

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Soundboard and PowerPoint operators needed. APC has a need for volunteers for the Audio/Visual teams at both campuses. Having a few more people to help advance PowerPoint slides during worship and to operate the soundboard would be a big blessing to our church. There is a particular need for another sound operator at Russell Road currently (where we recently installed a brand new soundboard). If you are someone who is technically minded and a good team player, we would love to discuss how to plug you in to this important APC ministry. Please contact Trevor Manor, Director of Music Ministries, at trevor.manor@alexandriapres.org.

Administrative Assistant Position Opening. APC is seeking an Administrative Assistant to join the church staff in early June 2018. The ideal candidate would be an active member of APC, have a servant's heart, be well-organized, detail-oriented, self-motivated, proficient in Microsoft Office and other software programs, web savvy, and have an ability to multi-task (e.g. answer phones and doorbell, run print jobs, order supplies, purchase hospitality items, transfer items between campuses, etc.). This part-time position is 24 hours per week, Tuesday-Thursday. Interested applicants should submit their resume to Sue Edwards, Office Manager, at sue.edwards@alexandriapres.org.

Lifeline Ministry. Every man wrestles with a sexuality in need of redemption. And with sexual brokenness, the stakes are as high as they possibly can be: marriage, family, friendships, finances, career...most significantly, our faith is at stake! As we'll discover, sex is about worship, so rebellion in this area speaks volumes about the depth, maybe even the reality of our faith. Men: you are invited to this safe, confidential setting, to study, talk, and pray for each other, as we seek to live in the hope of the Gospel, and in reliance upon the strengthening power of the Spirit. **A new semester for the group just started, and we would love for you to join us.** For the location and more information, contact any of the following APC men: Lee Matthews: eden_lee62@yahoo.com, Tom Mood: tommood@juno.com, Beau Powers: beaupowers@ymail.com, Pastor Josh Diack: josh.diack@alexandriapres.org, or Pastor Chris Sicks: chris.sicks@alexandriapres.org.

Koinonia, our 20s-30s ministry, meets this Tuesday, April 17, 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. All women are invited to join the Thursday Women's Bible study as they begin a new series *The Gospel in Life: Grace Changes Everything* by Tim Keller. **The series will kick off this Thursday, April 19.** Books may be picked up at the church office. We meet from 9:45-11:30am in room 303. Nursery is provided. Please sign up at the information booth or contact Lynn Streett at lynn.streett79@gmail.com if you have any questions.

VBS Information Meeting, April 22, 11:50am-12:30pm, Room 104 (RRC). The meeting will be a time to hear this year's theme and how you may take part. It will be a very strategic meeting as we discuss details and prepare to see what God has planned for us that week. The VBS dates are June 25-29. For more information contact: Leslie Bridge at leslie.bridge@alexandriapres.org or call 703-538-2594.

Manassas Battlefield Tour for APC Men, Saturday April 28 (8:30am-3:30pm). First Manassas was the first major engagement of the Civil War and featured strategic blunders as well as impressive acts of valor and courage. We'll focus on examples of both types of leadership. We'll carpool (or bus) up to the Battlefield, tour the site with our own expert guide (Gary McGee), eat lunch at a nearby restaurant, and return home by mid-afternoon. Please sign-up at either campus after worship.

Rwanda Missions Team Fundraiser Saturday, April 28, 5-9pm, RRC Fellowship Hall. The Rwanda Missions team will be heading to Rwanda for the first two weeks of August, and are offering babysitting date nights as one of their fundraisers! They will offer dinner and snacks, along with lots of fun games and a movie. If the weather is nice, they will go outside to play. Please bring anything that your children will need to be comfortable. RSVP to Tracy Powell at tracynpowell@yahoo.com, and indicate your children's names and ages. All donations are accepted and appreciated. Future Date Nights: May 19, June 23, and July 14 from 5-9pm.

Young Life Capernaum Night of Stories Sunday, April 29. All are invited to join the youth group at 5pm at the Braddock Road Campus for Young Life Capernaum Northern Virginia's Night of Stories! They will share about the amazing ways the Gospel is being shared in Northern Virginia. Capernaum is a dedicated program for students and young adults with disabilities. Through this night we will share the impact of Capernaum as well as the multiple ways you can get involved and support this ministry to share the love of Christ with our friends.

UPCOMING DATES

Newcomer Dinner	May 19
Inquirers Class	June 1-2
Baptisms	June 17
VBS	June 25-29

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.

