

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 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

Tuesday, December 10

10:00 am - Grief Support Group
10:30 am - Caregiver Support Group

Wednesday, December 11

10:00 am - Women's Bible Study
6:00 pm - Very Merry Christmas Party
7:30 pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 12

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

Friday, December 13

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

Saturday, December 14

10:00 am - Cantata Rehearsal

Sunday, December 15

8:30 am - Deacon Executive Committee
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship: Christmas Cantata
1:30 pm - Personnel Committee

Missions & Donations

The ACTS collection item for December is canned, complete meals. Our goal is 450 cans. So far we have collected 22 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
Communications Specialist/Organist

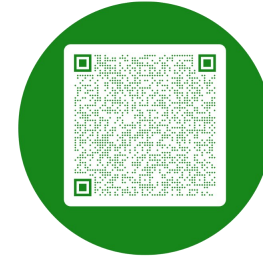
Gail Floyd
Financial Secretary

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Sunday, December 8, 2024

Order of Worship

Prelude Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus with He Shall Feed His Flock
arr. Page

Chiming of the Trinity

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

Welcome and Announcements Debra Haney

Called Business Meeting Tom Hallman

Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation Zachary Derr

The voice of the Lord declares, "Comfort, O comfort my people".
A voice cries out, "Prepare the way of the Lord!"
The earth will be transformed: God's glory will be revealed.
We expect your arrival in fire and flame. Instead, we follow a star on a cold night.
You meet us in this place, as we remember your curious way.
As we wait, cleanse us. As we wait, mold us.
Our ears and eyes perceive no other god besides You, and so we worship this day.
We are all your people, and we will wait for You.

***The Advent Hymn 120** Emmanuel

Lighting of the Peace Candle Isaiah 40:3-5
The Crooks Family

***Hymn 87** Arise, Your Light is Come! FESTAL SONG

Baptism of Josiah Carroll

First, I ask you, congregation, as the gathered witnesses to this public profession of faith, to remember and affirm your own confession and act of commitment to Jesus as Lord. Brothers and sisters in Christ, what is your confession of faith?
Jesus is Lord.
Congregation, what is your encouragement to your new brother in Christ?
You are the light of the world. Let your light so shine before all people that they may see your good works and give Glory to our Father in heaven!
In Christ Jesus we are all children of God through faith. As many of us as were baptized into Christ have clothed ourselves with Christ.
There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of us are one in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 1:18-25

***Hymn 89** Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People PSALM 42

Stories of Impact Cindy Meares

Offertory Carol of the Bells arr. Hayes

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 Matt Waller

Moment of Fellowship

Children's Moment Matt Waller

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

Isaiah 7:1-16

Anthem Advent Alleluia Christopher

Words for the Journey Origin of a Name John Carroll

***Hymn 132** It Came Upon a Midnight Clear CAROL

***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 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear arr. Young

**Please stand as you are able.*

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Wednesday Night Menu -
Pizza
Salad
Cupcakes and Ice Cream

Important Reminder -
All Year End Gifts for 2024 must be received in the church office or postmarked by December 31.

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.

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! Be sure to register online, in the app, or by phone before noon on Monday, December 9.

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

Youth Christmas Party -
Wednesday, December 18 at 5:30 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.