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.

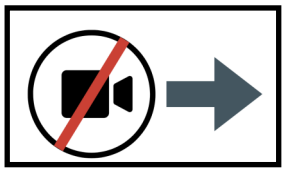
Welcome!

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.



Pastor Jason will be on vacation from Sept. 21st through to the 27th. He will be back in his office on the 28th. Please contact Lisa Lader for any Pastoral care or emergencies.

Online Donations

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

September 20, 2026 **17th Sunday after Pentecost** **10:00 am**

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

Prelude **Olga Kuzmenkova (Accompanist)**

Welcome and Announcements **Paul Ebel (Pulpit Assistant, PA)**

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

Introit ***"He is Exalted"*** **Twila Paris**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** *(Psalm 105: 1-6)(Read responsively):*

One: Give thanks to the Lord; call upon the Lod's name; make God's deeds known to all people!

ALL: Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord; dwell on all God's wondrous works!

One: Give praise to God's holy name! Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking the Lord!

ALL: Pursue the Lord and the Lord's strength; seek the Lord's face always!

One: Remember the wondrous works God has done, all God's marvelous works, and the justice God declared—…

ALL: you who are the offspring of Abraham, the Lord's servant, and the children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.

Hymn #839** ***"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!" **Phoebe Knapp**

Prayer of Confession (Together): Gracious God, we struggle with change. Changes produce uneasy feelings, disorientation, sadness, and even anger. Sometimes we let these feelings get the best of us. Forgive us, Lord, when we do not handle change in a way that is pleasing to you. Keep us open for your Holy Spirit breathing new life in us and maintain our stability when our feelings threaten us 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 #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: 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 **Angela Clifford**

(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 ***"Walking in the Spirit "*** **Mark Hayes**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons: *(New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition, NRSVUE)***:**
Old Testament Lessons: Exodus 16: 2-15 *(pg. 62 of the Old Testament)*
Gospel Reading: Matthew 20: 1-16 (*pg. 21 of the New Testament)*

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

Sermon **"Raining Bread From Heaven"** **Rev. Jason Hammersley**

Responsive Hymn #** ***"Guide My Feet (stanzas 1-6)"

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 ***"I Surrender All"*** **Sorenson**

***Doxology Hymn #608:** **Praise God from whom all blessings flow**
Praise Christ all people here below
Praise Holy Spirit evermore
Praise Triune 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 #742** ***"We Will Walk With God"

We will walk with God, my brothers; we will walk with God.
We will with God, my sisters, we will walk with God.
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

***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 20: 1-16**) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.*

The Laborers in the Vineyard

20 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to _____ laborers for his vineyard. [2] After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. [3] When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing _____ in the marketplace, [4] and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. [5] When he went out again about _____ and about three o'clock, he did the same. [6] And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here _____ all day?' [7] They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' [8] When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the _____ and give them their pay, beginning with the _____ and then going to the _____.' [9] When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. [10] Now when the first came, they thought they would receive _____; but each of them also received a denarius. [11] And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, [12] saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them _____ to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' [13] But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no _____; did you not agree with me for a denarius? [14] Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. [15] Am I not _____ to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?'[a] [16] So the last will be _____, and the first will be _____."[b]

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

Living in Faith Together (LIFT)

(Women's Small Group)

When: Oct. 5th, at 5:30pm
Where: SAPC's Library

Angela will be leading us with a devotion and bring your own dinner

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

The Chapter Chat Book Club

"In Spotlight and Shadow"

by Rachel Scott McDaniel

Thursday, October 1st, at 2 pm.
Meet in the Church Library

Enjoy reading a Christian dual-timeline historical, mystery, and contemporary romance novel!

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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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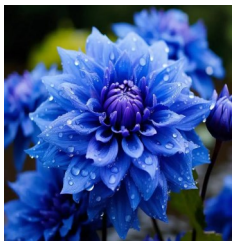

Reserve your date by visiting the new "Sanctuary Flowers" web page found under the Worship menu tab, or call the Secretary's office at 803-648-9574.

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: Paul Ebel

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

Sound: Steve Kuhl

Video: Haley Culp

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Greg Burkes

Ushers: Bonnie Hayes, Hank Hayes, Angela Clifford, Quinn Clifford

Sound: Alex McGee

Video: Kelly Frontroth

Upcoming Schedule for Sunday School

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

October 4th *(Pray-Ground, No Sunday School - World Communion Sunday)*

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 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)

Monday, September 21st
9:30a Music Room Reserved
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball Practice (Gym)

Tuesday, September 22nd
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
7:00p Scouts Meeting (F205 in FLC)

Wednesday, September 23rd
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball Practice (Gym)
7:00p Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, September 24th
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
1:15p Busy Hands in Faith (Library)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
5:00p Kash Elite Basketball Practice (Gym)

Friday, September 25th
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball Practice (Gym)

Saturday, September 26th
10:00a Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)

Sunday, September 27th
9:00a The Present Word Sunday School (Library)
- Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR) Book of Acts
10:00a Worship Service
1:00p Youth Group-Aiken Big Air Park (Aiken)
4:00p Session Meeting

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

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Also with Instagram at: **southaikenpc**

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