



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!

August 21, 2022

11th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Steve Stine (Pulpit Assistant)

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

Introit

Shout to the Lord

Darlene Zschech

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** *(Psalm 34: 17-20 (Responsively)):*

One: When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers the righteous out of all their troubles.

Many: The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

One: Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

ALL: The Lord keeps all their bones; not one of them is broken.

***Hymn #450**

Be Thou My Vision

Prayer of Confession *(Unison):* **Gracious God, we confess that sometimes we give lip service to you without seeking to change our thoughts, words, or actions in life. We sometimes believe in our minds, but struggle with yielding to your Spirit to transform our actions. Help us, O God be transformed by your Holy Spirit through 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?

Many: Only Christ. Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone and the new life has begun.

ALL: We are forgiven and embrace the peace of Christ.

P.A.: *As the water is poured into the baptismal font, let us remember we are sealed to Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit in grace through faith. Let us live 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 fist bumps, 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

Anthem

Psalm 139

James Koertz

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 16: 1-4, 9-12

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 3: 19-21

Gospel Lesson: John 1: 43-51

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“From Isolation to Imagination”

Rev. Jason Hammersley

Hymn

Pass It On

Kurt Kaiser

Verse 1

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's love: Once you've ex-
perienced it you spread His love to ev'ryone;
You want to pass it on.

Refrain

*I'll shout it from the mountaintop, I want my
World to know, The Lord of love has
Come to me, I want to pass it on.*

Verse 2

Wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding,
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;
That's how it is with God's love; Once you've ex-
perienced it you want to sing it's fresh like spring; You
want to pass it on.

Refrain

Verse 3

wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found,
You can depend on Him, it matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my
world to know; the Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

Refrain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of New Members (Clerk of Session): On behalf of the session, I present Ron and Celeste Stennett and Ed and Linda Tiller, who have been received into the membership of this congregation by reaffirmation of faith.

Profession of Faith and Renunciations:

1. *Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and reject evil and its power in the world? If you do, say "I do."*
2. *Who is your Lord and Savior?*
3. *Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? If you will, say "I will with God's help."*
4. *Will you devote yourself to the church's teachings and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers? If you will, say "I will with God's help."*

Affirmation of Faith (Unison): 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.

Welcome

Prayer of Intercession

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Offertory

***Doxology: Hymn #606** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

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 #726** **Will You come and Follow Me** (*stanzas 1-2, 4-5*)

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

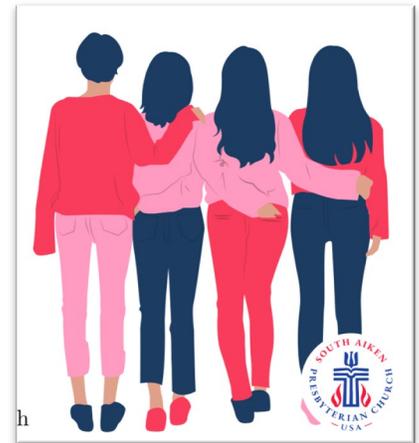
Young Women's Group

New Young Women's group! Meet monthly at restaurants throughout town for a brief devotion and a meal together.

First meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 14th at 5:30, at Woodside Country Club

Childcare available at SAPC 5:00 - 7:00pm.

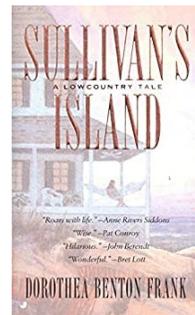
Contact Lynn Burkes at lkburdes1@gmail.com to RSVP by Sept. 10th for their reservation!



Join the and Mission Committee!

Meetings: 2nd Sunday of the month,
11:00am.

For more information, please email
weimerchrystie@gmail.com!



Upcoming!

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.

Greying Into Life Series - Brown Bag Luncheon



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

(Orientation will be held on 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

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



Sanctuary flowers for August 21st were given by Celeste and Ron Stennett in honor of their mother

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

New Spirit Express Format

There's a new design to the Spirit Express!

Check out the new, streamlined format from this past week!

Sunday School Substitutes Needed

We are looking for 4-5 individuals that would be willing to occasionally lead discussion in Sunday School during the year in case neither permanent teachers of the class are available.

*If you would be willing to volunteer this year, please contact **Angela Clifford** at angelablifford@gmail.com as soon as possible.*



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.

StickyFaith New Sunday School Class

New Parent Sunday School! This 8 week class begins Aug. 28th upstairs in the couples room of the FLC. A Book, DVD, and discussion curriculum will focus on encouraging your children's spiritual growth and building relationships with each other.

Contact Michelle Lorio at (803) 474-3524 by Aug. 24th to RSVP.

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!

Christmas in August!!

Our Secret Santa program is gearing up for another successful season. To get ready - we need your help. We are in need of wrapping paper, scotch tape and filler toys (small items such as matchbox cars, small dolls, cards, etc.) You can drop off items in the designated bins in the Fellowship Hall. Questions can be directed to Chrystie Weimer at cweimer@tallpinesacademy.com

Prayer Requests

- Leslie C. for health concerns
- Doug M. (Linda B.'s nephew) for healing and comfort.
- Kelli W. in her season of grief
- 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.

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 - Steve Stine

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

Sound: Darrell Pluff

Video: Haley Culp

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant - Chrystie Weimer

Ushers: Angela Clifford, Scott Reboul,
Debbi Reboul, Paul Ebel

Sound: Larry Hinson

Video: Kelly Frontroth

SAPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 21st

9:00a - Isaiah Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
9:00a - Presbyterian 101 (PRC)
10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00a - Mission/Membership Meeting
2:00p - Diaconate Meeting (Library)

Monday, August 22nd

5:30p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)

Tuesday, August 23rd

4:00p - Mighty Warriors of God (Gym)
4:30p - Belles Cantos (Music Room)
6:00p - Tall Pines Basketball (Gym)
7:00p - *Scouts are out for the summer*

Wednesday, August 24th

5:30p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)
7:00p - Choir Practice (Music Room)

Thursday, August 25th

8:50a - SAPK Chapel (Sanctuary)
1:30p - Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)
4:00p - Mighty Warriors of God (Gym)
6:00p - Tall Pines basketball (Gym)

Friday, August 26th

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

Sunday, August 2th

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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