

## 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 29

9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship

### Thursday, January 2

10:00 am - Prayer Quilt Ministry

### Friday, January 3

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

### Sunday, January 5

9:30 am - Courageous Conversations  
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.

## 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

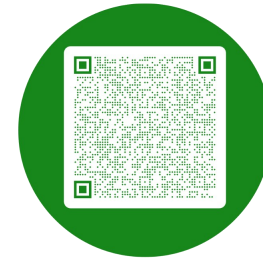
**Gail Floyd**  
Financial Secretary

**Darin Floyd**  
Building Maintenance Specialist

**LeAnne Jolley**  
Administrative Assistant



Give Here



Get our app

## Contact

 @aikensfirstbaptistchurch

 @aikensfbc

 [www.fbcaiken.org](http://www.fbcaiken.org)

 Office Phone: 803.648.5476

 Text: 833.228.5207

 120 Chesterfield Street N  
Aiken, South Carolina 29801



# Aiken's First Baptist Church

## Sunday, December 29, 2024

# Order of Worship

**Prelude** Prelude on Greensleeves Purvis

## Chiming of the Trinity

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

**Welcome and Announcements** Debra Haney

**Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation** Debra Haney

Ascribe to the Lord honor and majesty.  
**Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**  
Ascribe to the Lord praise upon praise.  
**For God, the Lord, has come to us.**  
In flesh, the Mighty One  
**dwells with us.**

**\*Hymn 127** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN

## 2 Corinthians 5:17

**Pastoral Prayer** Sarah Laurence

**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 137** Sing We Now of Christmas FRENCH CAROL

## Story of Impact

**Offertory** Interlude on the Coventry Carol Lloyd Webber

*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** Holly Strother– 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.*

## Matthew 2:1-12

## Anthem

**Words for the Journey** The World Turned Upside Down  
Holly Strother– Waller

**\*Hymn 105** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ES IST EIN ROS'

## \*Benediction

## \*Sung Congregational Response

**Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born.**

**Postlude** Toccata on Antioch Phillips

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*We welcome Dan Hardin as our guest organist this morning.*

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

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

**The church office will be closed** - 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

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.