

## Welcome to Aiken's First Baptist

Thank you for joining us this morning. We are glad that you are here and want you to know that you are welcome with us.

You are welcome here if you are single, married, divorced, searching, or done searching. We welcome you if you are filthy rich or dirt poor, work too much or don't work at all, are over 60 and not grown up or a teenager growing up too fast. And we extend a special welcome to all crying babies.

You are welcome here if you are just browsing, just woke up, are tired of organized religion and not sure how you found your way here, or have heavy questions that need thoughtful answers. We welcome you if you are a long-time faithful or a doubter, recovering or still addicted, inked or don't know what that means, black or white or no hablan inglés.

But above all, we welcome you if you could use a prayer right now, if you feel like rejoicing, if you're broken-hearted and need a safe space, or if you just need a place to sit in awe of all that is.

Welcome to Aiken's First Baptist Church.



## This Week

### Sunday, April 21

8:30 am - Deacon Executive Committee  
9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship  
3:00 pm - Personnel Committee

### Monday, April 22

6:00 pm - Women in Mission

### Wednesday, April 24

10:00 am - Women's Bible Study  
5:15 pm - Dinner  
6:00 pm - Youth Fellowship and Bible Study  
6:15 pm - Music Celebration and Mission Recognition  
7:30 pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, April 25

10:00 am - Prayer Quilt Ministry

### Friday, April 26

9:00 am - CBFSC General Assembly (Rock Hill, SC)

### Sunday, April 28

8:30 am - Deacon Meeting  
9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship  
4:00 pm - Youth Activities

## Missions & Donations

The ACTS collection item for April is canned, complete meals. Our goal is 450 cans. So far, we have collected 150 cans.

## Ministry Team

**Rev. John Carroll**  
Senior Pastor

**Zachary Derr**  
Director of Music and Worship

**Debra Haney**  
Director of Administration

**Rev. Sarah Laurence**  
Minister of Youth and Pastoral Care

**Rev. Matt Waller**  
Minister to Children and Families

**Kim Mitchell**  
Preschool Director

**Anna Derr**  
Organist/Accompanist

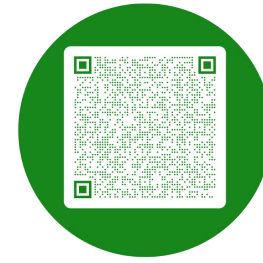
**Gail Floyd**  
Financial Secretary

**Darin Floyd**  
Building Maintenance Specialist

**LeAnne Jolley**  
Administrative Assistant



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# Aiken's First Baptist Church

**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

# Order of Worship

**Prelude** Prelude in D Major Fischer

## Chiming of the Trinity

*Entering worship, we step into a time that is not ours, but God's.*

## Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation** Zachary Derr

The God of all shepherds has called us here.

**We come today, celebrating God's love for us.**

The Good Shepherd has given his life for us.

**We come today, thanking Jesus for his witness and his teaching.**

The Shepherding Spirit moves through us, bringing us new hope.

**We come today ready to celebrate and to praise God.**

**\*Hymn 46** O God of Every Nation BLOW THE CANDLES OUT

**Luke 13:18-21** Emma Claire Pniewski

**Pastoral Prayer** John Carroll

**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.**

**\*Hymn 680** I Then Shall Live FINLANDIA

**Celebration of Giving** Josh Pniewski

**Offertory** Ceaseless Praise Fettke

## \*Doxology

**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.**

**Blessing** Josh Pniewski

**Children's Moment** Josh Pniewski

*At this time, children ages 1st Grade and below may follow our  
volunteers out for Children's Church.*

**Matthew 9:35-10:8** Sarah Laurence

**Anthem** Let Your Kingdom Come Choplin

*The world is full of pain and suffering, hate is alive and  
well. Through chaos, people are asking, "Where is God?  
Where is God?" Lord, we see the pow'r of darkness, evil  
seems so strong. Bring Your law of love and justice to the  
world, rule the world with peace. Your Kingdom come,  
Your will be done. Your Kingdom come,.. Let Your will be  
done. On earth as it is in heaven, let love shine like the  
sun. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done. Come and  
touch the world with heaven, do not turn away. Come  
and live among your children. Lead us, Lord, teach us,  
Lord, to be the light in the darkness, turning night to day.  
Let Your will be done among us. Work through us,  
empower us, we pray. Almighty King of heaven, come  
and rule the earth. May Your Kingdom conquer evil's  
pow'r. Work among Your people as vessels of Your will  
until the age of love and peace shall rise, when peace  
shall rise. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done. Let  
Your will be done. On earth as it is in heaven, let love  
shine like the sun. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done.  
Your Kingdom come!*

**Words for the Journey** Kingdom Come John Carroll

**\*Hymn 497** I Have Decided To Follow Jesus ASSAM

**\*Benediction** John Carroll

## \*Sung Congregational Response

**Go gently, go lightly, go safe in the Spirit,  
live simply don't carry much more than you need:  
Go trusting God's goodness, go spreading God's  
kindness, stay centered on Jesus and where he will lead.**

**Postlude** Trumpet Tune Davis

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

### Wednesday Dinner Menu-

Chicken sandwiches  
Fruit salad  
French fries  
Dessert bar

### Women in Mission-

Monday, April 22 at 6:00 pm.  
Meet at Shadow Oaks to sing  
and visit with the residents.  
Followed by a dessert  
fellowship in the Fellowship  
Hall.

### Music Celebration & Mission Recognition-

Wednesday, April 24 at 6:15  
pm. Join us in the Fellowship  
Hall as we hear from our  
children's choirs, recognize our  
wonderful volunteers, and see  
what our Mission Friends, RAs,  
& GAs have been up to this  
year!

### Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina General

**Assembly** - Friday, April 26 at  
Oakland Baptist Church in  
Rock Hill, SC

### Vacation Bible School -

June 10-13

### Passport Children's Camp -

July 8-11

### Unidiversity Youth Camp -

July 8-12

### Mission Trip to work with Grace

**and Main** in Danville, VA -  
October 9-12

## Information Card

Name(s):

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Home Phone:

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I am a Visitor

Change of Information

Add me to the Email List

I'm interested in following Jesus and  
being baptized.

I'm interested in joining the church family.

I'm interested in learning more about our  
ministries and ways to serve.

### Wednesday Night Sign-Up

Number of Adults  Number of Kids

### Prayer Requests

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Please keep confidential among the ministers.

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