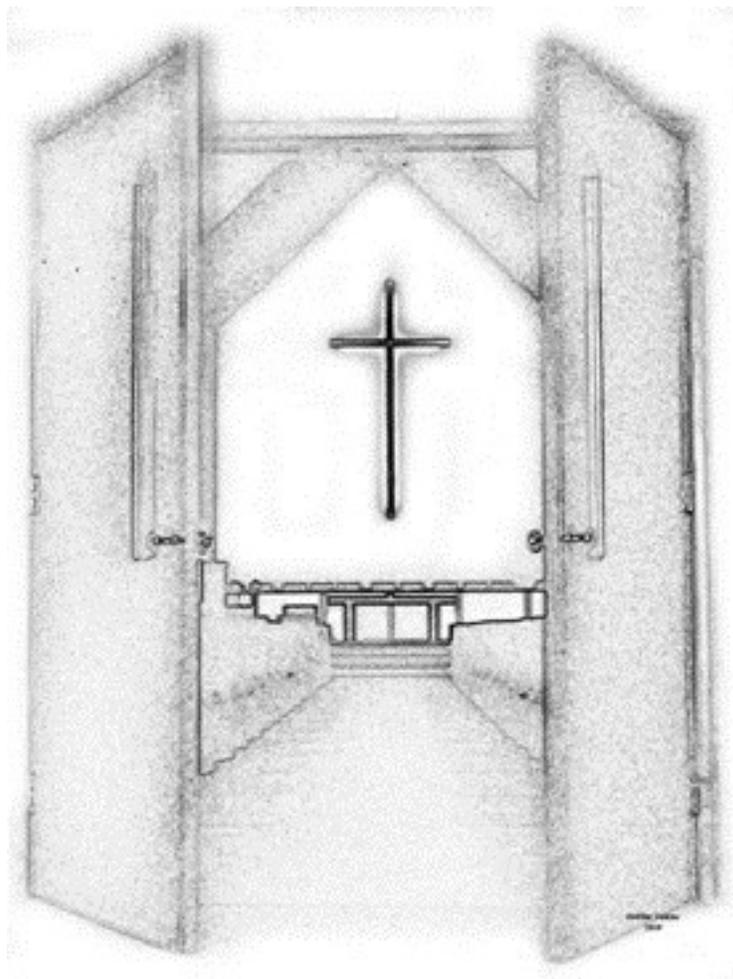


SOUTH AIKEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our Purpose... "Opening Doors to Serve Christ"



1711 Whiskey Road

Aiken, SC 29803



Welcome

Welcome to South Aiken Presbyterian Church! We are glad that you are here this morning to join in offering a service of worship to the Lord. We believe all people are children of God. We believe that the redeeming grace of God can bring each of us into a new day. We believe all people are loved with a love that has no end in Jesus Christ. Today, may our eyes be opened again to these truths. May the blessings of joy and hope that can only come from the nearer presence of God fill each of our hearts. Let us worship God!

NURSERY AND CHILDREN

Infants and toddlers are welcome in our nursery during both of our worship services and during our 10:00 a.m. Sunday school hour. The nursery is located on the north side of the SAPC building complex. To find it, please exit the front (main) entrance to the sanctuary and turn left. You will see a sign for the nursery at the door on the side of the next building.

Children are invited either to remain in the sanctuary for the worship services or to go to the nursery at their parents' discretion. For those children who remain for the services, worship activity bags are available and may be picked up near the doors as you enter the sanctuary. Bags are available for both older children (ages 7-12 - blue handle) and younger children (ages 3-6 - purple handle). During today's 11:00 a.m. service, children ages 3 years through 5K are welcome to participate in our Children's Church program, which follows the Moment with Children. Chaperones will escort the children from the sanctuary to the fellowship hall for the program. You may pick your children up in the fellowship hall after the service. **If you need assistance of any kind, please see an usher.**

PLEASE NOTE: Please silence your phone during the service. If needed, large print hymnals and sound amplification devices are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance in obtaining these items.

