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.

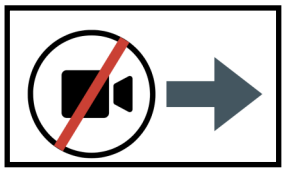
Welcome!

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.



FIRST MONDAYS
bible study

Monday, *Rescheduled for September. 14thj*

8:45 Coffee, 9am Lesson

Topic: "The Cross, the Cost, and the Community"

In seasons of weariness or transition, how do we find the strength to keep following Christ? We will dive deep into a rich collection of scriptures—including Numbers 21, Jeremiah 15, Romans 12, and Matthew 16, along with reflections from Isaiah, Galatians, and Hebrews. Together, we will explore the realities of the wilderness, the radical call of discipleship, and how we can lift each other up as a community of faith. Bring your Bible and a heart ready for discussion!

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US IN THE LIBRARY

Online Donations

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

September 13, 2026 **16th Sunday after Pentecost** **10:00 am**

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

Prelude ***"I Must Tell Jesus"*** **Sorenson**
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 ***"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"*** **Joseph Martin Kraus**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** *(Psalm 103: 1-7)(Read responsively):*

One: Bless the Lord, O our soul, and all that is within us,
ALL: Bless the Lord's holy name.
One: Bless the Lord, O our soul, and do not forget all God's benefits—
ALL: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
One: Who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
ALL: Who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Hymn** ***"In Christ Alone" **Keith Getty& Stuart Townsend**
(See Insert)

Prayer of Confession (Together): Gracious God, we confess that forgiveness is difficult to give. We struggle with the hurt feelings that linger and wonder if it is worth it to bring up the problem with another. Lead us to see the value in the lifted burden when we follow Jesus in forgiveness of others. Forgive us, O God, when we choose to hold grudges and pass opportunities to grow in forgiving others through 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 #447** ***"We Are Forgiven"

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Holy Interruption** (aka, Passing the Peace) *(Responsively):**

PA: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. 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 ***"Be Not Afraid "*** **Craig Courtney**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons: *(New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition, NRSVUE)***:**
Old Testament Lessons: Genesis 50: 15-21 *(pg. 48 of the Old Testament)*
Gospel Reading: Matthew 18: 21-35 (*pg. 20 of the New Testament)*

One: Hear what the Spirit says to the church.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **"Giving What You Have Been Given"** **Rev. Jason Hammersley**

Responsive Hymn #692** ***"Spirit, Open My Heart"

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 ***"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*** **Arr. By Lloyd Larson**

SAPC Handbell Ensemble

Joyce Culp, Becky Hare, Phillip Hare, Melissa Major, Alex Mc Gee, and Kelli Williams

***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 #700** ***"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

***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.

Sermon Scripture Activity (NRSVUE):

As the Scripture is read (Matthew 18: 21-35) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.

Forgiveness

21 Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I _____? As many as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy -seven[a] times.

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

23 "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle _____ with his slaves. 24 When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, 25 and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be _____, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and _____ to be made. 26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will _____ you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you _____.' 29 Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into _____ until he would pay the debt. 31 When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. 32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You _____ slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 Should you not have had _____ on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' 34 And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. 35 So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not _____ your brother or sister from your heart."

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.

September's acts Collection:

Spaghetti / Pasta

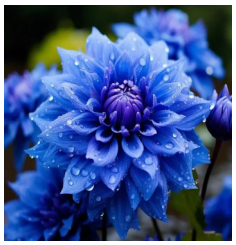
The annual ***Family Promise Rummage Sale***

St. Paul Lutheran Church

on

Sept. 17th, 18th, & 19th.

There will be a <u>preview sale</u> 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.

Whoops…change of plans!

Communications Office Hours

by appointment only

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.

KINDer Closet

We've expanded to include **children sizes 7 through 18** - if you have any items, please consider donating today!

Needs Big kid Sizes!

To All of Our Wonderful Volunteers

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

Anita P. & Linda M. - season of grief.
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. for strength
Sonni C. for stability.
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

Homebound Members

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

Volunteers This Week

Pulpit Assistant: Lyn VanDervort

Ushers: Elaine Barnes, Paul Miskimin, Vicki Schmidt, George Schmidt

Sound: Scott Martin

Video: Angela Clifford

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Paul Ebel

Ushers: Anita Self, Will Self, Andria Miller, Michael Garman

Sound: Steve Kuhl

Video: Haley Culp

Upcoming Schedule for Sunday School

September 13th *(Books of the Bible, Kind of a Big Deal!)*
Teacher: Susan Glenn
Assistant Teacher: Katie Moler
Aide: Susan Selden

September 20th *(Books of the Bible, Minor Leaguers!!)*
Teacher: Angela Clifford
Assistant Teacher: Madison Wooten
Aide: Shirley Colburn

September 27th *(Books of the Bible, The Books About Jesus!)*
Teacher: Allan Miller
Assistant Teacher: Kimberly Goetter
Aide: Sandy Haines

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, September 13th
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 ACTS Rummage Sale, Youth Help (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Youth Cooking Dinner w/Devotion Activities (Youth Room)

Monday, September 14th
8:45a First Mondays Bible Study (Library)
9:30a Music Room Reserved
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
5:00p SAPK Board Meting (Library)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball Practice (Gym)
6:30p Christian Education Meeting (Youth Room)

Tuesday, September 15th
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
5:00p Property Meeting (Library)
7:00p Scouts Meeting (F205 in FLC)

Wednesday, September 16th
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 17th
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
5:00p Kash Elite Basketball Practice (Gym)

Friday, September 18th
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball Practice (Gym)

Saturday, September 19th
7:30a ACTS Senior Food Distr. (340 Park Ave) SW
10:00a Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)

Sunday, September 20th
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
11:00a Sunday School Fall Open House (Fellowship Hall)
1:00p Admin & Stewardship Meeting (Library)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Youth Dinner & Mission Activity (Youth Room)

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

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Also with Instagram at: **southaikenpc**

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