

# 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, July 5

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

### Wednesday, July 8

7:00 pm - Summer Choir Practice

### Thursday, July 9

10:00 am - Prayer Quilt Ministry

### Friday, July 10

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

### Sunday, July 12

8:30 am - Church Council  
9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship

## Missions & Donations

The ACTS collection item for July is cereal/ oatmeal and grits. Our goal is 450 units.

# 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

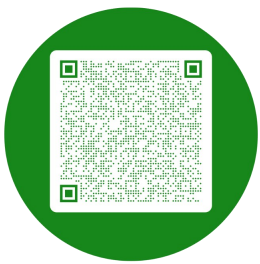
**Anna Derr**  
Communications Specialist/Organist

**Gail Floyd**  
Financial Secretary

**LeAnne Jolley**  
Administrative Assistant



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**Aiken's  
First Baptist  
Church**

**Sunday, July 5, 2026**

# Order of Worship

**Prelude** Eternal Father, Strong to Save arr. Hughes

**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

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high.  
**I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.**  
We quiet our souls and calm our spirits before You.  
**Like a weaned child with its mother, we sit in the quiet grace of Your presence.**  
We place our hope in the Lord, both now and forevermore.  
**Come, let us worship in the peace of God.**

**\*Hymn 319** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

**Philippians 4:10-14**

**Pastoral Prayer** Emily Berry

**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.**

**Anthem** Sanctuary Thomas and Scruggs  
*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You*

**Celebration of Giving** John Carroll

**Offertory**  
*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.*

**Ecclesiastes 5:10-20**

**\*Hymn 472** Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus LEMMEL

**Words for the Journey** Contentment John Carroll

**\*Hymn** Simple Gifts SIMPLE GIFTS

**'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free  
'tis the gift to come down where you ought to be  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right  
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.**

**When true simplicity is gained  
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed  
To turn, turn will be our delight  
'Till by turning, turning we come round right.**

*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**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

**Postlude** Fanfare and Meditation on "My Country 'Tis of Thee" Bradshaw

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

**Please pray for our children, youth, and adults who will be attending Passport Kids Camp and Unidiversity this week.**

**Summer Choir Practice -**  
Wednesday, July 8 at 7pm.

**Church Office –**  
The Church Office has been temporarily relocated to the Trinity/Family Life Center Building. Please call 803-648-5476 to visit or make a drop off. The office will be open Monday-Thursdlay from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.

**Deacon Nominations -**  
The Deacon Nominating Committee is receiving nominations for deacons who will serve our church beginning January 2027. You are encouraged to prayerfully submit a name to any committee member: Sam Jordan, Active Deacon, Gigi Talbert, Active Deacon, Francine Alsbrooks, Elise Faulkner, or Mary Kilmer.

**Zachary Derr Ordination -**  
Join us to celebrate a Service of Ordination for Zachary Derr on Sunday, July 19, at 4:00 PM in the sanctuary.

**Blessing of the Backpacks–**  
Sunday, July 19 during worship.

**Caregiver Support Group -**  
We will resume Tuesday, July 21, at 10:30 am in the Trinity Building. Anyone in a caretaking role of any kind is welcome to come and journey with others in this community of support.

**Quarterly Business Meeting–**  
Wednesday, August 5 at 6pm.

## 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.