Intercessory Prayer Team. Contact Pastor Tom Holliday for details.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality	<i>This Week's Coffee Set Up:</i> Sue Edwards, Karen Heath, Katherine and Rachel Stephan <i>Next Week's Coffee Set Up:</i> Arianne Bozarth, Tim Grove, Mike and Julia Olree
Nursery	<i>This Week's Church Service:</i> Tina Brady, Jamie Connelly, Joy Henrichs, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Laura Sanders, Chris, Lucy and Ginger Sicks, Rodney and Margaret Veenstra <i>Next Week's Church Service:</i> Sifa Balagizi, Pat Cole, Kyle and Malary Dornbos, Aaron McCauley, Malia and Lily Powers, Jeremy and Staci Root, Jake and Erin Williams
Children's Church	<i>This Week's Leaders:</i> David and Sarah Williams <i>Next Week's Leader:</i> Leslie Bridge
Ushers	<i>For April:</i> Andy and Kira Allison, Rick Badway, Daniel Bonje, Sue Edwards, Jo Porwoll, David Williams
Deacons on Duty	Jon Erickson, Owen Gentry

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

Ecclesiastes and the Search for Meaning, *Led by Elder Aaron Renenger and Jeremy Root, Chapel*
Join us as we engage in a study of Ecclesiastes—a book of profound contemporary relevance. Life under the sun is difficult and can at times feel devoid of meaning. We may seek satisfaction in pleasure, in work, in wisdom, in money, and in people only to find that—apart from God—everything seems futile and meaningless. Ecclesiastes presents an honest reckoning with some of life's biggest questions—What is the meaning of life? Why is there suffering and injustice? How should we live in the face of certain death?—and ultimately points the way to a right relationship with God.

Between the Testaments, *Led by Elder Gary McGee, Room 303*

This class will focus on the 500 year period “Between the Testaments.” We will concentrate on the political and economic changes that occurred and which formed the crucible of the period in which Jesus lived. We will begin with the return from the Babylonian exile and wrap up with the final great diaspora that followed the complete destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. Our exploration will begin with background on the geography, topography and climate of the Holy Land that made this land inviting to both settlers and invaders. From there we will look at the return from exile, the exploits of Alexander the Great, the struggle between the Ptolemies and the Seleucid, the Maccabean uprising and Hasmonean Dynasty, the Roman conquest, the establishment of King Herod and successors, the revolts against Rome and the destruction of Jerusalem. Along the way, we will learn how the Jewish people lived in first century Palestine and what eventually became of them.

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.

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, 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** | *Lina Gentry, piano*

■ **call to worship** | *Elder Ed Culbreath*

Please stand and read responsively. From Psalm 89.

Leader: ¹³You have a mighty arm;
strong is your hand, high your right hand.

**All: ¹⁴Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.**

Leader: ¹⁵Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,

**All: ¹⁶who exult in your name all the day
and in your righteousness are exalted.**

Leader: ¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength;
by your favor our horn is exalted.

**All: ¹⁸For our shield belongs to the Lord,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

■ **hymn of worship**

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus #535

■ **prayer of adoration** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Chris and Jenny McGahey*

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-10

Jesus the Great High Priest

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

^{5:1}For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.

⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

■ **song of worship**

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea

A great High Priest whose name is Love—Who ever lives and pleads for me

My name is graven on His hands—My name is written on His heart

I know that while in heaven He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there—Who made an end of all my sin

Because the sinless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free

For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb—My perfect spotless righteousness

The great unchangeable I AM—The King of glory and of grace

One with Himself I cannot die—My soul is purchased by His blood

My life is hid with Christ on high—With Christ my Savior and my God

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■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer** | *Katie Casselberry*

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

Prayer for Mercy

When at Your throne my knee I bend, and humbly plead for mercy there,
Think of the sinner’s dying Friend, and for His sake, receive my prayer.

Oh, think not of my shame and guilt, the stains for which Your cleansing cry;
Think of the blood which Jesus spilt, and let that blood my pardon buy.

Remember I am still Your own, the trembling creature of Your hand;
Yet how my heart to sin is prone, and what temptations round me stand.

Oh, think not of my doubts and fears, my strivings with Your grace divine;
Think of Your Son, His pain and tears, and let His merits stand for mine.

Let not Your faithful ways depart, for You have heard my fervent plea,
In love regard my contrite heart, and in Your mercy, pardon me.

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

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **sermon scripture reading**

Matthew 28:16-20

The Great Commission

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

■ **prayer for illumination**

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

“Our Great Commission”

Sermon series: Inviting Others Into the Kingdom of God

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **hymn of worship** *(part 1)*

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place #469 verses 1-4

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

hymn of worship *(part 2)*

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place #469 verses 5-6

■ **benediction**

■ **announcements** | *Leslie Bridge, Director of Children’s Ministries*

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.