



1711 Whiskey Road

Aiken, SC 29803

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2020

8:45 a.m.

(Virtual service via website & Facebook Live)

(Link to Facebook Live on southaiken@org, then Click **Virtual Church**)

Enjoy listening to the preservice music as you prepare for worship! Come to God with your whole self to worship the triune God!

Welcome & Announcements

Chiming of the Hour (*Three times for the Trinity: God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit*)

Prelude

Introit

Seek Ye First

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Call to Worship (Psalm 46:1-5)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

Hymn

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth;
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thou desires e'er have been granted
in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that following the Holy Spirit is difficult when the Spirit leads us to unfamiliar territory. We want to keep the comfort we have found in what we know. Learning to accept a new teaching challenges our faith and sometimes receives resistance from us. Forgive us, O God, for not being open and resistant to your Spirit's leading to new directions through Jesus Christ our Lord (*in silence, confess your personal sin...*) Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Font

As we see the pouring of the water, let us remember rebirth through the Holy Spirit that Christ promises in our baptism.

Hymn

Lord of All Good

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you:
use them your holy purpose to fulfil,
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
that our whole life is offered to your will.

We give our mind to understand thy ways;
hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great design;
heart with the flame of your own love ablaze,
till for thy glory all our powers combine.

Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:
to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

The Peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with You (Share your peace in the message section on Facebook Live)

Children's Moment

Michelle Lorio

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

In the Stillness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Numbers 27:1-11

New Testament Lesson

Acts 11:1-18

One: Hear what the Spirit says to the Church!

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Wilderness Series: The Wind of a Different Torah

Reverend Jason Hammersley

Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand;
lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light;
take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near;
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall;
take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith: A Brief Statement of Faith (*excerpt*)

In life and in death we belong to God. We trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession (Church, world, our nation, communities, individuals, the future)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts (You may give either electronically on our website (www.southaiken.org) under ONLINE GIVING or you may send a check to the church office at SAPC, attn: Treasurer, 1711 Whiskey Rd., Aiken, SC 29803)

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

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what T\thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER PARTNERS

Prayer is a powerful force for both those in need of healing, comfort, strength, and encouragement and for those engaging in 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 1denisesap@gmail.com or at 648-9574.

Prayer for Healing

Richard Edwards as he receives chemotherapy

Emma Parnell as she fights congestive heart failure and renal issues.

David Ice following a dementia diagnosis

Phil Lockard



GriefShare is a grief ministry that runs for 13 weeks. It incorporates videos, workbook, and group discussion. There is a \$15 cost for the workbook. We meet in the Family Life Center Gym in Mondays from 6-8 pm. You can join anytime during the 13 weeks. Contact Deacon Barbara Knapp by phone (602) 284-8721 or email Barbararknapp@gmail.com.



In-Person Worship

Sundays @11:00 a.m.

SAPC is now offering in-person worship at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. Those who would like to attend the service must preregister by 5:00 p.m. the Thursday before the service. Seating is limited. To register, you may either email Denise at 1denisesap@gmail.com or call the church office. Registration for each service will be on a first come, first served basis. There will be no standing reservations or reserved seats. When registering, please give Denise the names of all those who will be sitting with you so that their names may be included on the list. Attendees should plan to arrive between 10:30 and 10:55 a.m. Masks are expected, and those who arrive without one will be given a mask. No nursery or children's church will be offered during this Phase I reopening.



SAPC Secret Santa 2020

We Still Need Volunteers!

Registration will be from 0800-1200 Saturdays, Oct 3rd and 10th. You may sign up for one or both. There will be a brief training session scheduled the week of Sept 28th.

Please contact Crissy Kuhl to sign up!

kuhl1704@gmail.com

803-522-1520

Donations Are NOW Being Accepted!

Due to Covid-19 we will NOT be sponsoring individual kids this year. All children will be shopped for by a handful of Secret Santa elves, primarily online. That means donations are more important than ever! Please go to SouthAiken.org and follow the links to the Secret Santa donations or send a check to the church with Secret Santa in the memo.



Origins Adult Sunday School Continues on Zoom

SAPC continues to hold an adult Sunday school class via ZOOM every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. The *Origins* group has been working its way through the Bible “in detail” and they are now starting 1st and 2nd Samuel. Everyone is invited to tune into the class. All you need to do is go to the ZOOM address below, click “join a meeting” and enter the meeting ID number. You will be admitted into the chat room. Please consider giving this class a try! Below is the invitation and meeting schedule:

South Aiken Presbyterian Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: ORIGINS Sunday School Class on Samuel

Every week on Sun.

Sep 27, 2020 10:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91390616867>

Meeting ID: 913 9061 6867

Sonshine Circle

1st Tuesday of each Month

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Good news! Thanks to the efforts of the Session and the Coronavirus Task Force, the gym in the Family Life Center has been set up for small group meetings with appropriate social distancing. The Sonshine Circle meets in this space the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. The group is doing the *Horizons* study *Into the Light*. Study books are available if you do not have one.

Masks are not required while you are seated in the gym during the meeting. However, you may wear one if it makes you more comfortable. Also, attendees are required to sign in upon arrival on the sign-in sheet with their name, phone number and email address.

We look forward to seeing you!!!!

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