

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, December 1

8:30 am - Discipleship Committee
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
6:00 pm - Hanging of the Green

Wednesday, December 4

10:00 am - Women's Bible Study
5:15 pm - Dinner
6:00 pm - Children's Choirs
6:00 pm - Youth Fellowship and Bible Study
6:30 pm - Adult Prayer and Bible Study
6:45 pm - Children's Missions Groups
7:30 pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 5

10:00 am - Prayer Quilt Ministry
6:30 pm - Young Adult Bible Study

Friday, December 6

8:00 am - Vanguard: A Men's Study Group

Sunday, December 8

8:30 am - Church Council
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
2:00 pm - PCDT Meeting
6:00 pm - Women in Mission

Missions & Donations

The ACTS collection item for December is canned, complete meals. Our goal is 450 cans.

We collected 508 boxes of rice for the month of November with 157 of those coming from our Pre-School.

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
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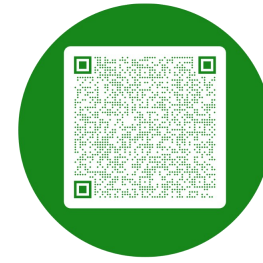
Gail Floyd
Financial Secretary

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Aiken's First Baptist Church

Sunday, December 1, 2024

Order of Worship

Prelude Greensleeves arr. Wells

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 Spirit of the Lord is upon us:
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
to release the prisoners,
to comfort all who mourn,
to repair the ruined cities.
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Build for God a highway in the wilderness.

***The Advent Hymn 120** Emmanuel

Lighting of the Hope Candle Isaiah 2:1-5
The McComb Family

***Hymn 83** Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

Genesis 28:10-17

Pastoral Prayer Matt Waller

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 86** Now the Heavens Start to Whisper JEFFERSON

Stories of Impact Casey Carroll

Offertory Offertory on "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Janzer

You may give in a variety of ways. Your gift may be given in the plate as it is passed, online at fbcaiken.org, or through the church app.

*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 John Carroll

Moment of Fellowship

Children's Moment Vicky McCullough

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

2 Kings 6:8-17

Anthem What is this Light? Shackley

Words for the Journey It's Always Been True John Carroll

***Hymn 79** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL

Celebration of Communion

***Benediction** John Carroll

*Sung Congregational Response

We are one in the bond of love; we are one in the bond of love. We have joined our spirits with the Spirit of God; we are one in the bond of love.

Postlude While By My Sheep Young

**Please stand as you are able.*

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Wednesday Night Menu -
Breakfast for Dinner

Poinsettias -
Poinsettias may be purchased in the church office for \$17 a piece. Poinsettias may be dedicated in honor or memory of loved ones. Orders must be placed and paid by December 17.

Hanging of the Green -
Tonight at 6:00 pm with reception following in the fellowship hall.

Called Business Meeting -
Sunday, December 8.

Christmas Shop Donations Needed-
We are collecting items that children can buy for their loved ones at the upcoming Very Merry Christmas Party on December 11. Donations can be left in the bins by the church office or in Matt's office.

Very Merry Christmas Party -
December 11 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Join us to celebrate with a Christmas shop, food, family activities, games and more!

Christmas Cantata -
Sunday, December 15th at 11:00 am.

Youth Christmas Party -
Wednesday, December 18 at 6:00 pm.

Christmas Eve Service -
December 24 at 5:00 pm.

Information Card

Name(s): _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

___ 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

___ Please keep confidential among the ministers.

Please tear off and place in offering plate.