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.

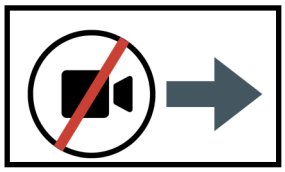
Welcome!

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.



With gratitude to Gary Hamman, Property Elder for trimming the bushes. First day of school is August 10th for the 2026-2027 school year. ***"Let the little children come on to me."*** **Mt 19:14**

Online Donations

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

August 2, 2026 **10th Sunday after Pentecost** **10:00 am**

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

Prelude **Olga Kuzmenkova (Accompanist)**

Welcome and Announcements **Michelle Green (Pulpit Assistant, PA)**

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

Introit ***"I Come With Joy"*** **Arr. By Austin C. Lovelace**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** *(Psalm 17: 1-3, 5-6) (Read responsively):*

One: Listen to what's right, Lord; pay attention to our cry! Listen closely to our prayers; it's spoken by lips that don't lie!

ALL: Our justice comes from you; let your eyes see what is right!

One: You have examined our hearts, testing us at night.

ALL: Our steps are set firmly on your paths; our feet haven't slipped.

One: We cry out to you because you answer us.

ALL: So tilt your ears toward us now—listen to what we are saying!

Hymn #519** ***"You Are My All in All" **Dennis L. Jernigan**

P.A.: Please be seated. Now let us share with our gracious and merciful God our mistakes and shortcomings this past week or those things that hinder us to receive the repair of forgiveness. Join me in the prayer of confession in silence. After moments of silence, I will close our prayer together.

Prayer of Confession in Silence *(Pause and confess your personal sin in silence to God)*

ALL: In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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 you 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 **Kim Goetter**

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

Anthem ***"Bread and Wine of Life with As the Deer"*** **Arr. by Ruth Elaine Schram**

Prayer for Illumination

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

Old Testament Lessons: **Isaiah 55: 1-5** *(pg. 685 of the Old Testament)*
New Testament Lesson **Matthew 14: 13-21** *(pg. 16 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 **"Taking What You Have and Making More"** **Rev. Jason Hammersley**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

`*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 ***"The Heart of Worship (When the Music Fades)"*** **Arr. by Alex-Zsolt**

***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

SEALING OF THE WORD UPON ALL HEARTS

(Communion Servers gather in the Narthex lobby.)

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Great Thanksgiving *(Responsively)*:

One: The Lord be with you.
ALL: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
ALL: We lift them to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
One: It is truly right and our greatest joy…who forever sing to the glory of your name:
Many: Holy, Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
One: With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the death…Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. Amen

Breaking of the Bread

(Communion Servers walk to Communion Table.)

Communion *(guidance of what to say each time you give or receive the Bread or the Cup)*

Giving the Bread: The body of Christ, given for you.
Receiver: Amen.
Giving the Cup: The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Receiver: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

Hymn #697** ***"Take My Life (stanzas 1, 5-6)

***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 14: 13-21***) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.*

Feeding the Five Thousand

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a _____ to a deserted place by him-
self. But when the crowds heard it, they _____ him on foot from the towns. 14 When he
went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their _____.
15 When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the
hour is now _____; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food
for themselves." 16 Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you _____ them something to
eat." 17 They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." 18 And he said, "Bring
them here to me." 19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves
and the two fish, he looked up to _____ and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them
to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And _____ ate and were filled, and
they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, _____ baskets full. 21 And those who
ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Chapter Chat Book Club

"The First Ladies"
by Marie Benedict

Thursday, August 6th, at 2 pm.
Meet in the Church Library

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

July's acts Collection:

Cereal, Oatmeal, or Grits

Monday, Aug. 3rd
8:45 Coffee, 9am Lesson

Topic: "Wrestling with God"

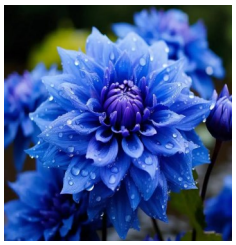
Do you ever feel like your faith journey involves more struggle, questioning, or wrestling than easy answers? Join us for our once-a-month adult Bible study as we dive deep into the dramatic night-time account of Jacob wrestling with a mysterious divine opponent at the ford of the Jabbok (Genesis 32:22-31).

Location & Schedule: We meet in the Library. Coffee at 8:45 AM and study follows at 9:00 AM.

Using guided discussion and rich dialogue, we will explore how God uses our moments of deep isolation and physical vulnerability to strip away self-reliance. We'll examine how being wounded can lead to a true blessing, how our honest struggles shape our spiritual identity, and how New Testament figures like Peter, Paul, and Thomas similarly navigated doubt and divine resistance.

"Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome." - (Genesis 32:28)

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US



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.

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.

Today's Communion Servers

(Sunday, August 2nd)

Diane Davies **Kelli Williams**
Scott Martin **Paul Ebel**
Shirley Colburn

Communion Server Coordinator for 2026
Lyn VanDervort

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).

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: Michelle Green

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

Sound: Alex McGee

Video: Kelly Frontroth

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Lyn VanDervort

Ushers: Heidi Abele, Chuck Abele, Mollie Brownlow, Jim Brownlow

Sound: Scott Reboul

Video: TBD

Upcoming Schedule for Sunday School

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

August 16th
Teacher: Kimberly Goetter
Assistant Teacher: Alan Miller
Aide: Paul Ebel

PRIVACY OF CONTACT INFORMATION
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SAPC THIS WEEK

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)

Monday, August 3rd
8:45a First Mondays Bible Study (Library)
9:30a Music Room Reserved
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Communication Team (PCR)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball Practice (Gym)

Tuesday, August 4th
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Carolina Flight Basketball Practice (Gym)
7:00p Scouts Meeting (F205 in FLC)

Wednesday, August 5th
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball Practice (Gym)
6:00p Young Adults Bible Study (Youth Rm.)
7:00p Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, August 6th
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
2:00p Chapter Chat Book Club (Library)
5:00p Kash Elite Basketball Practice (Gym)

Friday, August 7th
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball Practice (Gym)

Saturday, August 8th
11:30a Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)

Sunday, August 9th
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
11:00a Mission & Membership Meeting (Library)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)

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

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