



South Aiken Presbyterian Church
1711 Whiskey Rd.
Aiken, SC 29803

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!

Welcome Alea Atkinson - Guest Violinist

Starting the Suzuki method at the age of 3, Ms. Alea Atkinson has successfully graduated from all 10 books under the teaching of Mrs. Laura Atkinson. Ms. Atkinson is continuing to pursue music through college. Ms. Atkinson has received various awards in violin performance and continues to be a prominent performer in the Aiken area. She has performed with some of the most prestigious youth orchestras in South Carolina including the South Carolina Youth Philharmonic under the direction of Neil Casey and has been selected to perform in All-State orchestra for 4 consecutive years. Ms. Atkinson is beginning to teach violin lessons and continues to perform in various locations throughout the greater Aiken area.

Welcome Marlee Hare - Guest Cello

Marlee Hare has played the cello since 6th grade, where she studied under the direction of David Culp at Schofield Middle School. She has studied cello privately with Ginny Nelson and has played in the Aiken County Regional Orchestra and the Aiken County Youth Orchestra. In high school, she sang with Belles Canto, under the direction of Dianne Haslam. Marlee is a junior at USC Aiken where she is majoring in psychology and minoring in music. At USCA she sings in Cantum Novum under the direction of Keely Rhodes and the concert choir under the direction of Joel Scrapper. She has studied voice with Dr. Rhodes and this summer participated in an eleven-day tour of Italy, singing in Orvieto, Florence, and Rome with the USCA Concert Choir.

August 14, 2022

10th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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

Introit

God is Our Refuge

Allen Pote

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** *(Psalm 71: 1-6) (Read responsively):*

One: We have taken refuge in you, LORD. Don't let us ever be put to shame!

Many: Deliver and rescue us by your righteousness! Bend your ear toward us and save us!

One: Be our rock of refuge where we can always escape. You commanded that our life be saved because you are our rock and fortress.

Many: God, rescue us from the power of the wicked; rescue us from the grip of the wrongdoer and the oppressor

One: because you are our hope, Lord. You, LORD, are the one we have trusted since childhood.

ALL: We have depended on you from birth—you cut the cord when we came from our mother's womb. Our praise is always about you.

***Hymn #735**

I Need Thee Every Hour (stanza 1-3)

Prayer of Confession *(Unison):* Gracious God, we confess when a new school year begins we have raised anxieties and worries. We tend to think we must go it alone instead of asking for help from you. Help us, O God to build trust in your strength within us through Jesus Christ.

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

P.A.: Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

P.A.: *As we hear the water poured into the baptismal font, remember that God binds you to Christ in baptism and gives the gift of the Holy Spirit. Through faith, let us walk by the Spirit of the Living God.*

The Font (*pour water into the baptismal font*)

***Responsive Hymn #581**

“Glory Be to the Father”

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to The Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

***The Peace** (*share handshakes, hugs, and signs of peace*)

P.A.: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Children’s Moment

Michelle Lorio

Blessing of the Backpack

Anthem

***Grace Alone*
Alea Atkinson (Guest Violinist)
Marlee Hare (Guest Cello)**

James Koertz

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament Lesson: Number13: 25-33

Gospel Lesson: Ephesian 3:10-20

One: Hear what the Spirit of God says to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn #465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***Affirmation of Faith (*Unison*): A Brief Statement of Faith (*excerpt*)**

In life and in death we belong to God. 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. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Offertory

***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 #697**

Take My Life (stanza 1-4)

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude Hymn #743**

O God, You Are My God (sung once)

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.

SAPC YOUTH - AUG 2022



Asheville Youth Missions at Montreat, 7-20-22

Upcoming Dates

AUG 14 - Young Adults Lunch at Moe's

AUG 21 - Connection Sunday; Kickoff Day at Lake Murray (Bunch's)

AUG 28 - First day of Sunday School; Game Night dinner and event planning

THINGS TO KNOW

"Young Adults" Lunch - for graduated youth under 30! Currently expecting 10-15 people. Come fellowship and reminisce!



