

Today's Worship

Today is the Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost, a season of the Christian year also referred to as "Kingdomtide," when we celebrate our life together as a church family. The color for this season is green and symbolizes the opportunity that we have for spiritual growth, both individually and as a community of believers.

BIRTHDAYS – OCTOBER

- 15 Doug Cowart, Nancy Crawford,
Karen Edwards, Chris Fry,
Thomas George, Tracy Ghazal,
Darren Miller, Pat Pennington,
Bobby Richardson
- 16 Terry Macy, Florence McCoy,
Jennie Thomas
- 17 Joe Kinney, Carol Luther, Bonnie
McCormick
- 18 Ansley Kitchings, Wallace
Kitchings, Reed McLain, Joe
Shields, Strom Thurmond
- 20 Kristina Mattocks, Patsy Seigler
- 21 Clark LeMaster, John Lowe, Scot
Mills, Mark Mossburg, Rose Ann
Pistole

MINISTERS

The members of Aiken's First Baptist Church and

Fred W. Andrea III, Ph.D.
Pastor

Vicky R. McCullough
Director of Children's Ministries

Debbie M. Sessions
Coordinator of Discipleship Development

Kathy K. Samaha
Preschool Director

Elise D. Faulkner
Director of Food Services

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Director of Facilities Operations

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Clinical Director,
Community Counseling Center

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Associate Minister in Music and Worship

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Sarah E. Laurence
Student Ministries Intern

Kristy G. Garvin
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Pastor's Assistant

Brook M. Keisler
Communications Manager/
Music Ministry Assistant

Joyce M. English
Church Organist

To Our Guests:

We are happy that you are worshiping with us today and hope that you leave with a sense of having experienced the presence of God in this community of believers. If you are searching for a permanent place of worship and fellowship, we invite you to consider First Baptist Church as your church home.

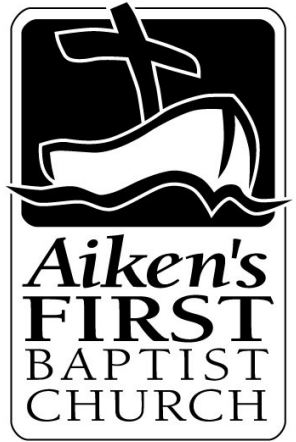
The 11:00 a.m. worship service is rebroadcast on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Atlantic Broadband Cable, Channel 12. Audio (CD) and video (DVD) recordings of the morning worship service are available, upon request, from the church office. Our Sanctuary is equipped with an FM wireless hearing assistance system. Ask one of the ushers for a receiver.

Worship Notes:

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CELEBRATION of WORSHIP

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
October 15, 2017 The Lord's Day
*Our mission is to carry out Jesus' great command
through worshiping, nurturing, ministering,
and witnessing, in an inclusive environment.*



TEACH ME, O LORD, I PRAY

Preparation for Worship

Out of reverence to God and respect for others, please silence cellular telephones, beepers, and other audible devices during worship.

The Meditation

Yes, God wants you to do signs and wonders. But the love of God manifested through you is what people really need. So you first must see His face. You must become so close to His very heartbeat that you can feel what others feel.

– Heidi Baker (b. 1959)

The Prelude

How Great Thou Art

arr. Miller

Chiming of the Hour

YOUR PRECIOUS TRUTH DIVINE

The Call to Worship

Ms. Sarah Laurence

We are God's church: we come together to worship.

He has given us his Word: we come together to learn from him.

He has filled us with his power: we go out to bring others to him.

He has called us into his family: we come together to share our lives.

He has put his words on our lips: we go out to tell the world about him.

He has given us his Spirit: we come together to celebrate.

He has showered us with his riches: we go out to share his goodness with others.

He has freed us from our past: we come together to move forward.

He has planned for us a glorious future: we go out to live our lives to please him.

We are God's church: we come together to worship.