Epiphany

January 6, 2019

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

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

GATHERING

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Welcome & Signing of the Friendship Register

Steve Kuhl

Introit

Jesus, Light of Joy

Lauda Anima

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

***Call to Worship** (*Responsive*)

One: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of God's name;

All: worship the LORD in holy splendor.

One: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

All: the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

One: The voice of the LORD is powerful;

All: the voice of the LORD is full of majesty,

and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

***Prayer of the Day** (*Unison*)

Eternal God, in your Son Jesus Christ we have more than a fresh start for an old humanity. We have a new beginning as a new people. Grant that we may embrace more deeply that new beginning as we begin a new year. Enable us to live out our baptism by trusting your promises, obeying your word, and sharing the Good News. Help us to do this each and every day of the year to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn #20**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

***Prayer of Confession** (*Unison*)

us to one another. We confess that we have not lived into this new life, but remain enchanted with the old. Clinging to old habits we resist the change that Christ brings. Unwilling to forgive, we remain captive to old grudges. Conditioned by past disappointments, we live with more fear than hope. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us and forgive us. By your Holy Spirit, help us to turn from the old ways that lead to death, and to turn towards the new life offered in your new creation.

(Time for Silent Confession)

One: We ask this in Christ's name,

All: Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

***Passing of the Peace (11:00) (Responsive)**

One: Since Christ has extended to us the peace of God, let us, as his disciples, spread his peace to others.
The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us exchange signs of Christ's peace with one another.

Children's Moment (11:00)

The Sacrament of Baptism: Thomas Liam Campbell (son of Sarah and Mathew Scott)(11:00)

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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**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.**

Prayer Response

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Pew Bible Page 690

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21-12

Pew Bible Page 2

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Go Tell It on the Mountain

arr. Joe Martin

Message

Better Late Than Never

Rev. John A. Muse

***Hymn #307**

God of Grace and God of Glory

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

***Affirmation of Faith: "The Apostles' Creed"** (Traditional) (*Unison*)

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.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

***Doxology**

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

***Hymn #673**

Jesus, Light of Joy

***Charge**

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Take My Life

Hymn #697

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

***Postlude**

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Those Serving in the Military

Daniel Bartlett - grandson of Ron & Sandy Bartlett

Robert Kocis - son of Andrew Kocis

Tom Kocis - nephew of Andrew Kocis

Ben McCullough - son of Lisa McCullough

Louis Wilson - son-in-law of Brenda M. Morgan

Nichole McMillen - Daughter of Dr. James and Gail McMillen

Ian Fields - son-in-law of John & Sue Kelly



The PNC Is Now at Work!

SAPC's Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has begun its work to find a new pastor. The PNC is meeting on a frequent and regular schedule and will first examine church finances to determine what type of compensation package can be offered to the new pastor. They will also develop a Ministry Information Form (MIF) to express SAPC's ministry context, demographics, history, theology, values, leadership needs, etc. For this work, they will be using the recently published SAPC Mission/Vision Task Force Study. The PNC's work is confidential and honors the integrity of the call process but be assured that it is working in the best interest of SAPC. Your PNC members are:

Greg Burkes
Shirley Colburn
Robert Glance
Crissy Kuhl
Brooke Sheehan
Haley Culp
Corey Glenn (Youth)



Bonnie Hayes as she receives radiation treatment

The family of Kelli George (Mary Bunch's niece) who passed away at the age of 32 leaving behind her husband, Michael, and two young daughters, Jenalyn and Julianne

Jamye Becker (Jayne Becker's sister in law) as she recovers from surgery and then begins radiation

Nancy Hufford following knee replacement surgery

Tony Blake (Linda Blakes's grandson) as he continues to recuperate following surgery

Bruce Caswell (Shirley Colburn's brother) as he seeks care at the Cleveland Clinic

Alvin Rollins (Betty Busch's brother) whose health is deteriorating

Chris Parnell (Emma Parnell's son) who has multiple health issues

PRAYER PARTNERS

Prayer is a powerful force for those in need of healing, comfort, strength, and encouragement. It can also be a blessing for those offering prayer. If you have a prayer request after office hours, on weekends, or during holidays or would like more info, contact Emily Lockard. You can either call Emily at (803) 649-0473 or email her at: emilybim@bellsouth.net. If you have a prayer request during office hours (M-TH; 8am-5pm), please contact Denise at the church office at 648-9574 or at 1denisesap@gmail.com.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



TONIGHT!

