



1711 Whiskey Road

Aiken, SC 29803

Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2020

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

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

(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

John Kelly

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

Prelude

Scott Chappell

Introit

Jesus, We are Here

Philip Hare

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Call to Worship (*Psalm 1*) (*Read in Unison at 8:45am; Responsively at 11:00am*)

One: Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers.

Many: But whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.

ALL: That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruits in season and whose leaf does not wither - whatever they do prospers.

*Hymn #275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.

Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.

His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,

On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,

Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is He.

Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,

And he must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Gracious God, we confess that in our baptism you claimed us as your own, yet sometimes it takes longer for us to embrace the grace given. We sometimes act like our sin is not forgiven. We forget that our old life has been crucified with Christ. Help us, O God, to accept your grace, and walk in the resurrection you gave through Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit. (*in silence, confess your personal sin...*) Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

(As we see the pouring of the water, let us remember rebirth through the Holy Spirit in our baptism in this pandemic.)

The Font

The Peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with You (Share your peace in the message section on Facebook Live at 8:45 am)

Children's Moment (8:45 only)

Jimmy Bunch

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

Day of Arising

Philip Hare

Epistle Lesson

Romans 6: 1-7, 11-14

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28: 16-20

One: Hear what the Spirit says to the Church!

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rebirth in the Water

Rev. Jason Hammersley

“I was there to hear your burning cry; I’ll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child with a faith to suit you well;

In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.”

“When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on.

You were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,

I’ll be there to make the verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.”

“In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,

I’ll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I’ve begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,

I’ll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.”

“I was there to hear your burning cry; I’ll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***Affirmation of Faith (Unison): 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 place your tithes and financial gifts in the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary. The plates will be in the narthex. Please maintain social distancing as you exit..

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 #743

O God, You Are My God

Oh God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

Oh God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk your ways.

And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



2021 SAPC Officer Nominees

After reaching out to all the individuals, who have accepted the call to service, the SAPC Officer Nominating Committee (ONC) is putting forward the following slate of nominees to serve as SAPC Officers in 2021. The nominees will be presented at the fall congregational meeting, which is scheduled for **November 1, 2020 at 10:00AM**:

Elders who have accepted God's Calling:

Kelli Williams
Anita Self
Angela Clifford
Lyn VanDervort

Deacons who have accepted God's Calling:

Susan Selden
Elsie Worpell
Jane Jones
Sonni Callan
Michelle Green

Trustee who has accepted God's Calling:

Ken Hofstetter

Congregational Members who will serve on 2021 SAPC ONC:

Pam Pethick
Martin McCrum
Mary Bunch

Shirley Shaw as she deals with health issues

Emma Parnell as she recovers following surgery

The family of Nell Burkes (Greg Burkes' mother) as they mourn following her death

Kim Isiminger (Lois Isiminger's daughter-in-law) as she recovers following successful surgery

Bill (Susan Selden's father) as he struggles with mobility issues and loss of appetite

Bob Baker who is home with assistance and hospice care

The family of Phyllis Davis (Cyndy Duggins' sister) as they mourn

Dawn (Sue Kelly's niece) who has been diagnosed with myeloid leukemia

Lemont (Myra Toomajian's brother) who has successfully made the move to PA, and needs continuing prayers for healing.

Magnolia (the daughter of Mary Snyder's niece) who has been unable to eat but is now responding to treatment

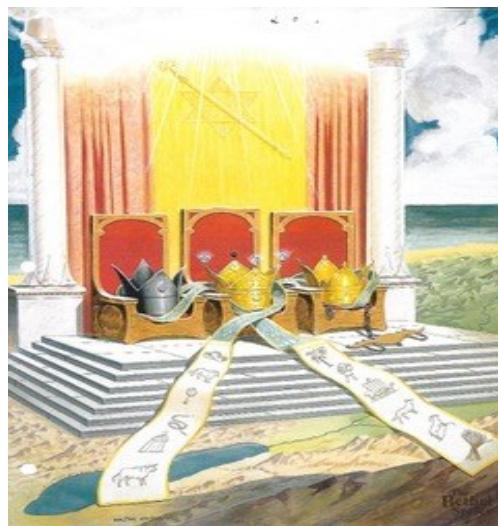
Leslie Coakley, who is in rehab at NHC, North Augusta following successful knee replacement surgery

Richard Edwards as he receives chemotherapy

David Ice following a dementia diagnosis

Phil Lockard as he receives a new cancer treatment

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Origins Adult Sunday School on Zoom

Now Studying - 1st & 2nd Samuel

Every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. SAPC offers a ZOOM adult Sunday school class, which is taught by Paul Ebel and Mary Bunch. This class started four years ago with Jeff Morgan leading an in-depth study of Genesis that dug deeply into the origins of our Christian heritage. Since that time, the class has studied seven more books of the Bible, and it will now take up 1st and 2nd Samuel. We are seeing the legacy upon which Jesus' arrival on earth was based. What a great story, and everyone is invited to join the class. Just click on the ZOOM site below and say "Hello."