The Invocation and Lord's Prayer

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 for ever. Amen.

†Hymn of Praise 310 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY

LEAD ME TO UNDERSTAND YOUR WORD

The Expression of Fellowship The Rev. Doud

Passing the Friendship Register
Please take the registration pad from the right end of the pew; sign it and pass it to your left. At the conclusion of worship, warmly greet those who have shared the pew with you.

A Song of Fellowship *In This Place*¹ Medema
**In this place among these people God is worshiped, God is praised.
We have seen the signs and wonders;
the lost are found here, the dead are raised.
We are living the Gospel story; lives are changed and mountains moved.
Won't you come and work among us? You are welcomed, you are loved.**

The Old Testament Lesson Deuteronomy 6:20-25
Pew Bible 184 (OT) Deacon Pat Scheetz

AND MAKE ITS PRECEPTS MINE

The Call to Prayer
The Silent Prayer of Confession
The Assurance of Pardon

The Prayer of Intercession and Pastoral Prayer

IMPART YOUR WISDOM, LORD

*† Offertory Hymn 278 *We Are Tavelers on a Journey* BEACH SPRING

The Offertory Prayer
Pray for the Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons in Aiken County, which provides 24-hour emergency services to victims of domestic abuse.

Receiving the Tithes and Offerings
The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

The Offertory *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* Gabriel
Amy Smith, soprano

†*The Doxology OLD 100TH
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SHED LIGHT UPON MY WAY

The Gospel Lesson John 14:12-14
Pew Bible Page 112 (NT)

The Children's Message Mrs. McCullough
All children are invited to come to the front as the instrumental music begins. Four- and five-year-olds will be dismissed to Children's Church following the Children's Message.

THAT I MAY KNOW YOUR BOUNDLESS LOVE

The Anthem *Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care* Schalk
Sanctuary Choir

The History Lesson Acts 2:42-47
Pew Bible Page 123 (NT) Dr. Jay Kieve

The Message *Wonders and Signs*

The Invitation to Discipleship

TEACH ME, O LORD, I PRAY

*Commitment Hymn 676 *Teach Me, O Lord, I Pray* DIADEMATA
Please come forward during the singing of this hymn if you wish to confess your faith or identify with this fellowship. A minister will greet and receive you.

Acknowledgment of New Members

*The Ministry of Peace and the Pastoral Benediction

The Congregational Response² SIM
**Go gently, go lightly, go safe in the Spirit,
live simply, don't carry much more than you need:
Go trusting God's goodness, go spreading God's kindness,
stay centered on Jesus and where he will lead.**

The Postlude *Land of Rest* arr. Martin

*Those who are able, please stand.

†Arriving worshipers may be seated.

Recycle bins have been placed at Sanctuary exit doors. Please discard any portion of the printed order of worship that you do not wish to take home with you.

We welcome Jay Kieve as our guest proclaimer this morning. Dr. Andrea is away on vacation.

We welcome Amy Smith as our music worship leader today. Mr. Bennett is leading in worship at First Baptist Church, Anderson, SC this morning.

We welcome R.J. Thomas as our guest organist today. Mrs. English is away on vacation.

Children's Worship Packets

In the hall to the left of the front of the Sanctuary are Children's Worship Packets for children to use during our worship services.

The ACTS Monthly Collection item for October is jelly.

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WELCOME!

Welcome to worship at Aiken's First Baptist Church. We hope you will use this time to experience God's grace through praise, confession, forgiveness, challenge, and renewal as we lend hearts, hands, and voices to the good task of Christian worship. We want to know you better. Won't you please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate?

Date: _____

Name: Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Residence: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Age Group: 13-19 20-29 30-39
 40-49 50-59 60+

Children:

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Status: Single Married Divorced
 Separated Widowed

Please check all that apply:

- First-time visitor
- New to the area
- Occasional visitor
- Interested in knowing more about being a Christian
- Interested in knowing more about this church
- Interested in joining this church