

# 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, March 2

9:45 am - Sunday School  
9:45 am - What God Really Wants:  
The Message of Hosea  
11:00 am - Worship: Children's  
Sunday  
12:30 pm - Thriving Workshop

### Monday, March 3

4:30 pm - Mission Committee  
Meeting

### Tuesday, March 4

10:30 am - Caregiver Support  
Group  
6:30 pm - Young Adult Gathering

### Wednesday, March 5

10:00 am - Women's Bible Study  
5:15 pm - Dinner  
6:30 pm - Ash Wednesday Worship  
7:30 pm - Sanctuary Choir  
Rehearsal

### Thursday, March 6

10:00 am - Prayer Quilt Ministry

### Friday, March 7

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

### Saturday, March 8

10:00 am - Church/ Community  
Pickleball Tournament

### Sunday, March 9

8:30 am - Church Council  
9:45 am - Sunday School  
9:45 am - What God Really Wants:  
The Message of Hosea  
9:45 am - Seekers Children's Class  
11:00 am - Worship  
12:00 pm - Retirement Reception  
for Debra Haney

## Missions & Donations

The ACTS collection item for March is canned vegetables. Our goal is 450 units.

The ACTS collection total for February was 279 units of pasta sauce.

## Ministry Team

**Rev. John Carroll**  
Senior Pastor

**Zachary Derr**  
Director of Music and Worship

**Debra Haney/Christian Burton**  
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

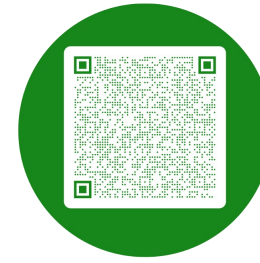
**Gail Floyd**  
Financial Secretary

**Darin Floyd**  
Building Maintenance Specialist

**LeAnne Jolley**  
Administrative Assistant



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# Aiken's First Baptist Church

## Sunday, March 2, 2025

# Order of Worship

**Prelude** O God Beyond All Praising arr. Page

**Chiming of the Trinity** Olivia and Liam Allgeier

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

**Welcome and Announcements** Matt Waller

**Children's Bible Song Medley** Presented by the Music Makers Choir

**Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation** Kim Mitchell and Bonny Olson

When I am scared,  
**God helps me.**  
 When I need to be kept safe,  
**God helps me.**  
 When I am sad,  
**God helps me.**  
 When I need things,  
**God helps me.**  
 When I am alone,  
**God helps me.**  
 When I don't know what to do,  
**God helps me.**

**\*Hymn 69** Children of the Heavenly Father TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

**Psalm 61:1-3** Cooper Pniewski

**Pastoral Prayer** Asa, Elliot and Josiah 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.**

**Celebration of Giving** Emma Claire Pniewski

**Offertory** Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee Heidi Joehnk  
 The Shepherd Song

*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** Tommy Rice

**Anthem** Anchored Friend of God  
 Presented by the Preschool Choir

**Children's Moment** Kim Mitchell and Alison Heenan

**John 6:16-21** Livi Pniewski

**Anthem** God, Creator, Worthy of Worship Grantham  
 God Is Always There Mayo  
 Here I am to Worship Hughes  
 Presented by the Young Musicians Choir

**Words for the Journey** Finding Solid Ground Matt Waller

**\*Hymn 618** Love Lifted Me SAFETY

**\*Benediction** Matt Waller

**\*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** Eternal Father, Strong to Save arr. Dykes

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

### Wednesday Night Menu -

Chicken tenders  
 Macaroni and cheese  
 Broccoli  
 Dessert

### What God Really Wants: The Message of Hosea -

Join us for a Lenten study led by Ray Barrow on Sundays from March 2 to April 13 at 9:45 AM in the first floor of the Trinity Building.

**Ash Wednesday** is this Wednesday, March 5. We will have a service in the Sanctuary at 6:30 PM for adults, youth, and children.

### Dill or No Dill AFBC Community Pickleball Tournament-

Saturday, March 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (or when tournament ends) in the Family Ministry Center. All skill levels welcome!  
 Scan the QR code to sign up and read more info.



### Reception Honoring Debra Haney

Join us for a reception honoring Debra Haney and her 5+ years of service next Sunday, March 9, following worship in the Church Parlor.

### Seekers' Class -

This is a class for children asking big questions about baptism, communion, and what it means to follow Jesus. Seekers' Class will be offered for the next four Sundays during Sunday School (March 9, 16, 23, and 30) in the children's hallway upstairs.

### Save the Dates! -

#### Vacation Bible School -

June 16th -19th. More information to come!

#### Passport Children's Camp -

July 7th - 10th.  
 Use the QR code to register.



## Information Card

Name(s):

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Home Phone:

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Cell Phone:

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Address:

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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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