Learn about your Sunday School options on Connection Sunday! Classes start the following week. Come join us for Modern Media with Christ!



Welcome new Youth Programs Coordinator, Anthony Williamson! As a veteran of SAPC's youth group himself, Anthony is eager to build a strong community in the church.



JULY HIGHLIGHTS



Youth volunteered to help with Vacation Bible School July 11th-15th. There were 128 children attending and the theme was Food Truck party: On a roll with God. Pictured above is Madelynn Lorio and Kate Weimer leading music in the Sanctuary.



Seven youth attended Montreat with four chaperones rotating, July 17th to the 23rd. The theme was "More than Enough." While some Covid issues made the trip difficult, everyone who went still had a blast and everyone is excited to return next year!



55 people enjoyed food and shared memories at the Montreat Stockholders Luncheon! If you couldn't attend, feel free to talk to the youth individually about their trip. Special thanks to Robert Glance and Angela Clifford for helping make the luncheon possible.

BLAST from the PAST



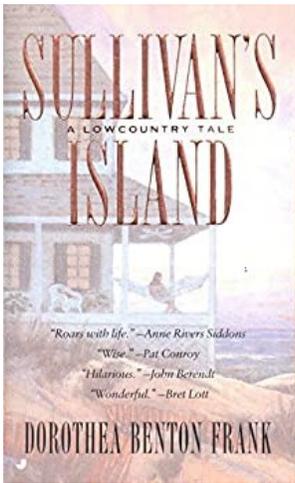
The youth group enjoys Montreat together in 2007! If you recognize yourself or someone else in this photo, please let us know.

South Aiken Presbyterian Youth

 Follow us on Facebook!

 If you have any questions or want to reach out, contact Anthony Williamson

youth@southaiken.org



THIS WEEK!

The Chapter Chat Book Club

September 1, 2:00pm

Sullivan's Island, by Dorothea Benton Frank

Call Maureen Dunn (803) 443-8681 for more info.

YOUNG AT SENIORS



Edgefield Trip
August 18th at 10:30am

**Lunch and a quick stop at
Cook's Produce Stand**
for peaches and other produce.

\$5.00 for the bus, additional charge for lunch.
Sign up by August 14th in the back hall

Greying Into Life Series - Brown Bag Luncheon



- Long Term Care (Nursing Homes) Insurance Policies
- Presbyterian Home Information
- Assisted Living vs. Skilled Care
- Home Health Options
- Council on Aging Programs
- Wills and Trusts
- Other related topics

During lunch in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesdays or Thursdays depending on interest. The sessions would be open to all church members and to the public at large.

If you are interested in attending this type of lunch series, please email **Greg Burkes** at glburkes@outlook.com.



THE Bethel Bible Series

Blessed to be a Blessing

A study inspired by God's words to Abraham with a focus on being a blessing to others.

2-year Bible study beginning August 28th

22-23 School Year: 20 lessons on the Old Testament

23-24 School Year: 20 lessons on the New Testament

\$50 each year for books

Sundays, 11:15 - 12:15 in Fellowship Hall

Orientation will be held on August 28th in the Fellowship Hall

If Interested, call or email the Church Secretary at secretary@southaiken.org.



Sanctuary flowers for August 14th were given by Will and Anita Self in honor of students, teachers, and school staff.

Sanctuary flower sign ups are located in the hallway on the bulletin board outside of the library.

Join the Membership and Mission Committee!

Meetings: 2nd Sunday of the month, 11:00am. For more information, please email weimerchrystie@gmail.com!



DOING THE MOST GOOD®

Help the Salvation Army!

Donate sweat pants, T-shirts, and underwear for men and women.

Please drop donations off at 322 Gayle Ave.

Join us for a new learning opportunity...



PRESBYTERIAN 101

Located in the Pastor Conference Room (PRC)
Family Life Center

Sundays at 9:00am

ALL are Welcome!



