

## 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 28

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

### Thursday, January 1

Church office is closed.

### Sunday, January 4

8:30 am - Discipleship Committee  
9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship

## Missions & Donations

The ACTS collection item for January is peanut butter and jelly. Our goal is 450 units.

We have collected a total of 366 cans of complete meals for the month of December.

## 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

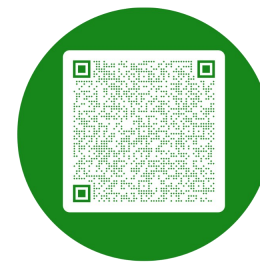
**Gail Floyd**  
Financial Secretary

**Darin Floyd**  
Building Maintenance Specialist

**LeAnne Jolley**  
Administrative Assistant



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# Aiken's First Baptist Church

**Sunday, December 28, 2025**

# Order of Worship

**Prelude** Gentle Mary Laid Her Child with Sheep May Safely Graze arr. Page

## 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

God's mercy and love are coming to us in wondrous ways. Behold the hope given for you this day!

**Wrap us in your love, O God, and light our way in the darkness!**

We come from diverse paths, with different needs and dreams.

**Yet the Lord calls us to worship in unity, to place our hope in your presence!**

### \*Hymn 137

Sing We Now of Christmas

FRENCH CAROL

### Psalm 19:1-4

### Pastoral Prayer

Holly Strother-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 113

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

### Celebration of Giving

Zachary Derr

### Offertory

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

arr. Berry

*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

Matt Waller

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

### John 8:12-20

### Anthem

Away in a Manger

arr. Hayes

### Words for the Journey

Star of Wonder, Star of Night

Holly Strother-Waller

### \*Hymn 114

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

*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, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born.**

### Postlude

In Dulci Jubilo

arr. Bish

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

**No Wednesday Night Activities until January.**

### Important Reminder -

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

## Information Card

Name(s):

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Home Phone:

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Cell Phone:

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Address:

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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.