Youth Spring Planning

5:30-7:30 p.m. - Youth Room

Jan. 13th

Scavenger Hunt

5:30-7:00 p.m. - Youth Room

Jan. 20th - No Youth (MLK Holiday)



January Happenings

TONIGHT!: Family Olympics (with pizza!)
@ 5:00 p.m.

January 13th - MLK Day of Service

January 19th - Celebrating National Book Month
by Reading to Dogs at the Animal
Shelter

January 27th - Winter Lasts Forever! Ice Cream
Social

A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, Jan. 6th

8:45a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:45a - Sunday School (Campus)
11:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
5:00p - Children's Ministry - Family Olympics w/ Pizza
5:30p - Youth - Spring Planning Mtg. (Youth Room)

Monday, Jan. 7th

SAPK Classes Begin
7:30a - Morning Glory (Gym)
12:15p - Bible Friends (Gym/Playground)

Tuesday, Jan. 8th

7:30a - Morning Glory (Gym)
12:00p - Adult Ed. Committee Mtg. (PCR)
12:15p - Bible Friends (Gym/Playground)
2:00p - Membership Committee Mtg. (PCR)
6:30p - Property Committee Mtg. (PCR)
7:00p - M'Aiken Music (Choir Room)

Wednesday, Jan. 9th

7:30a - Morning Glory (Gym)
12:15p - Bible Friends (Gym/Playground)
6:00p - Basketball (Gym)
6:00p - Worship Committee Mtg. (PCR)
7:00p - Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, Jan. 10th

7:30a - Morning Glory (Gym)
12:15p - Bible Friends (Gym/Playground)
1:30p - Karate (FH)
6:30p - Scout Den Mtg. (Gym)
7:30p - Swingsation Practice (Choir Room)

Friday, Jan. 11th

7:30a - Morning Glory (Gym)
12:15p - Bible Friends (Gym/Playground)

Saturday, Jan. 12th

9:00a - SAPC Officers' Retreat & Session Mtg. (First Pres.)



January Collection:

Canned/pouched tuna, chicken or meat



The Book Club Will Meet

Monday, Jan. 28th

@ 7:00 p. m.

Pastor's Conference Room

This month's book selection is:

The Dog Who Was There

by Ron Marasco

No one expected Barley to have an encounter with the Messiah. He was homeless, hungry, and struggling to survive. Most surprisingly, he was a dog. But through his eyes, the story of a teacher from Galilee comes alive in a way we've never experienced before.

<bits & pieces>

ATTENDANCE

Last Sunday: (8:45) - 65
(11:00) - 77

VOLUNTEERS FOR TODAY

Flowers: *In memory of Tom Pons. Given by Peg Pons.*

Pulpit Assistant: Steve Kuhl

Sound System: (8:45) Crissy Kuhl (11:00) Darrell Pluff

Ushers: (8:45) Rebie Green (H), Sandy Haines (A)

(11:00) Jennifer Huntley (H), Dale Stephens (A)

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Flowers: *In honor of Sierra's birthday. Given by Marilyn Hofstetter.*

Pulpit Assistant: Crissy Kuhl

Sound System: (8:45) Steve Kuhl (11:00) Dale Stephens

Ushers: (8:45) Lyn VanDervort (H), Dale Stephens (A)

(11:00) Margie Hamman (H), Gary Hamman (A)

(H) Head (A) Assistant

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