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.

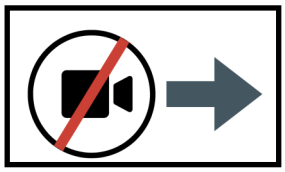
Welcome!

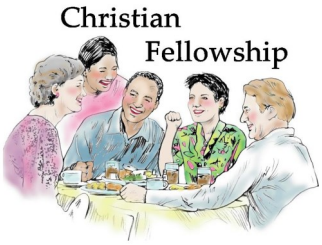
Welcome to God-Encountered worship at South Aiken Presbyterian Church! We are thankful that you have been called to worship with us this morning. We believe all people are children of God. We believe that the redeeming grace of God can transform our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit. We believe all 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.





Today is Connection Sunday, immediately following our Worship Service.

Please join us in the Family Life Center Gym, for fellowship.

Congratulations!

Recently, three scouts from our sponsored Scouts of America Troop 146 were honored in an Eagle Award ceremony for the completion of their achievement of attaining the highest rank in Scouting. The event was attended by Scouts and Leaders from other troops in the area as well as parents and friends.

Honored were:

* **Gabriel Duncan**-whose service project was construction of an information kiosk at Harrison-Caver Park.
* **Joe Voyles**—whose service project was upgrading the disc golf course at Boyd Pond Park.
* **Ryan Crapse**—whose service project was upgrading the structures at the playground here at South Aiken Presbyterian.

Online Donations

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

August 30, 2026 **14th Sunday after Pentecost** **10:00 am**

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

Prelude ***"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"*** **Hayes**
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 ***"Great is the Lord"*** **Michael W. Smith**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** *(Psalm 26: 1-7)(Read responsively):*

One: Establish justice for us, Lord, because we have walked with integrity. We've trusted you without wavering.

ALL: Examine us, Lord; put us to the test! Purify our minds and our hearts.

One: Because your faithful love is right in front of us—we walk in your truth!

ALL: We don't spend time with people up to no good; we don't keep company with liars.

One: We detest the company of evildoers, and we don't sit with wicked people.

ALL: We wash our hands—they are innocent! We walk all around your altar, Lord, proclaiming out loud our thanks, declaring all your wonderful deeds!

Hymn** ***"Holy, Forever" **Chris Tomlin**
(See Insert)

Prayer of Confession (Together): Gracious God, we confess that sometimes we still believe that all the good works we do will earn our entrance into your presence. We struggle with holding two ideas at the same time: works and grace. Help us, trust you with our lives through faith even when we try to earn our way into your presence. Forgive us, O God for not accepting your unconditional love and the undeserved gift of salvation offered to us in Jesus Christ.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness *(Responsively)*:

P.A.: Our assurance of forgiveness of all our mistakes and short comings is experienced through faith in Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

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. Know we are forgiven and be at peace in our hearts, our minds, and our spirits.

P.A.: As you see and hear the water being poured into baptismal font, let us witness, to the community through the resurrected Christ in thought, words, and actions.

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 **Emily Martin**

(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 ***"God Is Our Refuge"*** **Allen Pote**

Prayer for Illumination

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

Old Testament Lessons: **Genesis 20: 8-20** *(pg. 16 of the Old Testament)*

Gospel Reading: **Ephesians 2: 1-10, Romans 3: 21-28**
(*pg. 192 & 154 of the New Testament)*

One: Hear what the Spirit says to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **"Grace, the Heart of the Fire"** **Rev. Jason Hammersley**

Responsive Hymn #307** ***"God of Grace and God of Glory"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation (Clerk): On behalf of the session, I present Debrorah Niiya who has been received into the membership of this congregation by reaffirmation of faith.

Pastor: You come to us as members of the one holy catholic church, into which you were baptized,… I ask you therefore, once again to reject sin, and to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, in which we were baptized.

Profession and Renunciations (Rejections)

1. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? *(If you do, say "I do"))*
2. Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? *(If you do, say "I do"))*
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.")*

Profession with the Apostles' Creed (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

4. You have publicly professed your faith. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill you calling to a disciple of Jesus Christ? *(If you will say, "I will with God's help.")*

Prayer (Together): Faithful God, you work in us and for us if when we do not know it. When our path has led us away from you, you guide us back to yourself. We thank you for calling Deborah to the fellowship of your people. Renew in Deborah the covenant you made in her baptism. By the power of your Spirit, strengthen her in faith, love, and bless her with endurance, that she may serve you with joy to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome *(at the entrance to the sanctuary after the service)*

Prayer of Intercession

Offering of Gifts

Offertory ***"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"*** **Shackley**

***Doxology Hymn:**

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 #757** ***"Today, We All are Called to be Disciples"

***Blessings 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.

God's Only Son

I have someone who means the world to me
He offers more than other ones may see.
He's with me in the things I do each day,
He's there when on my knees at night I pray.

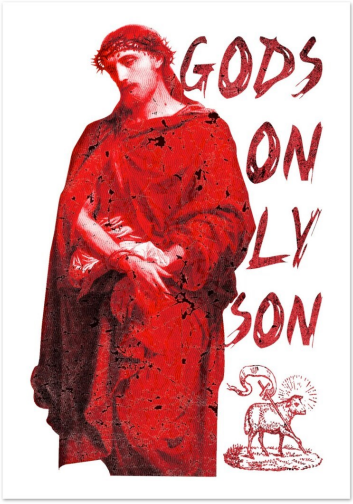
When I need help to make my life seem bright,
I know he's always there to hold the light.
He has no certain one to help who falls,
He's at the aid of anyone who calls.

