

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today we are pleased to baptize the following covenant children:** Stephen Shant Boyajian, son of Shant and Annie Boyajian; Sophia Linsley Carroll, daughter of Jason and Heather Carroll; Ezra Stephen Wells-Morgan, son of Justin and Amy Wells-Morgan; Isaac Rhys and Norah Grace Williams, son and daughter of David and Sarah Williams.

**APC Youth Choir begins today (RRC).** The Youth Choir will sing during our Thanksgiving morning service on November 19, and for two Sunday 8:50am services during the Christmas season: an Advent service on December 10, and the Christmas service on December 17 (with both campuses combined). All youth, eight years old through 12th grade are encouraged to participate (treble singers). We'll rehearse on Sundays immediately following worship from 10:15-10:45am in Room 104, today through December 10.

**Koinonia, our 20s-30s ministry, meets Tuesday, October 17 at 7pm at WBRC.** We will gather for a delicious dinner, enjoy fellowship with each other, and study God's Word together. Please note that going forward Koinonia will be meeting at our West Braddock Road Campus in the Fellowship Hall.

**WBR Yard Cleanup on Saturday, October 21 from 8:30am to noon.** We are seeking a team of people to spruce up the grounds at our West Braddock Road campus located at 1302 W. Braddock Road. Bring your yard tools and gloves to do some pruning, weeding and mulching. Contact sue.edwards@alexandriapres.org if you will be able to help the morning of the 21st.

**Camping in the Yard, Sunday October 22, 5-7pm.** Explorers will meet at the Braddock Road Campus for our annual "Camping in the Yard". We will have fire pits, food, s'mores and tons of fun. Please come join us.

**APC Congregational Meeting for Officer Elections, Sunday, October 29, 4:30pm (RRC).** Nominations for elder and deacon may be submitted until October 22. You must 1) be a member to nominate, 2) ascertain the willingness of the individual to serve prior to submitting a nomination, and 3) nominate a man who has taken the Officer Training Class. Nomination forms are available at the Information Booth at either campus and may be submitted to any current elder or to Pastor Tom Holliday. Men currently taking the Officer Training Class are: Bruce Barham, Matt Coombs, Ed Culbreath, Tim Jones, Mike Lee, Aaron McCauley, Marc Smith, Stephen Sylvia, Jim Taft, Bill Ward, Justin Wells-Morgan, and David Williams. Men eligible for re-election for the office of elder are: Bryant Streett and John West. Men eligible for re-election for the office of deacon are: Didier Balagizi, Yaovi Kodjo, Mike McMullen, and Tom Schauer. Please plan to join us to elect the officers on October 29, followed by a time of prayer and praise from 5-6pm, with fellowship and snacks after. Childcare will be available starting at 4:20pm, and regular Sunday evening activities will begin at 5pm following the officer elections.

**Seniors Ministry.** APC strives to be a welcoming community for all. For some of us, getting down the stairs to the Fellowship Hall is difficult. Or, once we get there, the busyness and volume are a bit too much. There is a solution! Our Seniors Fellowship meets every Sunday right after the worship service in the Green Room, right across from the Del Ray Baptist Office on the main level. Senior Ministry helpers will be glad to welcome you today.

## UPCOMING DATES

<b>Trunk or Treat</b>	October 28
<b>Thanksgiving evening service</b>	November 19
<b>Combined Christmas service</b>	December 17

(See above for other important upcoming dates)

## CORPORATE PRAYER IN 2017

**Every Sunday, 8:30am—Chapel (RRC).** Praying for our Worship Service.  
**Second Saturday of the month, 9am—Room 104 (RRC).** Praying with our Elders for our church.  
**Fourth Sunday of the month, 5pm—Chapel (RRC).** Praying with our church community.  
**Intercessory Prayer Team.** Contact Pastor Tom Holliday for details.

## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

<b>Hospitality</b>	<b><i>This Week's Coffee Set Up:</i></b> Mike and Isabel Lee, Matt Wingler <b><i>Next Week's Coffee Set Up:</i></b> Hillary DeJong
<b>Nursery</b>	<b><i>This Week's Church Service:</i></b> Femi Adeniji, Tina Brady, Ryan and Erin Furgerson, Mike Olree, Aaron and Christina Renenger, Jeremy and Staci Root, Jake and Erin Williams <b><i>Next Week's Church Service:</i></b> Jamie Connelly, Ryan and Erin Furgerson, Aaron and Jackie McCauley, Miluvidia Reyes, Andrew, Rebecca and Faith Schad, Jackie Shaw, Lisa Shelton
<b>Children's Church</b>	<b><i>This Week's Leaders:</i></b> Christian and Christine Brittle <b><i>Next Week's Leaders:</i></b> Christian and Christine Brittle
<b>Ushers</b>	<b><i>For October:</i></b> Rick Badwey, Daniel Bonje, Amy Carpenter, Sue Edwards, Ben Elliott, Jo Porwoll, David Williams
<b>Deacons on Duty</b>	Didier Balagizi, Emmanuel Lako

## CHILDREN AND TEENS

<b>Children's Church</b>	Room 124, during the sermon for children ages 5-7
<b>Sunday school</b>	10:45-11:45am   Russell Road Campus
<b>Children</b>	0-4, Nursery Wing; 2-3.5yr olds, Room 129; 3.5-4yr olds, Room 126; 5yr olds, Room 114; Grades 1-2, Room 124; Grades 3-5 Boys, Room 115; Grades 3-5 Girls, Room 113
<b>Teens</b>	Jr High 6th-8th and Sr High 9th-12th, 4th Floor
<b>Sunday evening</b>	5-7pm   Russell Road Campus
<b>Explorers</b>	children age 5-5th grade, Fellowship Hall
<b>PROTAS</b>	teens 6th-12th grade, 4th Floor

## ADULT EDUCATION

**Sunday school** | 10:45-11:45am | Russell Road Campus

**Living in the Kingdom of God,** *Led by Pastor Chris Sicks and Elder Matt Brown, Chapel*  
This film-based study of Jesus' Kingdom parables uses the Modern Parables curriculum. We will view short films based on the parables and engage in lively discussion of the meaning of the text and what Jesus is teaching us in each of them.

**Luther and the Reformation,** *Led by Elders Rob Fisher and Aaron Renenger, Room 303*  
2017 is the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's drafting and circulating of his "95 Theses," launching the Reformation. Join us as we study, through the context of the life, times and theology of Martin Luther, questions such as the holiness of God, the centrality of his Word, and the basis for our salvation. We will utilize a videotaped lecture series by R.C. Sproul, coupled with discussion of the theological themes that drove the Reformation and how we may apply those themes to our lives today.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Email Distribution List.** Periodic e-announcements keep the APC family informed of ministries, events, prayer requests, and classifieds. To subscribe, please contact the church office at admin@alexandriapres.org.

**Submission Deadlines.** Requests for bulletin and pulpit announcements are due to the office by Tuesday.

**Covenant Fellowship Groups (CFG).** APC offers a variety of CFGs which meet for study, prayer, fellowship, accountability and growth. A list of locations, times and contact info can be found online or in the CFG brochure at the Information Booth.

**Find Us on Facebook.** Please visit the APC Facebook page and hit the "Like" button while you're there!

**Bulletin on your iPad or Tablet.** To receive a PDF of the weekly bulletin, please e-mail Stacey Diack at stacey.diack@alexandriapres.org.

**Listserv for APC moms.** This is a secure, confidential listserv for APC women. To join, send an e-mail to apcmoms-subscribe@yahoo.com, and you'll receive an e-mail invitation to join.

## UNCHANGING TRUTH—CHANGING LIVES

**APC is a church of sinners. It's that simple.** But we are bound together by the Gospel that saves us and transforms us. The transformation is, however, a process. God isn't through with us yet. Everyone in this church is struggling with something. If you are currently struggling with greed, gossip, drugs, alcohol, sexual brokenness, eating disorders, anger, pride, etc—you are not alone. More importantly, God does not intend for you to struggle alone. That's why He made the Church. If you would like to learn how your brothers and sisters at APC might be able to encourage you, pray with you and struggle alongside you, contact Tom Holliday at the church office.

