

## 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 30

9:45 am - Sunday School  
9:45 am - Seekers Children's Class  
11:00 am - Worship

### Tuesday, April 1

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

### Wednesday, April 2

10:00 am - Women's Bible Study  
5:15 pm - Dinner  
**(There will be no children or youth activities tonight)**  
6:30 pm - Adult Prayer and Bible Study  
7:30 pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, April 3

10:00 am - Prayer Quilt Ministry

### Friday, April 4

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

### Sunday, April 6

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

## Missions & Donations

The ACTS collection item for March is canned vegetables. Our goal was 450 units and we have collected **550 cans!**

## Ministry Team

**Rev. John Carroll**  
Senior Pastor

**Zachary Derr**  
Director of Music and Worship

**Rev. 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

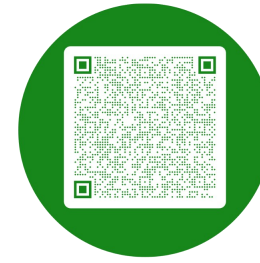
**Gail Floyd**  
Financial Secretary

**Darin Floyd**  
Building Maintenance Specialist

**LeAnne Jolley**  
Administrative Assistant



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# Aiken's First Baptist Church

**Sunday, March 30, 2025**

# Order of Worship

**Prelude** Solemn Prelude Young

## 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** Christian Burton

How blessed we are that God forgives us and loves us!  
**For all those times when we have fallen short of what God would have us be, we have been forgiven.**  
God makes us new in God's Spirit!  
**Now is the time to joyfully accept the newness of life which God offers to us.**  
Come, let us worship and be thankful.  
**Let us open our hearts to the peace and joy of God.**

**\*Hymn 581** I Love to Tell the Story HANKEY

**Psalm 31:1-5**

**Pastoral Prayer** John 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.**

**\*Hymn 191** O Sacred Head Now Wounded PASSION CHORALE

**Stories of Impact** Tommy Sessions

**Offertory** Spring Comes Early 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** Sarah Laurence

## 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.*

**Luke 23:46**

**Anthem** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Mason

**Words for the Journey** I Commit My Spirit John Carroll

**\*Hymn 188** "Man of Sorrows!" What a Name HALLELUJAH, WHAT A SAVIOR!

*Our worship of God entails response. You may:  
Light a candle in recognition of Christ's light at the front left,  
dip your hand into water as a reminder of your baptism at the front right,  
kneel and offer a silent prayer at the back of our sanctuary,  
speak with one of our ministers about a decision or need at the front,  
or sing and pray where you are.*

**\*Benediction**

**\*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** Marche arr. Ellis

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

### Wednesday Night Menu -

Variety of soups  
Sub sandwiches  
Chips and dessert.

### Easter Lilies -

Easter lilies are available to be purchased in honor or memory of someone special to you! Please complete the form and turn it in to the church office **by Thursday, April 17**. You can also order online. Lilies are \$17.00.

### Church Work Day -

April 5 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon

### Easter Shop Donations -

We need your help! This year on Easter Sunday, kids will hunt for eggs and then trade them in for candy/treats at an Easter Shop. Please place candy and small toy/activity donations in the bin by the church office.

### Holy Week -

- Palm Sunday 4/13 at 11:00 AM
- Maundy Thursday 4/17 at 6:30 PM
- Good Friday 4/18 at 7:00 PM
- Easter Sunday 4/20 Pancake Breakfast and Egg Hunt at 9:30 AM
- Easter Worship at 11:00 AM

**Churchwide Picnic** - Join us Wednesday, May 14 from 5:15 to 7:15 pm! This will be a fun night at the Gem Lakes Pavilion. Bring an entree, side, or dessert to share.

### Mission: THERE Opportunity -

Our church will send a team for storm recovery in Western North Carolina June 1-7. We will stay at FBC Asheville, and the church will cover the cost of travel on the bus, so the only cost for the trip is meals. You can come for the whole week or part of the trip. If you do part of the trip, transportation will be on your own. Use the QR code to sign up by May 5!



## Information Card

Name(s):

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Home Phone:

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Cell 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.