When I am all alone and feel depressed,
I look to Him who knows the way best:
Though Satan tries to tempt me all he can,
My savior leads me by His mighty hand.

And when I walk beneath the stars at night,
They seem to make the whole earth shine so bright.
The sun, the clouds, the stars, and sky won't fade,
Nor anything on this wide earth he's made.

He made us first and lived for us,
He loved us and died for us;
And when the last of all of my work is done,
I'll journey on to meet God's only Son.

Emily Lockard, 1950
Published in Aiken Standard



Note: Emily wrote this poem over 76 years ago in 1950 for a high school English assignment in Texarkana, Texas at Texas High School when she was 18 years old.

Living in Faith Together (LIFT)

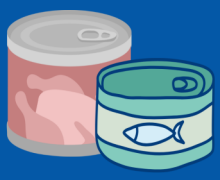
(Women's Small Group)

When: Sept. 1st, at 5:30pm
Where: Dom Postrillos Mexican Restaurant in Downtown Aiken

Angela will be leading the lesson with a review from chapters 1 and 2 of the Four Agreements

Please let Lynn know if you need childcare. To join our group on Facebook, scan this QR Code.

August's acts Collection:



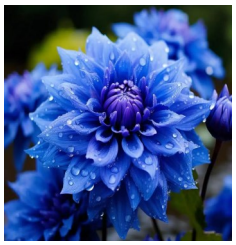
Canned Meat (chicken or tuna)

The annual ***Family Promise Rummage Sale***
St. Paul Lutheran Church on **Sept. 17th, 18th, & 19th**.

Can you help? ***We need volunteers to help the whole week, starting Sunday afternoon, the 13th, after church, especially if you have a pickup truck.*** Please contact Mary Bunch at 803-270-5599 or marybunch1953@gmail.com to sign up to help. The schedule is to move everything to St. Paul on Sunday, then spend Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday staging and pricing.

We need volunteers for Sunday (Aug 13th), Monday (Aug 14th) starting at SAPC and Tuesday (Aug 15th) 9-12 and 4-7, possibly Wednesday (Aug 16th) 9-12, Thursday (Aug 17th) 5:30-8, Friday (Aug 18th) and Saturday (Aug 19th) 7:30-2:00, then 1:30 - 3:30 to move out the leftovers, all at St. Paul. We need to turn in a schedule of volunteers by Sept 5th. Please let me know as soon as possible if/when you are able to volunteer.

Please bring your donations here at SAPC to be stored on the stage of the FLC. If you need help with moving your donation, please contact Mary Bunch. If you have furniture to donate, we much prefer to pick it up from your house the week of the sale. We will not be accepting donations of clothing, but most anything else will be greatly appreciated. There will be a preview sale on the evening of Sept. 17th (6-8pm) for a $10 entry fee for each person and free entrance for the regular sale Friday and Saturday, Sept 18th & 19th, 8am - 2pm. Please call or email Mary with any questions.



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.

NEW COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE HOURS

Thursdays
9am-10am & 11am-1pm

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

Hand Chimes
Instruments
Singing

Sunday Mornings
8:50am Fellowship Hall

Coordination Team:
Lyn VanDervort
and
Lynn Burkes

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, they need……..

- ***Non-Perishable Food Items***
- ***Possible Personal Care Items***

KINDer Closet

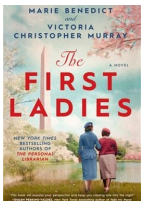
KINDerClosetSAPC@gmail.com
southaiken.org/KINDer-Closet

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.

The Chapter Chat Book Club



"The First Ladies"
by Marie Benedict

Thursday, September 3rd, at 2 pm.
Meet in the Church Library

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

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

The church email address is:
secretary@southaiken.org

Prayer Requests

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

Ed T. for comfort (hospice).
Jimmy H. for comfort.
John C. for recovery.
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.
Leland K. (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
Bob P. for comfort (hospice).

Homebound Members

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

Volunteers This Week

Pulpit Assistant: Shirley Colburn

Ushers: Margie Hamman, Gary Hamman, Scott Martin, Graham Culp

Sound: Alex McGee

Video: Kelly Frontroth

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Melissa Major

Ushers: Jenny Chase, Scott Martin, Linda Poulson, Bill Poulson

Sound: Scott Reboul

Video: Kelly Frontroth

Upcoming Schedule for Sunday School

August 30th
Teacher: Emily Martin
Assistant Teacher: Kimberly Goetter
Aide: Sandy Haines

September 6th *(Books of the Bible, Better than Shakespeare!)*
Teacher: Mary Bunch
Assistant Teacher: Jim Bunch
Aide: Sandy Erwin

September 13th *(Books of the Bible, Kind of a Big Deal!)*
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, August 30th
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
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
5:00p Youth Kickoff Night (Youth Room)

Monday, August 31st
9:30a Music Room Reserved
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball Practice (Gym)

Tuesday, September 1st
9:30a Sonshine Circle Meting (Library)
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
5:30p LIFT Meeting (Dom Postrillos)
7:00p Scouts Meeting (F205 in FLC)

Wednesday, September 2nd
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball Practice (Gym)
6:00p Young Adults Bible Study (Youth Room)
7:00p Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, September 3rd
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Chapter Chat Book Club (Library)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
5:00p Kash Elite Basketball Practice (Gym)

Friday, September 4th
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball Practice (Gym)

Saturday, September 5th
11:30a Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)

Sunday, September 6th
9:00a The Present Word Sunday School (Library)
- Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR) Book of Acts
10:00a Worship Service
11:30a Ives & Soumeilland Wedding (Sanctuary)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Youth Dinner & Games (Youth Room)

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

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Also with Instagram at: **southaikenpc**

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