October 15, 2017

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**Alexandria Presbyterian Church** is a welcoming community of believers, rejoicing in the gospel, transformed by its power, and responding with grateful hearts in service to our God and world. We long to taste the glory of God in such an astonishing way that the city of Alexandria will be drawn to the majesty and mercy of our great God. It is our desire that our worship will serve as an authentic model to our city of the possibilities for transformation of individuals, families and a city encountering the glory and grace of God.

*Please, no food or drink in sanctuary. Silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.*

*Parents with young children, a “crying room” with video simulcast is available downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.*

*Please see a greeter or usher for assistance.*

# Holy Worship Service

## GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

■ **prelude** | *Trevor Manor, Director of Music Ministries, piano*

■ **call to worship** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

■ **hymn of praise**  
**I Sing the Almighty Power of God #119**

■ **prayer of adoration**

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Ruth Fisher*

*Psalms 25*

**Teach Me Your Paths** *Of David.*

<sup>1</sup>To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.

<sup>3</sup>Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

<sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

<sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

<sup>10</sup>All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

■ **song of worship**

**He Leadeth Me**

He leadeth me—O blessed thought—O words with heav’nly comfort fraught  
Whate’er I do—where’er I be—still ‘tis God’s hand that leadeth me

*He leadeth me—He leadeth me—by His own hand He leadeth me  
His faithful foll’wer I would be—for by His hand He leadeth me*

Lord I would clasp Thy hand in mine—nor ever murmur nor repine  
Content whatever lot I see—since ‘tis my God that leadeth me

And when my task on earth is done—when by Thy grace the vict’ry won  
E’en death’s cold wave I will not flee—since God through Jordan leadeth me

*Words: William B. Bradbury, 1864; Music: Joseph H. Gilmore, 1862*

■ **prayer of confession**

*Please stand and read in unison. From Psalm 143*

Leader: <sup>1</sup>Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
give ear to my pleas for mercy!  
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

**All: <sup>2</sup>Enter not into judgment with your servant,  
for no one living is righteous before you.**

Leader: <sup>3</sup>For the enemy has pursued my soul;  
he has crushed my life to the ground;  
he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.

**All: <sup>4</sup>Therefore my spirit faints within me;  
my heart within me is appalled.**

<sup>11</sup>For your name’s sake, O Lord,  
pardon my guilt, for it is great.

<sup>12</sup>Who is the man who fears the Lord?  
Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.

<sup>13</sup>His soul shall abide in well-being,  
and his offspring shall inherit the land.

<sup>14</sup>The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.

<sup>15</sup>My eyes are ever toward the Lord,  
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

<sup>16</sup>Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
for I am lonely and afflicted.

<sup>17</sup>The troubles of my heart are enlarged;  
bring me out of my distresses.

<sup>18</sup>Consider my affliction and my trouble,  
and forgive all my sins.

<sup>19</sup>Consider how many are my foes,  
and with what violent hatred they hate me.

<sup>20</sup>Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!  
Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

<sup>21</sup>May integrity and uprightness preserve me,  
for I wait for you.

<sup>22</sup>Redeem Israel, O God,  
out of all his troubles.

■ **moment of silent confession**

■ **words of assurance**

Leader: <sup>8</sup>Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love,  
for in you I trust.

**All: Make me know the way I should go,  
for to you I lift up my soul.**

Leader: <sup>9</sup>Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!  
I have fled to you for refuge.

**All: <sup>10</sup>Teach me to do your will,  
for you are my God!  
Let your good Spirit lead me  
on level ground!**

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **sacrament of baptism**

■ **offertory prayer** | *Bruce Barham*

■ **presentation of tithes and offerings** | *Adult Choir*

**Teach Me Your Way, O Lord**

Teach me Your way, O Lord, teach me Your way.

