

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Bible class begins today. A Bible class for 2-5 year olds begins during today's service. The children will be dismissed before the sermon.

Koinonia, our 20s-30s ministry, meets this Tuesday, January 16 at 7pm at WBRC. We will gather for dinner, enjoy fellowship with each other, and study God's Word together.

Thursday Women's Bible Study. Beginning this Thursday, the Thursday Women's Bible study will begin a new 10-week series entitled "From Garden to Glory, A Bible study on the Bible's Story" by Courtney Doctor. "The Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, is a beautiful, epic, and cohesive story showing our eternal God's redemptive mission to rescue and restore His rebellious, wayward children. But it's not a story meant merely to inform us. The story itself is meant to transform us and invite us to participate with Him in this glorious work!" Please join us on Thursdays from 9:45-11:30 in Room 303 at RRC. Childcare is provided. To sign up, please visit the Information Booth after worship or contact Lynn Streett at bryant.lynn.streett@gmail.com or 703-942-8075.

Communicants Class for Children and Teens. The class begins this Thursday, January 18 from 4:30-5:30pm at RRC and run for eight weeks. Parents, please talk with your child/teen and consider whether or not you think they are ready to join the church as a communicant member. To find out more information, preview the workbook, or to sign up; please contact Pastor Tom Holliday (tom.holliday@alexandriapres.org) or Adam LeRoy (adam.leroy@alexandriapres.org).

Newcomers' Fellowship Dinner this Saturday, January 20, 6-8pm. If you've been attending APC for one week or several months, Sue Edwards invites you to her home, 2405 Terrett Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301, for food and fellowship. You'll have a chance to meet church officers and staff, ask questions and learn more about the ministry God is building here. Childcare is provided. Please sign up at the Info Booth or email Sue Edwards at sue.edwards@alexandriapres.org.

Women's time of prayer. Immediately following the RRC service on Sunday, January 21st, please join us in Room 104 for a time of encouragement as we lift up our hearts to the Lord in prayer from 10:20am-10:50am. Those who attend the WBRC service are also encouraged to come and prepare your hearts for worship. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. Contact Shannon Allen (shannonallen9@gmail.com) or Jessica White (jessica@samwhite.com) with any questions.

Inquirer's Class January 26-27 (RRC). If you are interested in membership or in gaining a deeper understanding of APC, you should attend this class. You will receive an introduction to Christianity, the PCA, and the specific vision/mission and philosophy of ministry at APC. Membership is open to all who profess faith in Christ and believe the basic teachings of the Christian faith. Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church. The Friday night session is from 6:30-9pm starting with a dinner, and the Saturday session is from 9am-3pm. Please RSVP to Sue Edwards at sue.edwards@alexandriapres.org or sign-up on Sunday if you wish to attend, and indicate if you have childcare needs.

All-Church Dinner—February 3, 6-8pm (RRC)! Join us for this USO-themed evening of food, music, and fellowship with your APC church family. Registration starts this Sunday after worship at both campuses. There is limited seating available so we encourage early sign-ups. The cost is \$13/per person or \$50 max per family. Childcare is provided for children 7 and under. Since WWII, the United Service Organization has been helping to support the men and women in the US Military and their families. This year's All-Church Dinner is going back to the era of big band, fedora's, and pearls. We encourage those who are interested to come in military uniform, or your best 1940s vintage attire! Go glam ladies...there may be a prize for best costume!

Calling all Writers! Beginning in February, a writer's group will convene on the first Tuesday evening of each month at APC's Russell Road Campus. Whether you are an aspiring writer or working on your third novel, you can expect our group to provide a comfortable forum for feedback and support. You will be asked to read materials submitted by group members the weekend before each meeting. Interested? Please email Joanne Redmond-Beckham at redmond_joanne@hotmail.com and put "Writer's Group" in the subject line. Our first meeting will be February 6.

UPCOMING DATES

Prayer meeting February 10
Baptism February 18

(See above for other important upcoming dates)

CORPORATE PRAYER IN 2018

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: Katy Browne

Next Week's Coffee Set Up: Deb Wood

Nursery

This Week's Church Service: Cynthia and Erin Oviatt, Stacey Stephens

Next Week's Church Service: Abby Berg, Laura Sanders

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

1 Samuel, Led by Elder Bryant Streett, Chapel

This 10-week study of 1 Samuel will cover events from the birth of Samuel to the death of King Saul. Among other things, we will discuss Eli and his sons, battles with the Philistines, Israel asking for a King, Saul's kingship, the Lord's rejection of Saul as king, David's anointing, David and Goliath, Saul's jealousy/fear of David, Jonathan, Saul's hunting of David and David's grace toward Saul, Nabal and Abigail, and David living among the Philistines.

