

# **SOUTH AIKEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



**1711 Whiskey Road**

**Aiken, SC 29803**

# Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 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

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

## Prelude

## Introit

*Jesus, We Are Here*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### \*Call to Worship (Psalm 100)

One: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

**Many: Worship the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.**

One: Know that the LORD is God. It is God that made us, and we are God's; we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

**Many: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise. Give thanks to the Lord, bless the Lord's name.**

**All: For the LORD is good; the Lord's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

### \*Hymn

#### Here in This Place

*Gather Us In*

Here in this place new light is streaming;  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space, our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery.  
We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;  
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you.  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away,  
but here in this place, the new light is shining;  
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in - and hold us forever,  
gather us in - and make us your own.  
Gather us in - all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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

Gracious God, we confess that we worship you more than we show. Sometimes we do not reveal the joy, encouragement, and love we feel to others. Sometimes our knowing of your great acts does not produce the expression or response you seek in us. May we extend our openness to your Spirit in worship so that our encounter with God's presence is transformative 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**

##### **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in God's justice,  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven.  
There is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of the mind.  
And the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful,  
we would gladly trust God's word,  
and our lives reflect thanksgiving  
for the goodness of our Lord.

**The Peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with You (8:45)** Share your peace in the message section on Facebook Live. (11:00) Peace shared responsively.

**Children's Moment (11:00)**

*Michelle Lorio*

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD**

**Anthem**

*Jesus Paid It All*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Lesson**

**Genesis 1:1-5**

**Gospel Lesson**

**Luke 1:26-35**

**One:** Hear what the Spirit says to the Church!

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

### **The Rhythm of Worship**

Reverend Jason Hammersley

**\*Hymn**

**Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness**

*Spirit*

#### ***Refrain***

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness, calling and free.  
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,  
wind, wind on the sea.*

**You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing,  
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."**

**You swept through the dessert; you stung with the sand;  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land.  
When they were confounded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.**

**You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.  
And down in the city, you called once again  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.**

**You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;  
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.  
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise.**

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

### **\*Affirmation of Faith: A Brief Statement of Faith - Excerpt (*Unison*)**

**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**

(8:45) You may give either electronically on our website ([www.southaiken.org](http://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) (11:00)

(11:00) 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**

#### **Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song**

**Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;  
I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go:  
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.  
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.**

**Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.  
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.**

**As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,  
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.  
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.  
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.**

**I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;  
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.  
And will all of the family you saved by your love,  
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.**

### **\*Charge and Benediction**

### **\*Postlude**

# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRAYER PARTNERS

Emily Lockard will be unavailable to take prayer requests through October 20th. If you have a prayer request during this time, please call the church office.



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](mailto:Barbararknapp@gmail.com).

## Prayer for Healing

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

**Kim Isiminger** (Lois Isiminger's daughter-in-law) who will have open heart surgery on Oct. 20th

**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) as he moves to Pennsylvania and deals with multiple health issues

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

**Richard Edwards** as he receives chemotherapy

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

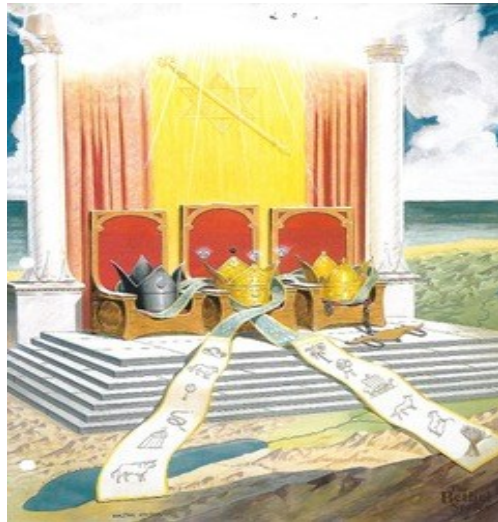
**David Ice** following a dementia diagnosis

**Phil Lockard** as he receives a new cancer treatment



It has come to our attention that some members may be receiving phone calls and emails concerning a Life Line Screening event that was originally scheduled to take place at SAPC. Please be advised that the event at SAPC has been cancelled. Life Line indicates that the messages are generated automatically and they cannot turn them off. If you have any questions, please contact Life Line Screening directly

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## ***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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel**

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

Every week on Sun, until Nov 28, 2020, 6 occurrence(s)

**NEW ADDRESS, MEETING ID and PASSCODE!**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://zoom.us/j/96862757969?pwd=VlVUakRVVWZveFZUampVQzd3T0Y4dz09>

**Meeting ID: 968 6275 7969**

**Passcode: 340422**



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## 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

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## **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](http://SouthAiken.org) and follow the links to the Secret Santa donations or send a check to the church with Secret Santa in the memo.

