



Aiken's First Baptist Church

Sunday, July 19, 2026

Welcome to Aiken's First Baptist Church! Because we are a community called to radically pursue loving like Jesus, you are welcome here no matter who you are and where life has taken you.

Whether you are just browsing, are not sure how you found your way here, or have heavy questions that need thoughtful answers. Whether you are single, married, divorced, searching, or done searching. Whether 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 ingles, are over 60 and not grown up or a teenager growing up too fast. You are welcome here!

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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Let us know you are
visiting today or share
information here.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Jubilation

Handel

Chiming of the Trinity

Entering worship, we step into a time that is not ours, but God's.

Welcome and Announcements

Emily Berry

Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

In our times of joy and our seasons of sorrow, God is with us.

God has made everything beautiful in its time, and has set eternity in our hearts.

Let us worship the One who holds all of our times in His hands.

Come, let us praise our Creator, who guides us through every season of life.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn 337

Please, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

Galatians 6:9-10

Pastoral Prayer

Christian Burton

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

Before the Throne of God Above
The Reids and Friends

BEFORE THE THRONE

Celebration of Giving

Sarah Laurence

Offertory

It Is Well with My Soul
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

Matt Waller

Moment of Fellowship

Children's Moment & Blessing of the Backpacks

Matt Waller

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

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

***Hymn**

My Times Are In Thy Hand

SCHOPF

***My times are in Your hand;
my God, I wish them there!
My life, my friends, my soul, I leave
entirely to Your care.***

***My times are in Your hand
whatever they may be,
pleasing or painful, dark or bright,
as You know best for me.***

***My times are in Your hand;
such faith You give to me
that after death, at Your right hand
I shall for ever be.***

Words for the Journey

Seasons

John Carroll

***Hymn 48**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*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

Toccata in F

Buxtehude

**Please stand as you are able.*

This Week

Sunday, July 19

8:30 am - Finance Committee
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
4:00 pm - Zachary Derr's Ordination Service

Tuesday, July 21

10:00 am - Caregiver Support Group

Wednesday, July 22

7:00 pm - Summer Choir Practice

Thursday, July 23

10:00 am - Prayer Quilt Ministry

Friday, July 24

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

Sunday, July 26

8:30 am - Deacons' Meeting
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.

Announcements

Zachary Derr Ordination - Join us to celebrate a Service of Ordination for Zachary Derr today at 4:00 PM in the sanctuary.

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

Youth and Children's Summer Share - Sunday, July 26, during worship.

New Small Group: Young Families - All young families are encouraged to gather for dinner and a fun time of fellowship on Saturday, July 25, at Good Girl Brewing Co. **RSVP by July 22!**



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-Thursday 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. are encouraged to prayerfully submit a name to any committee member: Jordan, Active Deacon, Talbert, Active Deacon, Alsbrooks, Faulkner, or Kilmer.

Quarterly Business Meeting - Wednesday, August 5, at 6pm.

New Small Group: Empty Nesters - All who find themselves in or approaching an empty-nester or a not-yet-retired phase of life are encouraged to gather for dinner and fellowship on Friday, August 21, at 6 PM at Good Girl Brewing Co! **RSVP by August 19.**



Joint Red Cross Blood Drive with Second Baptist to benefit Teen Center - Sunday, August 30, 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm, at Second Baptist GED Center. Donors will receive a \$20 gift card, which you are encouraged to give to the Teen After School Program for them to use for their programming and needs. Use the QR code to sign up.



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