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.

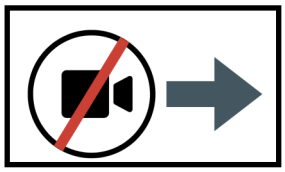
Welcome!

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 6, 2026 **15th Sunday after Pentecost** **10:00 am**

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

Prelude ***"It Is Well"*** **Labenske**
Olga Kuzmenkova (Accompanist)

Welcome and Announcements **Melissa Major (Pulpit Assistant, PA)**

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

Introit ***"Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand"*** **Kenyan Hymn**
Adapted by Greg Sheer

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** *(Psalm 103: 33-36)(Read responsively):*

One: Lord, teach us what your statutes are about, and we will guard every part of them.
ALL: Help us understand so we can guard your Instruction and keep it with all ours hearts.
One: Lead us on the trail of your commandments because that is what we want.
All: Turn our heart to your laws, not to greedy gain.

Hymn #240** ***"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" **Donald Fishel**

Prayer of Confession (Together): Gracious God, we confess that we hurt people with our words, our thoughts and our actions. We hurt people from what we have done and what we left undone. Forgive us, O God for our hurt we caused and may the gift of repentance be given to 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 #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 **Jim & Mary Bunch**

(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 ***"I'll Fly Away "*** **Arr. by Joel Raney**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons: *(New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition, NRSVUE)***:**
Old Testament Lessons: Ezekiel 33: 7-11 *(pg. 802 of the Old Testament)*
Gospel Reading: Matthew 18: 15-20 (*pg. 20 of the New Testament)*

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

Sermon **"Church Hurts Sometimes"** **Rev. Jason Hammersley**

Responsive Hymn #490** ***"Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

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

Minute for Stewardship **Paul Ebel**

Offering of Gifts

Offertory ***"How Great Is Our God"*** **Alex-Zsolt**

***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 #300** ***"We Are One in the Spirit"

***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: 15-20) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.

Reproving Another Who Sins

15 "If your brother or sister sins against you,[a] go and point out the _____ when the two of you are _____. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. 16 But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be _____ by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly I tell you, whatever you _____ on earth will be _____ in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my _____, I am there among them."

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

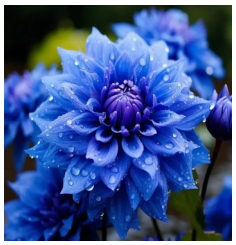
The annual ***Family Promise Rummage Sale***

St. Paul Lutheran Church on **Sept. 17th, 18th, & 19th**.

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.

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.

SAPC's Blessing Box

Please don't forget our homeless, please consider bringing one of the following for them.

Possible Non-Perishable Food Items

- Bottled Water
- One-box meals
- Dried fruits & nuts
- Canned goods
- Granola bars, Crackers
- Fruit cups, Instant Oatmeal
- meat, fruit, & vegetables

Possible Personal Care Items

- Unused Underwear/Socks
- Travel-sized hygiene items (toothpaste, soap, etc.)
- Toilet paper
- Band Aids/Wet wipes
- Nail clippers

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.

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

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: Melissa Major

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

Sound: Scott Reboul

Video: Kelly Frontroth

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Lyn VanDervort

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

Sound: Scott Martin

Video: Angela Clifford

Upcoming Schedule for Sunday School

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

September 20th
Teacher: Angela Clifford
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, 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, Fellowship Hall & Library)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Youth Dinner & Games (Youth Room)

Monday, September 7th
8:45a First Mondays Bible Study (Library
9:30a Music Room Reserved
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Communication Team Meeting (PCR)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball Practice (Gym)

Tuesday, September 8th
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
7:00p Scouts Meeting (F205 in FLC)

Wednesday, September 9th
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
5:30p Worship & Music Team Meeting (Library)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball Practice (Gym)
6:00p Young Adults Bible Study (Youth Room)
7:00p Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, September 10th
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 11th
12:00p Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Mighty Warriors Basketball Practice (Gym)

Saturday, September 12th
10:00a Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
4:30p ACTS Rummage Sale Help (FLC)

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
11:30a Mission & Membership Meeting (Library)
2:00p Pickleball (Gym)
6:00p Youth Cooking Dinner w/Devotion Activities (Youth Room)

* *FLC - Family Life Center*

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Also with Instagram at: **southaikenpc**

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