### **Position Available = Church Secretary**

Will be responsible for providing administrative support for pastor and interaction with members, committees, and visitors to the church. Maintains member records, computer information and functioning, telephone calls and phone systems, copier functionality. Orders and maintains kitchen supplies. Prepares and formats bulletins for all services and schedules church facilities. Must possess organizational, time-management, and office technical skills.

If interested, submit resume to Steve Hook at the church office.

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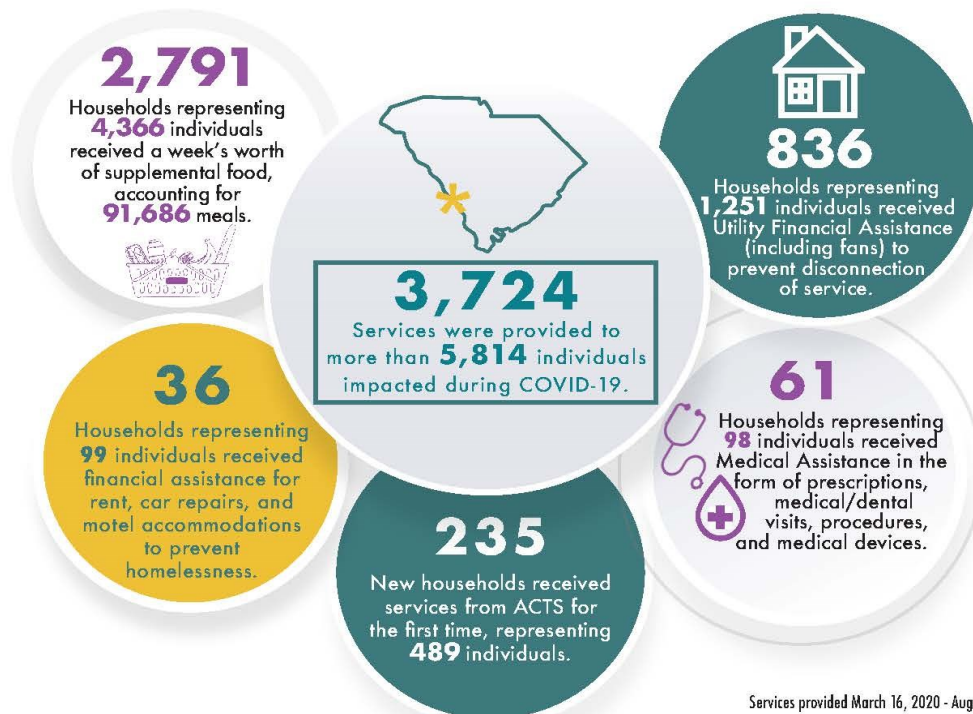
## Helping Our Community!

ACTS has continuously served our community since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, meeting the urgent needs of our clients. Thanks to the generous support of our donors and partners, we continue to provide critical services in the form of Food, Utility Assistance, Medical Assistance and other services to prevent additional hardships. Our Transportation Program has resumed operations providing used cars and bicycles to qualified adults who have unreliable or no transportation.

We have modified our service delivery procedures to ensure the safety of our clients, volunteers and employees. During this time, we have expanded our Food Distribution Programs into rural, underserved areas including Ridge Spring and Graniteville and the number of households receiving food from our Food Pantry and Senior Food Programs has doubled since March.

To meet the growing needs of those impacted, we have provided services to individuals and families outside of our Aiken County service areas to include Barnwell, Edgefield and Saluda Counties.

## OUR IMPACT DURING COVID-19



Services provided March 16, 2020 - August 31, 2020.

### VISIT US AT ONE OF OUR LOCATIONS IN AIKEN COUNTY:

ACTS of Aiken  
340 Park Avenue SW  
803-649-3800  
[www.actsofaiken.org](http://www.actsofaiken.org)

ACTS of Graniteville  
50 Canal Street  
803-392-7022  
[info@actsofaiken.org](mailto:info@actsofaiken.org)

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## **SAPC STAFF**

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**Phillip Hare**, Director of Music

**Scott Chappell**, Pianist/Accompanist

**Tracie Toulson**, Financial Manager: ext. 103

**Denise Underwood**, Secretary: ext. 100

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## **CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION**

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