

## 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

**Wednesday, December 25**  
Church office is closed.

**Thursday, December 26**  
10:00 am - Prayer Quilt Ministry

**Friday, December 27**  
8:00 am - Vanguard: A Men's Study Group

**Sunday, December 29**  
9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship

## Missions & Donations

The ACTS collection item for December is canned, complete meals. Our goal is 450 cans. So far we have collected 279 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

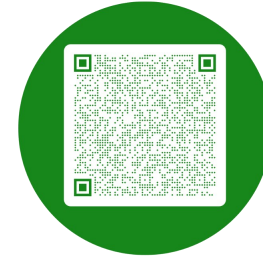
**Gail Floyd**  
Financial Secretary

**Darin Floyd**  
Building Maintenance Specialist

**LeAnne Jolley**  
Administrative Assistant



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# Aiken's First Baptist Church

**Tuesday, December 24, 2024**

# Order of Worship

**Prelude** Joy to the World! arr. Williams

## 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** Matt Waller

The people who once lived in darkness have been given a great light!

**Praise be to God who has heard our cries.**

Our souls sing out God's praise!

**God has brought us a light of Hope and Peace.**

Tonight, in this place, the Light of God's Love is given to us!

**And we shall see that light and let it shine through our lives.**

**\*The Advent Hymn 120** Emmanuel

**Lighting of the Christ Candle** Isaiah 2:1-5  
Pete and Lynn Sampson

**\*Hymn 102** Joy to the World ANITOCH

## Philippians 2:5-11

**Pastoral Prayer** Zachary Derr

**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 110** Away in a Manger MUELLER

**Celebration of Giving** John Carroll

**Offertory** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming arr. Ware

*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** Sarah Laurence

**Children's Moment** Matt Waller

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

## John 1:1-14

**Anthem** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**Words for the Journey** Will We Receive Him John Carroll

## Celebration of Communion

### Lighting of the Candles

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**He was in the beginning with God.**

All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

**What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

For the Light of the world,

**Our hearts are ready!**

Welcome, Lord Jesus!

**Welcome, Holy Christ!**

**\*Hymn 134** Silent Night, Holy Night STILLE NACHT

**Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child!  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night, darkness flies, all is light.  
Shepherds hear the angels sing,  
"Alleluia! Hail the King!  
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!"**

### Recessional (pew by pew, from the front of the Sanctuary)

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light.  
With the angels let us sing,  
"Alleluia to our King.  
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!"**

## \*Benediction

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*The flowers on the baptistry are given in loving memory of Willis and "Mootzie" Herndon by Pete and Lynn Sampson and family.*

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

**There will be no Wednesday night services.** Wednesday night services will start back on January 15, 2025.

**The church office will be closed** - December 25 and January 1.

### Important Reminder -

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

### Courageous Conversations: Justice and the Bible -

Join us for meaningful conversations every Sunday in January at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Special guest, Rev. Bill Stanfield, will join us January 12 and 19 to strengthen our scriptural and practical background on this important subject.

## Information Card

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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.

Please tear off and place in offering plate.