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.

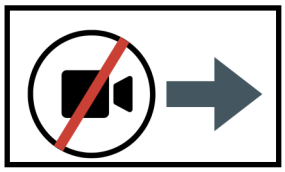
Welcome!

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.

August 9, 2026 **11th Sunday after Pentecost** **10:00 am**

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

Prelude ***"Open the Eyes of My Heart with Be Thou My Vision"*** **Hayes**
Olga Kuzmenkova (Accompanist)

Welcome and Announcements **Lyn VanDervort (Pulpit Assistant, PA)**

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

Introit ***"How Majestic Is Your Name"*** **Michael W. Smith**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** *(Psalm 105: 1-4) (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 God, sing praises to the Lord; tell of all the Lord's wonderful works.
One: Glory in God'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.

Hymn** ***"Lead Me, Guide Me" **Doris Akers**
(See Insert)

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 you see and hear the water being poured into baptismal font, let us witness to each other, 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 **Pastor Jason**

(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 ***"Lead Us, Love Us, Savior"*** **Lanny Lanford**

Prayer for Illumination

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

Old Testament Lessons: **Genesis 32: 22-31** *(pg. 79 of the Old Testament)*
New Testament Lesson **Matthew 14: 22-33** *(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 **"Meeting God in a Distracted World"** **Rev. Jason Hammersley**

Responsive Hymn # 834 ***"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"***

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 ***"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*** **Sorenson**

***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 #821** ***"My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep from Singing?)" **(stanzas 1-3)**

***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: 22-33) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.

Jesus Walks on the Water

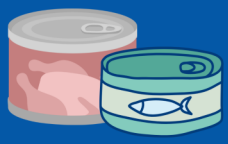
22 Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he
dismissed the _____. 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by
himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but by this time the _____, battered
by the waves, was far from the land,[a] for the wind was against them. 25 And early in the morning he
came walking toward them ___ the sea. 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they
were terrified, saying, "It is a _____!" And they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to
them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be _____."

28 Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the _____." 29 He
said, "Come." So _____ got out of the boat, started walking ____ the _____, and came to-
ward Jesus. 30 But when he noticed the strong wind,[b] he became _____, and, beginning to
sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him,
saying to him, "You of _____ faith, why did you doubt?" 32 When they got into the boat, the wind
ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the _____ of God."

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.

August's acts Collection:



Canned Meat (chicken or tuna)

acts
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)

SCAN ME! »»
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SECRET SANTA KICK OFF

2026

THANK You!

What a wonderful and blessed July!

I would like to personally say thank you to everyone who donated, signed up, volunteered, or supported our fundraiser in the past month!

As of July 31st we have

- 38 children directly sponsored
- 20 children sponsored monetarily
- new to us volunteers signed up
- a successful T-shirt fundraiser
- 15+ community partners spreading the news

THANK YOU!

We are still looking for corporate sponsorships and our ornaments will remain available through October 1st.

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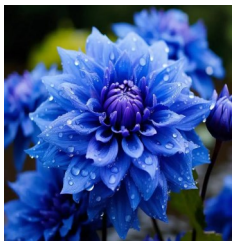
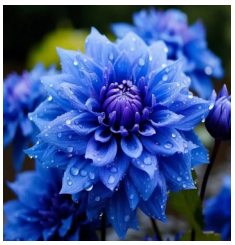


Reserve your date by visiting the new "Sanctuary Flowers" web page found under the Worship menu tab, or call the Secretary's office at 803-648-9574.



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.

aiken youth CHOIRS

Use the QR Code Interest Form and come sing with us!

Kinderchoir
CoEd - Ages : 3 - 8
Thursdays 4:30 - 5:30pm
First Presbyterian Church, Aiken

BOUND TO SING
Boys and Young Men - Ages : 8+
Mondays 4:00 - 5:15pm
Aiken's First Baptist Church

BELLINI
Girls - Ages : 9 - 13
Mondays 5:15 - 6:30pm
Aiken's First Baptist Church

BELLES CANTO
Young Ladies - Ages : 13 - 18
Mondays 4:30 - 6:00pm
First Presbyterian Church, Aiken

KINDer Closet

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

Volunteer your time | **Donate clothes** | **Give monetarily**

Current needs:

We Need Summer Clothes!

Donate clothing items or give monetarily to help us purchase items!

GIVE

Please drop off your donations in front of the Church Office, Narthex and Kindergarten Office. The bins are marked with the KINDer Closet logo.

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.

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: Lyn VanDervort

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

Sound: Scott Reboul

Video: Angela Clifford

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Greg Burkes

Ushers: Kathy Peterson, Greg Peterson, Debbi Reboul, Linda Blake

Sound: TBA

Video: Kelly Frontroth

Upcoming Schedule for 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

August 23rd
Teacher: Kimberly Goetter
Assistant Teacher: Madison Wooten
Aide: Shirley Colburn

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 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)
1:00p Officer Nominating Team (PCR)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)

Monday, August 10rd *(First Day of School!)*
9:30a Music Room Reserved
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
5:00p SAPK Board Meeting (Library)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball Practice (Gym)
6:30p Christian Education (Youth Rm.)

Tuesday, August 11th
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
7:00p Scouts Meeting (F205 in FLC)

Wednesday, August 12th
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
5:30p Worship & Music Team Meeting (Library)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball Practice (Gym)
7:00p Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, August 13th
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
1:15p Busy Hands in Faith (Library)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
5:00p Kash Elite Basketball Practice (Gym)

Friday, August 14th
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball Practice (Gym)

Saturday, August 15th
7:30a ACTS Senior Food Dist. (340 Park Ave SW)
11:30a Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)

Sunday, August 16th
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 Diaconate Meeting (Library)
1:00p Admin & Stewardship Meeting (Library)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)

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

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Also with Instagram at: **southaikenpc**

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