



Aiken's First Baptist Church

Sunday, August 16, 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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. Kingsmore

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

Emily Berry

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness.

We come into God's presence with songs of joyous praise.

God has done great things for us, and our hearts are filled with laughter.

Our souls sing out for joy to the living God!

Come, let us fix our eyes on the goodness of our Maker.

Together, let us worship God with joyful hearts!

*Hymn 215

Rejoice, the Lord is King

DARWALL

Habakkuk 3:17-19

Pastoral Prayer

John Carroll

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

Wings of the Dawn

Spencer

Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit and when I rise. Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I go from your presence? If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say surely darkness will hide me, and the night be dark all around me, not even dark is dark to you. Night will shine like the day. So I'll praise you, lift up my voice and I'll praise you, yes, I'll praise you, Lord. You created me within, you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you for I am fearfully made. Your works are wonderful.

Celebration of Giving

Matt Waller

Offertory

How Great Thou Art

arr.Hine

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.

Psalm 34:1-8

*Hymn 383

Near to the Heart of God

McAFEE

Words for the Journey

In Our 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

*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

Bach's Concerto No. 2 in G Major

arr. Hopson

**Please stand as you are able.*

This Week

Sunday, August 16

8:30 am - Bereavement Team

8:30 am- Finance Committee

9:45 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Worship

Tuesday, August 18

10:30 am - Caregiver Support Group

Wednesday, August 19

5:15 pm - Dinner

6:00 pm - Children's Choirs

6:00 pm - Youth Fellowship and Bible Study

6:30 pm - Adult Prayer and Bible Study

6:45 pm - Children's Missions Groups

7:30 pm - Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, August 20

10:00 am - Prayer Quilt Ministry

Friday, August 21

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

Sunday, August 23

8:30 am - Deacons Meeting

9:45 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Worship

Missions & Donations

The ACTS collection item for August is canned meat. Our goal is 450 units. So far we have collected 201 cans.

Announcements

Wednesday Night Menu- BBQ, cole slaw, chips and chocolate eclair dessert. Please remember to either register online or with the church office before noon on Monday.

Church Office - The Church Office has been moved into the new 2nd floor office space. The office will be open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.

Call for Prayer Pals - The Prayer Ministry Teams is seeking volunteers to be Prayer Pals for the school year. Praying for our students during the school year is an important ministry! If you are willing to bless the lives of our students by praying for them, please contact Marilyn Winn at 803-507-2357 or bilmarwinn@breezeline.net.

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.

Women in Missions -

Join us Monday, August 24, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a light dinner and meeting! **Please RSVP by August 20.**

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.

All Youth Fall Retreat -

September 25-27 at Asbury Hills. Cost is \$150. Sign up now!



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