

# 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, May 10**  
8:30 am - Church Council  
9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship

**Monday, May 11**  
5:30 pm - Missions Committee

**Wednesday, May 13**  
10:00 am - Women's Bible Study  
5:15 pm - Church Wide Picnic  
No Choir Practice.

**Thursday, May 14**  
10:00 am - Prayer Quilt Ministry

**Friday, May 15**  
8:00 am - Vanguard: A Men's Study Group

**Sunday, May 17**  
8:30 am - Deacons Meeting  
8:30 am - Finance Committee Meeting  
9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship  
12:00 pm - More Than Sunday Q&A  
4:00 pm - Safety First Training  
5:00 pm - VBS Training and Dinner

## Missions & Donations

The ACTS collection item for May is peanut butter and jelly. Our goal is 450 jars.

## 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

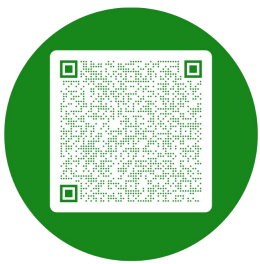
**Anna Derr**  
Communications Specialist/Organist

**Gail Floyd**  
Financial Secretary

**LeAnne Jolley**  
Administrative Assistant



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**Sunday, May 10, 2026**

# Order of Worship

**Prelude** Prelude in F Major J.S. Bach

**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

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!  
**Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**  
Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.  
**We come to worship the Living God together, lifting our hearts and voices in one accord!**

**\*Hymn 425** How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

**Philippians 4:4-7**

**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 57** Be Still My Soul FINLANDIA

**Celebration of Giving** Christian Burton

**Offertory** How Great Thou Art arr. Nelson

*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** Matt Waller

**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.*

**1 Peter 1:3-9**

**Anthem** Speak, O Lord arr. Edwards

*Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word. Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness; that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.*

*Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory. Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.*

*Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory.*

**Words for the Journey** Pursue Joy John Carroll

**\*Hymn 310** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY

*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**

**Postlude** Fanfare on "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Phillips

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

**Wednesday Night -**  
Church Wide Picnic  
Last Wednesday night dinner/ service until August.

**Churchwide Picnic –**  
Join us this Wednesday, May 13, from 5:15-7:30 PM at Gem Lakes Pavilion (Recreation Drive, Aiken). The church will provide an entrée and participants are invited to bring other entrées, sides, or desserts. Dress comfortably!

**Books Available –**  
As we prepare for the next phase of renovations, we encourage those interested to take books home from the shelves in the church parlor and library by May 18. The books we plan to keep have already been packed away.

**Graduation Sunday -**  
May 24, 2026 at 11:00 am.

**Youth Parent Meeting -**  
Sunday May 31 at 12:15 pm. Lunch will be provided, so please use the QR code to register by Wednesday, May 27!

**Mission: HERE –**  
On May 30, we'll provide shuttle service for a community event in coordination with Project Refresh and Toole Hill Neighborhood Association. Use the QR code for more info and sign up.

**Children & Youth Families GreenJackets Game –**  
Join us June 3! Use the QR code for more info and registration.

**Mission: THERE -**  
Join us June 1-5 for our next trip to the Asheville area for Hurricane Helene rebuilding in partnership with FBC Asheville and NC Baptists on Mission! Use the QR code for more information and registration.

**Vacation Bible School -**  
Join us June 8-11 from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM for Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God! Participants and volunteers are invited to sign up now.

## Information Card

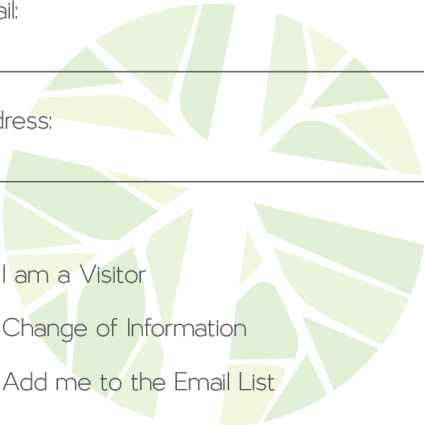
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\_\_\_\_ Change of Information  
\_\_\_\_ Add me to the Email List  
\_\_\_\_ I'm interested in following Jesus and being baptized.  
\_\_\_\_ I'm interested in joining the church family.  
\_\_\_\_ I'm interested in learning more about our ministries 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.