

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, December 21

8:30 am - Deacons Meeting
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship

Monday, December 22

5:30 pm - Building Team Executive Committee

Wednesday, December 24

Church office closed.
5:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, December 25

Church office is closed.

Sunday, December 28

No Youth or Children's Sunday School.
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship

Missions & Donations

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

So far we have collected 201 cans and 24 cans from our preschool, for a total of 225.

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

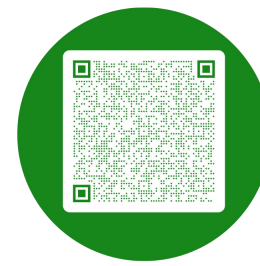
Gail Floyd
Financial Secretary

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Building Maintenance Specialist

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Administrative Assistant



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Aiken's First Baptist Church

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Order of Worship

Prelude Once In Royal David's City arr. Farlee

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

Light the lamps, push back the darkness, for God is coming to dwell with us!

Make our hearts and spirits ready to receive this most gracious gift, Jesus Christ.

We have waited with patience, watched with hope, and prepared with faith.

Come, Love, shine in all we do; Come, Jesus, be born in us and set us free!

***The Advent Hymn 120** Emmanuel MCGEE

Lighting of the Love Candle Isaiah 7:10-16
The Finch Family

***Hymn 126** Angels, from the Realms of Glory REGENT SQUARE

Psalm 98

Pastoral Prayer Matt Waller

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 124** The First Noel THE FIRST NOEL

Celebration of Giving John Carroll

Offertory Lo, How a Rose Is Growing arr. Leavitt

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 2:8-14

Anthem Advent Alleluia arr. Christopher

Salvation is created. O Lord, God, almighty, we offer praise to Thee above; O Lord, holy Lord, God. Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand. Alleluia, alleluia. We offer praise to Thee above; O Lord. Salvation is created. Alleluia.

Words for the Journey Shepherds Becoming Angels John Carroll

***Hymn 105** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ES IST EIN ROS'

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 Regent Square arr. Johnson

**Please stand as you are able.*

We welcome Ken Courtney as our guest organist and Byron Jennings as our guest music director this morning.

The rose and Dutch cradle cross are placed in honor of Ella Leigh West, born to Tanner and Julia West on December 9, 2025. Welcomed home by brother, Will.

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Wednesday Night Activities are on hiatus and will resume January 14.

Youth and Children's Sunday School will not meet on December 28.

Important Reminder -
All Year End Gifts for 2025 must be received in the church office or postmarked by December 31.

Christmas Eve Service -
December 24 at 5:00 pm.

Information Card

Name(s):

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email:

Address:

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

Please keep confidential among the ministers.

Please tear off and place in offering plate.