PRAYER PARTNERS

Prayer is a powerful force for those in need of healing, comfort, strength, and encouragement. It is often as much of a blessing for those offering the prayers. If you have a prayer request during office hours (Monday-Friday 9am-1pm) please contact the church office at 648-9574 or at secretary@southaiken.org. After office hours please contact Emily Lockard at 649-0473 or at emilybim@bellsouth.net.



August Collection Cereal

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. Thanks for sharing with others!

Prayer Requests

- Leslie Coakley** for health concerns
- Peg M.** (sister of Kit M.) successful surgery.
- Ray P.** (cousin of Sarah Scott) for healing and strength
- Lynn S.** - for comfort and wisdom after recent diagnosis.
- Scott Family** - in season of grief
- Terry L.** (Jack P.'s Partner) for recovery.
- Prince Family**- for comfort
- Dot M.** - for comfort
- Jake W.** (Nancy H.'s grandson) facing treatment for a recent diagnosis.
- Gail** (friend of Kitt M.) for healing as her treatments have changed.
- Joyce & Jeff** (Jayne B.'s best friends) mourning the loss of their son, Patrick.
- Ethel H.**, Steve H.'s mother for relief from pain.
- Steve & Linda H.** for healing and travel mercies.
- Bob A.**, for comfort
- Georgia L.** for healing.
- Alex P.** (Phillip H.'s nephew) for improvement.
- Glady C.** for healing.
- Ron D.** (Cyndy D's brother-in-law) for healing.
- Emma P.** for comfort.
- Debbi R.** as new health issues emerge.
- Phil L.** for resolution of health issues.
- Lois V.**, sister of Lyn V., for continuing improvement.
- Peg P.** for comfort.
- Bob B.** for comfort.
- The Linda E. Family** for continued healing.
- Jim and Shirley S.** for healing.
- Richard E.** as he receives treatment.
- Jayne B.** confronting 2 health issues.
- Barbara K.** for healing.
- Frances S.** for comfort.
- Cyndy D.** for transition to Charleston
- Anita P.** for healing.
- Delilah W.** infant daughter of Meghan W.
- Lorie D.** for comfort.
- Doug M.** (Linda B.'s nephew) for healing and comfort.
- Kelli W.** in her season of grief

Grief Support Group

A new session of GriefShare began Monday, June 6. GriefShare is a grief ministry that runs for 14 weeks. It incorporates videos, workbook, and group discussion. Meetings are in the library on Mondays from
5:30-7:30pm.

You can attend anytime during the 14 weeks. Please contact the church office at 803-648-9574 or go to GriefShare.org to register.

Volunteers Today

Pulpit Assistant - Lyn VanDevort

Ushers: Barbara Knapp, Andrew Goslin,
Sandy Erwin, Will Erwin

Sound: Dale Stephens

Video: Angela Clifford

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant - Steve Stine

Ushers: Mary Barber, Jim Barber,
Dale Stephens, Elsie Worpell

Sound: Darrell Pluff

Video: Haley Culp

SAPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 14th

9:00a - Isaiah Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00a - Mission/Membership Meeting

Monday, August 15th

5:30p - GriefShare Meeting (Library).
5:30p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)

Tuesday, August 16th

1:30p - Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)
4:00p - Mighty Warriors of God (Gym)
4:00p - Food for Thought Committee
4:30p - Belles Cantos (Music Room)
6:00p - Tall Pines Basketball (Gym)
7:00p - *Scouts are out for the summer*

Wednesday, August 17th

11:00 - Admin & Stewardship Meeting (F101)
5:30p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)
7:00p - Choir Practice

Thursday, August 18th

8:50a - SAPK Chapel (Sanctuary)
4:00p - Mighty Warriors of God (Gym)
6:00p - Tall Pines basketball (Gym)

Friday, August 19th

10:00a - Ukulele Fellowship (Music Room)
5:30p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)

Sunday, August 20

9:00a - Isaiah Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00a - Mission/Membership Meeting
2:00p - Diaconate Meeting (Library)

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