23] But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and _____ it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER SERVING

PROVIDING HOPE TO OUR

Neighbors in Need

FOOD ASSISTANCE | PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE | UTILITY ASSISTANCE | TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE | CLOTHING ASSISTANCE

Current Needs:

- Men's shoes & clothing (gently used or new)
- Children's shoes & clothing (gently used or new)
- Fan Drive (new fans or monetary donations)

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Volunteers for our Resale stores (pricing, intake)

SCAN ME! actsofaiken.org

SECRET SANTA KICK OFF

2026

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Secret Santa's Christmas in July campaign is selling both T-shirts and Ornaments this year! We have a new T-shirt design for 2026 that we hope will be a bigger draw for community members and not just our volunteers! Every t-shirt purchase or donation of $15+ recieves a free ornament!

Order Form

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.

SUMMER CHOIR!

Meet each Sunday at 9am in the Choir room to rehearse that Sunday's anthem. No Wednesday night rehearsals!

See you soon!

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, Crackers
- Fruit cups, Instant Oatmeal
- 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

KINDer Closet

KINDerClosetSAPC@gmail.com
southaiken.org/KINDer-Closet

Volunteer your time | **Donate clothes** | **Give monetarily**

Current needs:

Please drop off your donations in front of the Church Office, Narthex and Kindergarten Office. The bins are marked with the KINDer Closet logo.

WANTED

Volunteer(s) for the SAPC's Property Committee Team who has talents for:

⇒ **Electrical**

⇒ **Plumbing**

⇒ **HVAC**

⇒ and **General Repairs**

for our SAPC property.

Please contact Gary Hamman via the church office (803-648-9574).

July's Facts Collection:

Cereal, Oatmeal, or Grits

The church email address is:
secretary@southaiken.org

Prayer Requests

Bunch Family - season of grief.
Hinson Family - season of grief.
Charles Family - season of grief.
Appigani Family - season of grief.
Kierpse Family - season of grief.
MacCrum & Tyler Family season of grief.

Robin E. for healing and comfort.
Jane B. for effective treatment.
Judi A .for recovery.
John P. (friend of Will & Anita Self) for healing & strength.
Crissy C. (Daughter in Law of John C.) - for health concerns.
Rob K. (Lynn B.'s brother) for comfort & healing.
Donna B. 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.
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
Anita & Bob P. comfort.

Homebound Members

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

Volunteers This Week

Pulpit Assistant: Greg Burkes

Ushers: Angela Clifford, Margaret Clifford, Shirley Colburn, Nick Goetter

Sound: Scott Martin

Video: Haley Culp

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Margaret Clifford

Ushers: Anita Self, Will Self, Sharon Filler, Cheryl MacCrum

Sound: Scott Reboul

Video: Anthony Williamson

Upcoming Schedule for Sunday School

July 12th *(Escape from Egypt, Believe the Unbelievable)*
Teacher: Madison Wooten
Assistant Teacher: Sandy Haines
Aide: Kim Goetter

July 19th *(Hymnody)*
No Sunday School, Activity Bags in Worship

July 26th *(Escape from Egypt, Believe Power to Spare)*
Teacher: Jim Bunch
Assistant Teacher: Mary Bunch
Aide: Sandy Erwin

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.

SAPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 12th
9:00a The Present Word Sunday School (Library)
- Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR) Book of Acts
- Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
10:00a Worship Service
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)

Monday, July 13th
9:30a Music Room Reserved
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
5:00p SAPK Board Meeting (Library)
6:00p Communication Team Meeting (PCR)
6:30p Christian Education (Youth Rm in FLC)

Tuesday, July 14th
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Carolina Flight Basketball Practice (Gym)
7:00p Scouts Meeting (F205 in FLC)

Wednesday, July 15th
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball Practice (Gym)

Thursday, July 16th
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
5:00p Kash Elite Basketball Practice (Gym)

Friday, July 17th
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
4:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball Practice (Gym)
6:00p Carolina Flight Basketball Practice (Gym)

Saturday, July 18th
7:30a ACTS Sr Food Distribution (340 Park Ave)
11:30a Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)

Sunday, July 19th
8:50a Children's Chime Choir (Fellowship Hall)
9:00a The Present Word Sunday School (Library)
- Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR) Book of Acts
- Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
10:00a Worship Service
11:00a Diaconate Meeting (Library)
1:00p Admin & Stewardship Meeting (Library)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)

* *FLC - Family Life Center*
** *PCR - Pastor's Conference Room*

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