

# 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, November 30

9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship  
5:00 pm - Hanging of the Green

### Wednesday, December 3

10:00 am - Women's Bible Study  
6:00 pm - Very Merry Christmas Party  
7:30 pm - Sanctuary Choir Practice

### Thursday, December 4

10:00 am - Prayer Quilt Ministry

### Friday, December 5

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

### Sunday, December 7

9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship  
4:00 pm - Women in Missions

## Missions & Donations

The ACTS collection item for December is canned complete meals. (chunky soup, canned pasta etc.)  
Our goal is 450 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

**Emily Berry**  
Youth Family Intern

**Kim Mitchell**  
Preschool Director

**Alison Heenan**  
Assistant Preschool Director

**Anna Derr**  
Communications Specialist/Organist

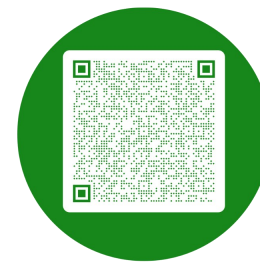
**Gail Floyd**  
Financial Secretary

**Darin Floyd**  
Building Maintenance Specialist

**LeAnne Jolley**  
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# Aiken's First Baptist Church

**Sunday, November 30, 2025**

# Order of Worship

**Prelude** The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came arr. Cherwien

## 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

Emily Berry

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us:  
**to bind up the broken-hearted,**  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
**to release the prisoners,**  
to comfort all who mourn,  
**to repair the ruined cities.**  
Prepare the way of the Lord.  
**Build for God a highway in the wilderness.**

### \*The Advent Hymn 120

Emmanuel

### Lighting of the Hope Candle

Isaiah 2:1-5  
Dick and Jan Aubin

### \*Hymn 87

Arise, Your Light is Come! FESTAL SONG

### Isaiah 40:1-5

### 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 79

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL

### Celebration of Giving

Matt Waller

### Offertory

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. Kelsey

*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

Holly Strother

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

### Luke 1:67-79

### Anthem

How Will We Know Him? Algozin

### Words for the Journey We Make the Road by Walking

Christian Burton

## Celebration of Communion

### \*Hymn 278

We Are Travelers on a Journey BEACH SPRING

*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

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!**

### Postlude

While By My Sheep arr. Young

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

### Wednesday Night Menu-

Baked Potato Bar, salad and dessert

### Hanging of the Green -

Tonight at 5:00 pm with reception following in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm.

**Poinsettias** - Poinsettias are now available for purchase. Forms can be returned to the church office or you can also purchase them using the QR code. The cost is \$17 a piece. Orders must be placed and paid by December 16.



### Joy Seekers Outing-

Mark your calendars for Dec. 2 for a concert at St. Paul's Church in Augusta at 12pm. Call the church office to sign up. We will meet in the AFBC parking lot at 10:30 am, so we can carpool to Augusta and have lunch.

### Christmas Shop Donations Needed-

We are collecting items that children can buy at the upcoming Very Merry Christmas Party. Donations can be left in the bins by the church office or in Matt's office.

### Very Merry Christmas Party -

Wednesday, December 3 at 6 pm. Join us to celebrate with a Christmas shop, food, family activities, games and more!

### Christmas Cantata and More Than Sunday First Offering -

Sunday, December 14 at 11:00 am.

### Christmas Eve Service -

Wednesday, December 24 at 5 pm.

## Information Card

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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.