The Kingdom of God in the Gospel of Matthew, Led by Pastor Josh Diack and Elder Jim Taft, Room 303

What do you think of when confronted with the advent of a new leader and a change in administration? Perhaps you think of motorcades, marching bands, and fanfare. Perhaps you ask questions such as: What are they like? Can they be trusted? What legacy will they leave behind? Those present at the announcement of the coming Messiah were also asking these questions. In this class, we will attempt to address the central theme of the Kingdom of God as presented in the Gospel of Matthew. We will reflect on this theme as we grow in gratitude for having received "a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe" (Heb 12:28).

Sunday evening | 5-7pm | Russell Road Campus

Sonship, Led by Pastor Tom Holliday, Chapel

The Prodigal Son, or The Father With Two Sons, Led by Elder Lee Beckham, Room 303

This 9-week class uses a combination of short lectures and group discussions to guide participants through this familiar parable.

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** | *Praise Team*

■ **call to worship** | *Trevor Manor, Director of Music Ministries*

Please read responsively. From Isaiah 55.

Leader: ¹“Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;

**All: and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!**

**Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.**

Leader: ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

**All: ³Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;**

**and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.**

■ **song of worship**

Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy

Come ye sinners poor and needy—weak and wounded sick and sore

Jesus ready stands to save you—full of pity joined with power

He is able—He is able—He is willing—doubt no more

Come ye needy—come and welcome God’s free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance—every grace that brings you nigh
Without money—without money—come to Jesus Christ and buy

Come ye weary heavy laden—bruised and broken by the fall
If you tarry till you’re better—you will never come at all
Not the righteous—not the righteous—sinners Jesus came to call

I will arise and go to Jesus—He will embrace me in His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior—O there are ten thousand charms
In the arms of my dear Savior—O there are ten thousand charms

*Words: Joseph Hart, 1759; last verse—author unknown; Music: RESTORATION, William Walker, Southern
Harmony (1835)*

■ **prayer of adoration** | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life*

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Pat Cole*

John 7:37-39

Rivers of Living Water

³⁷On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts,
let him come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of
his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those
who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus
was not yet glorified.

■ **congregational prayer** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

■ **testimony** | *Ben Thomas, Missionary to Rwanda*

■ **offertory prayer**

■ **presentation of tithes and offerings**

Living Waters

Are you thirsty—Are you empty—Come and drink these living waters

Tired and broken—Peace unspoken—Rest beside these living waters

Christ is calling—Find refreshing—At the cross of living waters

Lay your life down—All the old gone—Rise up in these living waters

*There’s a river that flows with mercy and love—Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure—Do not fear anymore—Praise the Lord of living waters*

(Please stand and sing.)

Spirit moving—Mercy washing—Healing in these living waters

Lead your children to the shoreline—Life is in these living waters

*There’s a river that flows with mercy and love—Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure—Do not fear anymore—Praise the Lord of living waters*

Are you thirsty—Are you empty—Come and drink these living waters

Love—forgiveness—vast and boundless—Christ—He is our living waters

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GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **sermon scripture reading**

Romans 12:9-21

Marks of the True Christian

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with
brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be
fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in
prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who
rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be
haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷Repay no one evil
for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it
depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to
the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰To the
contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for
by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but
overcome evil with good.

■ **prayer for illumination**

■ **sermon** | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life*

“Investing in the Kingdom—Community Building”

Sermon series: Investing in the Kingdom of God

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response** *(part 1)*

Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away—slain for us—and we remember

The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross

So we share in this Bread of Life—and we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of peace—around the table of the King

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ—torn for you—eat and remember

The wounds that heal the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one

So we share in this Bread of Life—and we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of love—around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin—shed for you—drink and remember

He drained death’s cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God

So we share in this Bread of Life—and we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of grace—around the table of the King

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS TABLE

■ **sacrament of the lord’s supper**

Explanation, Invitation, Participation

*All baptized Christians who are members in good standing of a church that proclaims the Gospel of Jesus
Christ are invited to participate. Children who have been admitted into the church as communicant
members are invited to participate as well. If you have any questions, please ask one of our pastors or elders.*

The crackers in the dish are gluten free.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response** *(part 2)*

Behold the Lamb

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond—and to remember

Our call to follow in the steps of Christ—as His body here on earth

As we share in His suffering—we proclaim Christ will come again

And we’ll join in the feast of heaven—around the table of the King

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■ **benediction**

■ **announcements**