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.

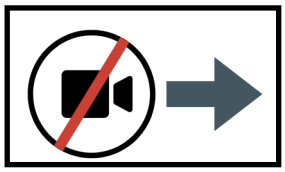
Welcome!

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.



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

July 26, 2026 **9th Sunday after Pentecost** **10:00 am**

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

Prelude ***"Waymakey"*** **Shackley**
Olga Kuzmenkova (Accompanist)

Welcome and Announcements **Shirley Colburn (Pulpit Assistant, PA)**

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

Introit ***"I Will Call Upon the Lord"*** **Michael O'Shields (1994)**
Lyn VanDervort, Guest Director

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** *(Psalm 105: 1-5) (Read responsively):*

One: O give thanks to the Lord; call on the Lord's name; make known God's deeds among the peoples.
ALL: Sing to the Lord, sing praises to the Lord; tell of all God's wonderful works.
One: Glory in the Lord's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
ALL: Seek the Lord and the Lord's strength; seek God's presence continually.
One: Remember the wonderful works the Lord has done…

Hymn** ***"Shine, Jesus, Shine" **Graham Kendrick (1987)**

Prayer of Confession *(Together):* **Gracious God, we humbly come to you on bended knees and bowed hearts. We open our minds and our hearts honestly and sincerely for the mistakes and missteps we have taken. We are sorry for not being the witnesses of Christ you ask us to become. Forgive us, O God for not showing the eternal hope, offering the good news to others, and being the faithful who draws people to you through Jesus Christ.**

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

P.A.: Amen

Assurance of Forgiveness *(Responsively)*:

P.A.: 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.
P.A.: As we see and hear the water poured into the baptismal font, remember that God through Christ forgives you and walks with by the Holy Spirit. You are a new creation sent into the world to hold hope for others.

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.

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: 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 ***"In the Calm"*** **Arranged by Tom Fettke (1997)**

Prayer for Illumination

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

Old Testament Lessons: **1 Kings 3:5-12** *(pg. 306 of the Old Testament)*
New Testament Lesson **Matthew 28: 16-20** *(pg. 34 of the New Testament)*
(fill-in the blanks on page 7)

One: Hear what the Spirit sings to the church.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **"Can a Church like Ours, Reach a World Like Ours?"** **Rev. Jason Hammersley**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn #733** ***"We All Are One in Mission"

`*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

Minute for Mission **Gary Hamman**

Offering of Gifts

Offertory ***"Wade in the Water"*** **Johnson**

***Doxology:**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ all people here below
Praise Holy Spirit evermore
Praise Trinne God whom we adore. 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 #741** ***"Guide May Feet

Guide my feet while I run this race;
Guide my feet while I run this race;
Guide my feet while I run this race;
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand while I run this race;
Hold my hand while I run this race;
Hold my hand while I run this race;
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Stand by me while I run this race;
Stand by me while I run this race;
Stand by me while I run this race;
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

I'm your child while I run this race;
I'm your child while I run this race;
I'm your child while I run this race;
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

***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 28: 16-20) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.

The Commissioning of the Disciples

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.
17 When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they _____. 18 And Jesus came and said to
them, "All authority in _____ and on _____ has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and
make disciples of all nations, _____ them in the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit 20 and _____ them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And
remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."[a]

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.

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.

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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)

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2026

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Secret Santa's Christmas in July campaign is focused on building community partnerships, keeping our congregation and volunteers updated, and raising funds early so every child on our list has a bright Christmas morning. More details to come as the month unfolds!

Thank you George Schmidt

Thank you for your dedication in keeping our facilities safe, & running smoothly. From promptly addressing issues to maintaining a welcoming environment, your efforts ensure that everyone can work comfortably and efficiently. Your contributions are invaluable, we are grateful for everything you do!

Let's Jam
Jesus and Music
Children's hand chimes, instruments, and choir

Hand Chimes
Instruments
Singing

First performance of the year will be August 16th!

Sunday Mornings
8:50am
Fellowship Hall

Coordination Team:
Lynn Burkes &
Lyn VanDervortl

We follow the ACPSD school calendar - when they are off on Monday, there will no practice on the prior Sunday

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.
Appigani Family - season of grief.
Kierpse Family - season of grief.
MacCrum & Tyler Family season of grief.

John C. for recovery.
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: Shirley Colburn

Ushers: Sharon Filler, Kelli Williams, Cindy Hoepker, Duane Hoepker

Sound: Steve Kuhl

Video: Angela Clifford

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Michelle Green

Ushers: Jenny Chase, Nick Goetter, Alan Miller, Elsie Worpell

Sound: Alex McGee

Video: TBD

Upcoming Schedule for Sunday School

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

August 2nd *(Pray-Ground, No Sunday School)*

August 9th *(Escape from Egypt, Water Rescue, Part II)*
Teacher: Susan Glenn
Assistant Teacher: Katie Moler
Aide: Susan Selden

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 26th
8:50a Children's Chime Choir (Fellowship Hall)
9:00a The Present Word Sunday School (Library)
- Presbyterian Cafe (PCR) Book of Acts
10:00a Worship Service
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
4:00p Session Meeting (Library)

Monday, July 27th
9:30a Music Room Reserved
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball Practice (Gym)

Tuesday, July 28th
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Carolina Flight Basketball Practice (Gym)
7:00p Scouts Meeting (F205 in FLC)

Wednesday, July 29th
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball Practice (Gym)
7:00p Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, July 30th
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
5:00p Kash Elite Basketball Practice (Gym)

Friday, July 31st
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
4:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball Practice (Gym)
6:00p Carolina Flight Basketball Practice (Gym)

Saturday, August 1st
11:30a Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
5:00p Eagle Scout Celebration

Sunday, August 2nd
8:50a Children's Chime Choir (Fellowship Hall)
9:00a The Present Word Sunday School (Library)
- Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR) Book of Acts
10:00a Worship Service (Communion)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)

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

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