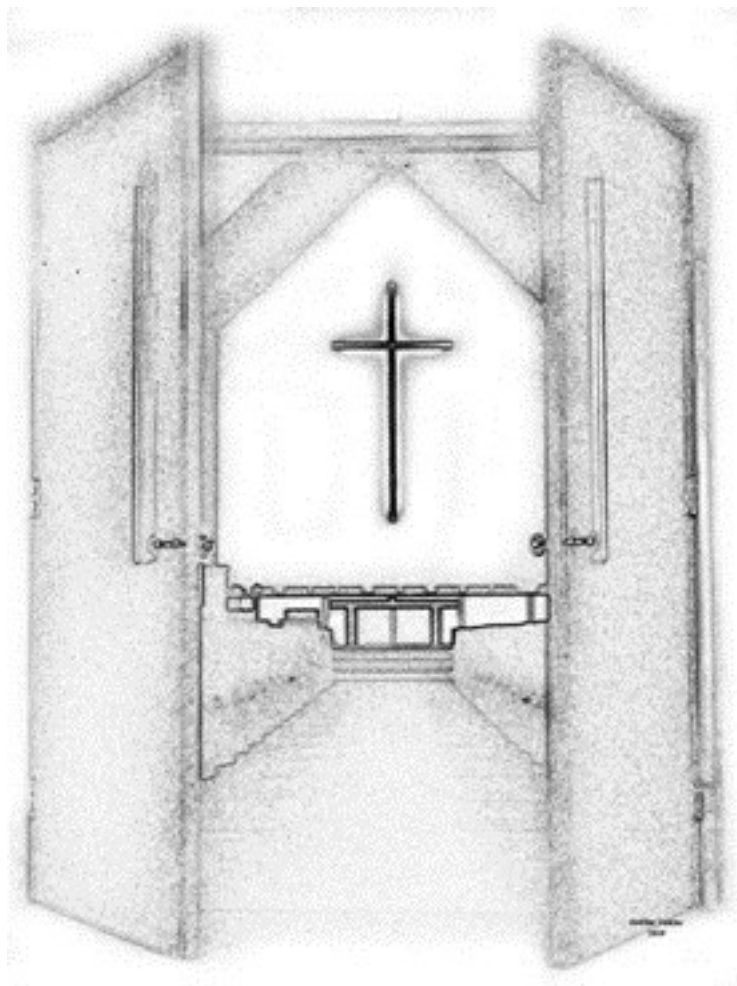


SOUTH AIKEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



1711 Whiskey Road

Aiken, SC 29803



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.

First Sunday after Christmas

December 30, 2018

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

Andrew Goslen

Introit

All Creatures of Our God and King

Vaughn Williams

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

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

One: Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior, which is Christ the Lord.

Many: Behold, the tabernacle of God is with his people, and God will dwell with us and we shall be his people, and God himself shall be with us and be our God.

One: Let us worship Christ our Lord who has come and will come again.

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

Lord, giver of life and eternal life, the person of Jesus, you became one of us to set us free from sin and death. Accept our worship this day so that we may better follow you to the pace where you would have us be. Hear us Lord Jesus and be forever near to us. Amen.

***Hymn #143**

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

***Prayer of Confession** - Book of Common Prayer (*Unison*)

Have mercy on us, most merciful father, and in your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Grant us newness of life so that we may serve you better. Hear our prayers.

(Time for Silent Confession)

One: Turning towards God's grace, the people said,

All: Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***The Gloria Patri**

Hymnal Page 581

**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)

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

Hymnal Page 35

**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

My Shepard Will Supply My Need

Folk Melody

THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 123

Pew Bible Page 572

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:22-35

Pew Bible Page 59

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

He Is Born

David Schwoebel

Message

Simeon

Rev. John A. Muse

***Hymn #110**

Love Has Come

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**

Hymnal Page 606

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 #134**

Joy to the World

***Charge**

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Angels We Have Heard on High
Hymn 113

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

***Postlude**

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Those Serving in the Military

Daniel Bartlett - grandson of Ron & Sandy Bartlett

Robert Kocis - son of Andrew & Jodi Kocis

Tom Kocis - nephew of Andrew & Jodi 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



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



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)



If you would like a packet of numbered, 2019 offering envelopes and did not find a set with your name in the box in the narthex, please contact Denise at 648-9574. The envelopes are provided to assist you and are a convenient way to keep track of your giving throughout the year.



The church office will be open Monday, Dec. 31st., be closed on New Year's Day and reopen again on Jan. 2nd.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



TODAY! Dec. 30th
No Youth - Christmas Break

Jan. 6th
Youth Spring Planning
5:30-7:30 p.m. - Youth Room

Jan. 13th
Scavenger Hunt
5:30-7:00 p.m. - Youth Room



TODAY!!: Family Game Night & New Year's Eve Party

January Happenings

Jan. 6th: Family Olympics (with pizza!)
@ 5:00 p.m.



SAPK Announcements

SAPK is on Christmas break!

Classes resume January 7th.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, Dec. 30th

8:45a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:45a - Sunday School (Campus)
11:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
5:00p - Children's Ministry - Family Game Night & New Year's Eve Party

Monday, Dec. 31st

SAPK Christmas Break

Tuesday, Jan. 1st

New Year's Day
Office Closed/SAPK Christmas Break

Wednesday, Jan. 2nd

SAPK on Christmas Break
6:00p - Basketball (Gym)
7:00p - Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, Jan. 3rd

SAPK Christmas Break
6:30p - Long-Range Planning Mtg. (PCR)

Friday, Jan. 4th

SAPK Christmas Break
9:00a - Small Group Women's Bible Study (?)

Saturday, Jan. 5th

No events are currently scheduled



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.



January Collection:

Canned/pouched tuna, chicken or meat

<bits & pieces>

ATTENDANCE

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

VOLUNTEERS FOR TODAY

Flowers: *Don Morgan*

Pulpit Assistant: Andrew Goslen

Sound System: (8:45) Robert Glance **(11:00)** Phil Lockard

Ushers: (8:45) Nichol Gregory (H), Dale Stephens (A)

(11:00) Robert Glance (H), Cheryl Glance (A)

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

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

Pulpit Assistant:

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

Ushers: (8:45) (H), (A)

(11:00) (H), (A)

(H) Head (A) Assistant

SAPC STAFF

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Kindergarten Director: 648-9895 ext. 107

Phillip Hare, Director of Music

Scott Chappell, Pianist/Accompanist

Tracie Toulson, Financial Manager: ext. 103

Denise Underwood, Secretary: ext. 100

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