

# 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 7

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

### Monday, December 8

5:30 pm - Building Team Executive Committee

### Tuesday, December 9

3:00 pm - Discipleship Committee

### Wednesday, December 10

10:00 am - Women's Bible Study  
5:15 pm - Dinner  
5:30 pm - Youth Christmas Party  
6:00 pm - Children's Activities  
6:30 pm - Adult Prayer and Bible Study  
7:30 pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, December 11

10:00 am - Prayer Quilt Ministry

### Friday, December 12

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

### Saturday, December 13

9:00 am - Cantata Rehearsal

### Sunday, December 14

8:30 am - Church Council  
9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship- Cantata and More Than Sunday First Gifts

## 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

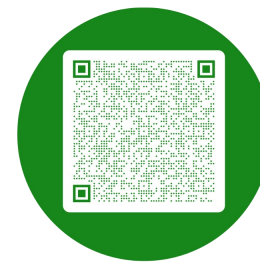
**Gail Floyd**  
Financial Secretary

**Darin Floyd**  
Building Maintenance Specialist

**LeAnne Jolley**  
Administrative Assistant



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# Aiken's First Baptist Church

## Sunday, December 07, 2025

# Order of Worship

**Prelude** Greensleeves arr. Wells

## 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** Zachary Derr

The prophet Isaiah declared that justice and peace shall come through the family of Jesse.

**This justice shall be for all of creation.**

Peace shall be established in all the world.

**Get ready! Prepare for God's peace to reign!**

Blessed be God who does such wondrous things!

**We give thanks to God for this time of healing and hope.**

**\*The Advent Hymn 120** Emmanuel MCGEE

**Lighting of the Peace Candle** Isaiah 40:3-5  
The Hartsell Family

**\*Hymn 125** Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA

**Zephaniah 3:14-20**

**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 81** Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence PICARDY

**Celebration of Giving** Christian Burton

**Offertory** Go, Tell It On the Mountain arr. Billingsley  
Francine Alsbrooks, piano, and Anna Derr, organ

*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** John Carroll

## 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 1:46-55**

**Anthem** Advent Canticle Hayes

*Before all things began the Word already was. The Word was with God and the Word was God. By Him all was made. He indeed was life; And that life was the light of men. And then the Word became flesh and It came to dwell with us. And we saw His glory, the glory of the Son. He was full of grace and full of truth, and he was full of grace and truth.*

*Before all things began the Word already was. The Word was with God and the Word was God. By Him all was made. He indeed was life; And that life is still the light of men. And so the Word becomes flesh and It comes now to dwell with us. And we see His glory, the glory of the Son. He is full of grace and full of truth, and He is full of grace and truth. Amen!*

**Words for the Journey** Mary's Song John Carroll

**\*Hymn 107** O Little Town of Bethlehem ST. LOUIS

*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** Ding Dong! Merrily on High arr. Young

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

**Wednesday Night Menu-**  
Subs, Chips, Fruit and Dessert

### More Than Sunday -

If you haven't made your commitment yet, there's still time! Please make your commitment by December 8 to be included in the announcement which will be made on Sunday, December 14. Turn in your card to the church office or use the QR code to make a commitment online.



### Youth Christmas Party-

Wednesday, December 10 from 5pm to 7pm. Bring a wrapped gift (\$10 MAX).

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

Sunday, December 14 at 11:00 am.

**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.**

**Young Adult Christmas Party-**  
December 18th at the Wallers at 6:30 pm.

**Youth Christmas Lock-In-**  
Saturday, Dec. 20 9:00 pm to 9:00 am. AFBC Third Floor.

**Christmas Eve Service -**  
Wednesday, December 24 at 5 pm.

### Children's Winter Retreat -

3rd-6th graders can join us for the CBF Georgia Children's Retreat in Rock Eagle, Eatonton, Georgia! This retreat is January 23-25, 2026. The cost of the trip is \$100 per child (\$50 deposit). Use the QR code to register and contact Matt Waller with any questions!



### Together For Hope Mission Day-

Saturday, February 14, we will join with one of CBF of SC covenant partners, Together for Hope- Black Belt Region, and other churches in the state for a workday in Allendale, Blackville and Fairfax. The minimum age is middle school students. More details to come!

## Information Card

Name(s):

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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.