Your guiding grace afford, teach me Your way.

Help me to walk aright, more by faith and less by sight;

Lead me in heav’nly light, teach me Your way.

When I am sad at heart, teach me Your way.

When earthly joys depart, teach me Your way.

In hours of loneliness, in times of dire distress,

In failure or success, teach me Your way!

When doubts and fears arise, teach me Your way.

When storm clouds fill the skies, teach me Your way.

Shine through the wind and rain, through sorrow, grief, and pain.

Make now my pathway plain, make my pathway plain.

Long as my life shall last, teach me Your way.

Where’er my lot is cast, teach me Your way.

Until the race is run, until the journey’s done,

Until the crown is won, teach me Your way.

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*At this time, children ages 5-7 are invited to go to Children’s Church, exiting through the front-right sanctuary door. After the service, parents should pick up their children in Room 124.*

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **sermon scripture reading**

*Galatians 1*

**Greeting**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—<sup>2</sup>and all the brothers who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, <sup>5</sup>to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**No Other Gospel**

<sup>6</sup>I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—<sup>7</sup>not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. <sup>8</sup>But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. <sup>9</sup>As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

<sup>10</sup>For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

**Paul Called by God**

<sup>11</sup>For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man’s gospel. <sup>12</sup>For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>13</sup>For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. <sup>14</sup>And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. <sup>15</sup>But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his

grace, <sup>16</sup>was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; <sup>17</sup>nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

<sup>18</sup>Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. <sup>19</sup>But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord’s brother. <sup>20</sup>(In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) <sup>21</sup>Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. <sup>22</sup>And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. <sup>23</sup>They only were hearing it said, “He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.” <sup>24</sup>And they glorified God because of me.

■ **prayer for illumination**

■ **sermon** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

“**The Gospel**” *Sermon series: The Book of Galatians*

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **songs of response**

**What a Beautiful Name**

You were the Word at the beginning—One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation—Now revealed in You our Christ

*What a beautiful name it is—What a beautiful name it is*

*The name of Jesus Christ my King—What a beautiful name it is*

*Nothing compares to this—What a beautiful name it is—the name of Jesus*

You didn’t want heaven without us—So Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great—Your love was greater—What could separate us now?

*What a wonderful name it is—What a wonderful name it is*

*The name of Jesus Christ my King—What a wonderful name it is*

*Nothing compares to this—What a wonderful name it is—the name of Jesus*

Death could not hold You—The veil tore before You

You silence the boast of sin and grave—The heavens are roaring

The praise of Your glory—For You are raised to life again

You have no rival—You have no equal

Now and forever—God You reign

Yours is the kingdom—Yours is the glory—Yours is the name above all names

*What a powerful name it is—What a powerful name it is*

*The name of Jesus Christ my King—What a powerful name it is*

*Nothing can stand against—What a powerful name it is—the name of Jesus*

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**In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found—He is my Light my strength my song

This Cornerstone this solid ground—Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love what depths of peace—When fears are stilled when strivings cease

My Comforter my all in all—Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh—Fullness of God in helpless Babe

This gift of love and righteousness—Scorned by the ones He came to save

‘Til on that cross as Jesus died—The wrath of God was satisfied

For every sin on Him was laid—Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay—Light of the world by darkness slain

Then bursting forth in glorious day—Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory—Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me

For I am His and He is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death—This is the power of Christ in me

From life’s first cry to final breath—Jesus commands my destiny

No power of hell no scheme of man—Can ever pluck me from His hand

‘Til He returns or calls me home—Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand

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■ **dismissal**

Leader: Let us go forth and serve our city and our world as those who love the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**All: We will go forth and serve our city and our world in the name of Christ.**

■ **benediction**

*Please exit the sanctuary and foyers quickly to allow room for Del Ray Baptist’s congregation to enter.*

*We invite you to join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship for a time of fellowship. The purpose of this time is to give you an opportunity to connect with the APC family while you enjoy a cup of coffee or tea  
Sunday School classes for all ages follow this time of fellowship, from 10:45am until 11:45am.*