

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

APC offers a service at two different campuses on Sunday mornings. Our Russell Road Campus (RRC) is located at 2405 Russell Road with a worship time of 8:50am, and our West Braddock Road Campus (WBRC) is located at 1302 West Braddock Road with a worship time of 11am.

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

Trunk or Treat	October 28
Thanksgiving evening service	November 19
Combined Christmas service	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.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality

This Week's Coffee Set Up: Coombs family

Next Week's Coffee Set Up: Deb Wood, Rodney and Margaret Veenstra

Nursery

This Week's Church Service: Trent Langhorne, Cynthia Oviatt

Next Week's Church Service: Susan Brockhaus, Beth Sterne

CHILDREN AND TEENS

Children's Church Room 124, during the sermon for children ages 5-7

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

Children

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

Teens

Jr High 6th-8th and Sr High 9th-12th, 4th Floor

Sunday evening | 5-7pm | Russell Road Campus

Explorers

children age 5-5th grade, Fellowship Hall

PROTAS

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.

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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 silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

Parents with young children: a Family Worship Space with video simulcast is available downstairs.

Nursery is available for children ages 5 and under. Please see a greeter or usher for assistance.

Bibles and offering envelopes are available at the Information Booth.

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

■ **prayer of adoration**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Cara Overweg*

Psalm 25

Teach Me Your Paths *Of David.*

¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

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

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

⁴Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

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

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

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

⁸Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰All 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: ¹Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

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

Psalm 143

Leader: ³For 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: ⁴Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.

■ moment of silent confession

■ words of assurance

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

All: ⁴Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

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

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

■ congregational prayer

■ **offertory prayer** | *Matt Coombs*

■ presentation of tithes and offerings | Praise Team

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah—pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak but Thou art mighty—Hold me with Thy powerful hand
Bread of heaven feed me now and evermore
Bread of heaven feed me now and evermore

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing waters flow
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through
Strong Deliverer be Thou still my strength and shield
Strong Deliverer be Thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death and hell’s destruction—land me safe on Canaan’s side
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee
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Land me safe on Canaan’s side—bid my anxious fears—bid my anxious fears
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GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ sermon scripture reading

Galatians 1

Greeting

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

To the churches of Galatia:

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

No Other Gospel

⁶I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— ⁷not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸But 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. ⁹As 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.

¹⁰For 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

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

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

¹⁸Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. ¹⁹But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord’s brother. ²⁰(In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) ²¹Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. ²²And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. ²³They only were hearing it said, “He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.” ²⁴And 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 stand and read in unison. From Psalm 143