This study also incorporates information from the Bethel Bible Series which SAPC used years ago. The picture above represents the three kings of Israel: Saul, David, and Solomon. David is in the middle with the golden crown and jewels, because David was the pinnacle of the age of kings. Come to this class and learn why we say that.

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

Topic: Adult Sunday School Lesson – 1st & 2nd Samuel

Time: 10:00 a.m. Eastern time (US and Canada)

Every week on Sun, until Nov 28, 2020, 6 occurrences

NEW ADDRESS, MEETING ID and PASSCODE!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96862757969?pwd=V1VUakRVVWZveFZUampVQzd3T0Y4dz09>

Meeting ID: 968 6275 7969

Passcode: 340422

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



SAPC Secret Santa 2020

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.



NOTICE OF TIME CHANGE

Fall Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 1, 2020

10:00AM

The purpose of the meeting is to elect new SAPC officers (Class of 2023), trustees, and the 2021 SAPC Officer Nominating Committee and to conduct any other related business.

Members who attend the 8:45 service are asked to remain in the sanctuary following the service.

The will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Members coming to the 11:00 service are asked to come at 10:00AM. The service will begin directly following the meeting

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join Us!



Adult Christian Education Committee welcomes the Return of Food for Thought
(with a few changes for now)

Please join us for Prayer, Song, and Discussion

Instead of Dinner we will be serving packaged desserts and bottled drinks. Seating will be socially distanced and masks are highly suggested.

Dates: Wednesday Oct. 21, 28, Nov 4, 11, and 18

Time: 6:30-7:30pm
(please note time change)

Topic: A Scriptural Look at Bringing Calm to a Chaotic World.
Study is based on the book *Holy Disunity--How What Separates Us Can Save Us* by Layton Williams.

Books are available for purchase for \$10

Presenters will be: Frank Cunningham, Pastor Jason Hammersley, Paul Ebel and Mary Bunch with the 5th week a Culmination of the Study.

Reservations are requested.

Please call or email Mary Barber
803-270-1410/jbarber57@bellsouth.net



TRUNK Treat



FOR SAPC & SAPK FAMILIES

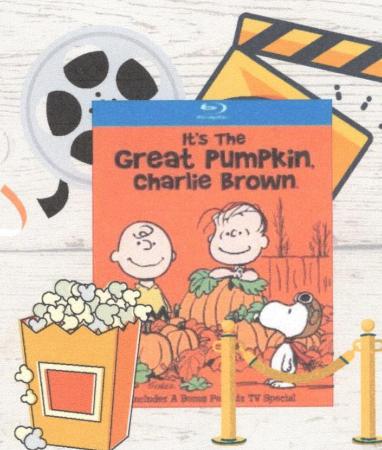
November 1st

4:30-6:00 PM

•MOVIE •COSTUME CONTEST •BEST DECORATED TRUNK •CANDY

Covid Controls

- MASKS ARE REQUIRED
- SOCIAL DISTANCING IS TO BE MAINTAINED
- PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO ENSURE THEIR CHILDREN WEAR MASKS
- MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING
- ONLY PRE-PACKAGED CANDY IS TO BE DISTRIBUTED
- GLOVES ARE TO BE WORN WHEN HANDING OUT CANDY.



TO VOLUNTEER, SUPPLY CANDY OR PARTICIPATE WITH A TRUNK, PLEASE CALL OR TEXT SHARON JOHNSON @ 803.599.6613

SAPC Children and Families



**Children's Church is back in session on November 8th. We are so excited!
We have missed worshipping with you in person on Sunday mornings.**

We will not be meeting in the Sanctuary for Children's Moment.

Children should go directly to Fellowship Hall before the 11:00AM service.

Children will remain socially distanced, but that won't stop us from having a great time!

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