

# 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.

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## This Week

**Sunday, April 27**  
8:30 am - Deacons Meeting  
9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship  
12:00 pm - Communications Committee  
4:00 pm - Congregational Conversations

**Monday, April 28**  
1:00 pm - Personnel Committee Meeting  
5:00 pm - Properties Committee Meeting  
5:30 pm - Bold Faithfulness Building Executive Committee

**Tuesday, April 29**  
4:00 pm - First and Second Partnership  
6:30 pm - Young Adult Gathering

**Wednesday, April 30**  
10:00 am - Women's Bible Study  
5:15 pm - Dinner  
6:00 pm - Music and Missions Recognition Night  
7:30 pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, May 1**  
10:00 am - Prayer Quilt Ministry

**Friday, May 2**  
8:00 am - Vanguard: A Men's Study Group

**Saturday, May 3**  
8:00 am - Safety Team Training

**Sunday, May 4**  
9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship  
4:00 pm - Bold Faithfulness and our Facilities

## Missions & Donations

The ACTS collection item for April is canned complete meals (spaghettios, chunky stews etc.) Our goal is 450 units. We have collected 387 cans.  
The ACTS collection item for May is peanut butter and jelly. Our goal is 450 units.

## 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

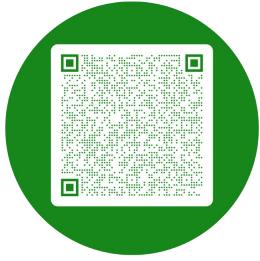
**Gail Floyd**  
Financial Secretary

**Darin Floyd**  
Building Maintenance Specialist

**LeAnne Jolley**  
Administrative Assistant



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Sunday, April 27, 2025

# Order of Worship

**Prelude** Basse et Dessus de Trompette Clerambault

**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

Praise the Lord!  
**Praise God for resurrection life!**  
Praise the Lord here in the sanctuary.  
**Praise God for belief beyond sight.**  
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!  
**For in believing and singing out our praise, we, too, have life!**

**\*Hymn 206** Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna! W ZLOBIE LEZY

**Proverbs 14:29-30, 16:32**

**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 361** My Jesus, I Love Thee GORDON

**Stories of Impact**

**Offertory** Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee arr. Mayo

*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** Zachary Derr

**Moment of Fellowship**

**Children's Moment** Vicky McCullough

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

**James 1:19-20, 26**

**Anthem** Lift High the Cross arr. Sateren

**Words for the Journey** Talking Matters John Carroll

**\*Hymn 267** Blest Be the Tie DENNIS

*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**

**He is Lord, He is Lord!  
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!  
Every knee shall bow below, every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord.**

**Postlude** Day of Joy Denton

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

**Wednesday Night Menu -**  
BBQ, coleslaw, potato salad, chips, buns and dessert.

**Congregational Conversations -**  
Today at 4:00 PM, we will receive a final, combined report from the Bold Faithfulness Lead Team and Facilities Task Force about the needed improvement and changes to our facilities. On May 4, we will have the opportunity to ask questions, seek clarification, and offer feedback about the proposed plan.

**Quarterly Conference -**  
Wednesday, May 7 at 6:30pm.

**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.

**Joyseekers Outing -**  
Friday, May 23, the Joyseekers are planning a trip to Columbia to tour the Capitol Building in the morning, have lunch at California Dreaming and then visit the SC State Museum. Contact the church office by May 12 to reserve your spot.

**AFBC Yard Sale -**  
We'll have a yard sale in the church parking lot to sell excess church furniture and equipment and also for members to set up tables to sell outgrown clothes and other items. FBC & Preschool members only can purchase spaces for \$25 with a limit of 35 spaces. This will benefit the Building & Grounds maintenance. Use the QR code or contact the church office to sign up!



**Vacation Bible School**  
will be June 16-19 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm each day. This year's theme is "True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World." Use the QR code to sign up kids or volunteer.



## 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.