



Aiken's First Baptist Church

Sunday, August 30, 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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Christopher

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

Christian Burton

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea.

Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling, the Lord of hosts is with us.

The God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come, behold the works of the Lord. Be still, and know that God is exalted among the nations.

The Lord Almighty is with us; our God is our stronghold.

*Hymn 366

O God Beyond All Praising

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Psalm 46

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

For the Music of Creation

Price

For the music of creation, for the song Your Spirit sings, for Your sound's diving expression, burst of joy in living things: God, our God, the world's composer, hear us, echoes of Your voice, music is Your art, Your glory, let the human heart rejoice! Psalms and symphonies exalt You, drum and trumpet, string and reed, simple melodies acclaim You, tunes that rise from deepest need, hymns of belonging, carols from a cheerful throat, lullaby and love song catching heaven in a note. All the voices of the ages in transcendent chorus meet, worship lifting up the senses, hands that praise and dancing feet; over discord and division music speaks Your joy and peace, harmony of earth and heaven, song of God that cannot cease!

Celebration of Giving

Kim Mitchell

Offertory

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

arr. David

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.

1 Kings 19:8–13

*Hymn 569

In Christ Alone

IN CHRIST ALONE

Words for the Journey

In Chaos and Quiet

John Carroll

*Hymn 629

Be Strong in the Lord

STRENGTH

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

Ritter

**Please stand as you are able.*

This Week

Sunday, August 30

9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
12:00 pm - Joint Red Cross
Blood Drive with
Second Baptist

Tuesday, September 1

10:30 am - Caregiver
Support Group

Wednesday, September 2

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, September 3

10:00 am - Prayer Quilt
Ministry

Friday, September 4

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

Sunday, September 6

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

Missions & Donations

The ACTS collection
item for September is
boxed pasta/
spagetti.

Announcements

Wednesday Night Menu- Chick Fil A sandwiches or nuggets. Chips, fruit and a cookie tray. Please remember to either register online or with the church office before noon on Mondays.

Youth - Youth (grades 6-12) are invited to join us in the gym this afternoon from 3:00 - 4:30 PM.

Handbells - If you're interested in joining our revitalized Handbell Choir, please contact Zach Derr at zderr@fbcaiken.org or 803-648-5476. Scheduling will be decided after gauging interest.

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.

GED Program Volunteers Needed - The GED program meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am -12:00 pm, and the greatest need is on Tuesdays. We're very flexible with schedules. If you're interested or have questions, call Mary McQuinn at 803-507-0551.

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

Christmas Cantata Kickoff - All who like to sing are invited to participate in our December 13 choir cantata! Rehearsal kickoff will be Sunday, September 13, 3:00-6:30 pm, with dinner provided. Use the QR code to RSVP. Questions? Contact Zach Derr.



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