

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.

Children’s Summer Sunday School. Our team of dedicated children’s Sunday School teachers takes a break during the summer. As such, our summertime children’s Sunday School program changes. For today, elementary school children (those who completed Kindergarten through 4th grade) will meet together in the Children’s Church room. Beginning next Sunday, July 15, elementary school children and their parents are invited to attend a Sunday school class together, which will meet for six weeks in the Fellowship Hall.

Will you help the APC mission team that is headed to Rwanda this summer? APC-supported missionaries Ben and Susie Thomas (B2theworld.com) have asked our team if we would bring school supplies for their family and miscellaneous household items that are difficult to acquire in Rwanda. Additionally, the team is gathering items necessary to lead a VBS for the staff children of Kigali International Community School and for local ministries that we will be serving. Check the weekly church email for a list of requested items. If you are interested in donating specific items, please bring them to a team member at church, place them in the box in the Fellowship Hall, or contact Laura or Rob Coit by email (thecoitfamily@gmail.com) or phone (202) 436-4177. Any contribution is most welcome. Items are needed no later than July 22. Thank you for considering supporting the Thomas family and the Rwanda mission team!

Moms and Kiddos: Pack a lunch and join us this Thursday, July 12, from 9:30-11:30am at Hidden Pond Nature Center! The address is 8511 Greeley Blvd, Springfield VA 22152. Your hostesses will be Rachel Sylvia and Lynn Streett (703-888-6121). Look for balloons to let you know where to gather. No RSVP necessary. Just come and have fun with other friends from APC. Please feel free to invite neighbors to join you! Cancelled if raining.

Teen Mission Fundraiser: Saturday, July 14 from 8am-12pm. 100% of teens that GO on short-term missions are sent by a community of friends and family by prayer and financial sacrifice! Do you want to be on the team that SENDS this summer’s team to YL Capernaum Camp alongside teens with disabilities? A car wash will be held on Saturday, July 14 from 8am-12pm at Alexandria Presbyterian Church West Braddock Road Campus (1302 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria VA 22302). We’ll get your car sparkling clean and you’ll help some teens accomplish what the Lord has called them to do. Donations accepted.

Parent’s Night Out” is Saturday, July 14 from 5-9 p.m. at the Russell Road Campus! We will provide a meal, movie, and lots of fun activities, inside and outside, weather permitting. We are asking for a free will donation towards our Rwanda Mission’s expense. If you are interested in coming, please email Laura Coit at thecoitfamily@gmail.com with your child’s name and age. We look forward to having a super fun and safe evening with your children. Thank you! The Rwanda Mission’s Team.

APC Men and Meats. Please join the men of APC for a cookout on Saturday, July 21 from 1-3pm at the home of Gary and Lois Roberts (4320 Louis Place; Alexandria 22304), which is about a 7 minute drive from the West Braddock Road campus. This will be a great summertime opportunity to enjoy fellowship (and assorted barbecued meats!) with the men of APC men -- to both reconnect with existing friends and meet some men you haven’t yet met. Please RSVP at the Information Booth at either campus.

New Officer Training Interest Meeting and Lunch, July 22, 12:30-1:30pm at WBRC. APC men, if you are interested in knowing more about being a deacon or elder, or if God may be calling you to be an officer, join Pastors Tom Holliday and Chris Sicks to learn more. An overview of both offices will be given as well as summer reading materials to help you prepare for the officer training class this Fall. The July 22 meeting will be held at the West Braddock Road Campus, with lunch provided. For more information or to sign up, contact Sue Edwards, Office Manager, at sue.edwards@alexandriapres.org.

Need a book recommendation for your summer commute, beach read, or road trip? Join other APC Women by adding one of these selections to your summer reads: Just Open the Door by Jen Schmidt, Questioning Evangelism by Randy Newman, or The Turquoise Table by Kristin Schell. All speak to loving your neighbor and doing kingdom work with differing and winsome messages. Choose the one that appeals to you, read it at your leisure this summer, and then gather in August with other APC women to compare notes and consider what ideas you might bring into your work space, condo building, or neighborhood this fall. Questions? Contact Lynn Streett or Staci Root at womensministries@alexandriapres.org.

APC Budget Year End. As you may recall, APC recently switched to a new fiscal year. Our Fiscal Year ended on June 30, 2018. As you can see from the numbers below, with Special Gifts included, we exceeded our total budgeted congregational giving for FY17/18. Among other gifts, we received \$110,000 from an estate settlement and, in June, we received an individual gift of \$125,000. Thank you for supporting the Lord’s mission and ministries at APC through your tithes, offerings and gifts. Our Budget for Regular Tithes and Offerings for the new Fiscal Year which began July 1 is \$1,850,000. If you would like to donate stock to APC, please contact Operations Manager Vicki Wolfe at vicki.wolfe@alexandriapres.org and she can give you the information needed to make a transfer to our stock account.

Giving at a Glance	YTD Budgeted Tithes and Offerings (thru June 30)	\$1,830,000
	YTD Regular Tithes and Offerings (thru June 30)	\$1,747,897
	Difference	- \$82,103 (4.5%)
	Additional special gifts received:	\$256,000

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 This Week’s Coffee Set Up: the Coombs family Next Week’s Coffee Set Up: Deb Wood Nursery This Week’s Church Service: the Powell family, Dorothy Taft Next Week’s Church Service: James and Michelle

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, Room 129 in the Nursery wing 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, Fellowship Hall Sunday evening | 5-7pm | Russell Road Campus Explorers children age 5-5th grade, Fellowship Hall (on break for the summer) PROTAS teens 6th-12th grade, 4th Floor

ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday school | 10:45-11:45am | Russell Road Campus The Book of Philippians, Led by Elder Jim Taft, Chapel, June 3-July 8 In Paul’s letter to the church at Philippi (the first church established in Europe), he encourages believers to live as citizens of a heavenly city, growing in our commitment to serve God and one another. Only in Christ are real unity and joy possible. In this study, we’ll consider how, with Christ as our model of humility and service, we can “stand fast...be of the same mind....and rejoice in the Lord always.”

Parent and Teen Sunday School, Led by Adam LeRoy, Fellowship Hall, June 3-July 8 This joint class is for students going into 6th grade this Fall through graduating Seniors and their parent(s). Content will be taught from up front and time will be given for parent/child conversations within the class. We will hold this class in half of the Fellowship Hall and the content will be different week to week, so if you miss a class it’s not a problem. No other teen Sunday School will be offered during these weeks.

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.



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 4 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** | *Lina Gentry, piano; Bruce Stanly, trumpet*

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

Please stand and read responsively. From Psalm 104.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord my God, you are very great!

All: You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom have you made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

All: These all look to you, to give them their food in due season. When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

■ **hymn of praise**

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

■ **prayer of adoration** | *Chris Sicks, Pastor of Mercy*

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Isabel Lee*

Revelation 21: 1-7

The New Heaven and the New Earth

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

■ **song of worship**

I Will Rise

There’s a peace I’ve come to know though my heart and flesh may fail

There’s an anchor for my soul—I can say it is well

Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed

The victory is won—He is risen from the dead

And I will rise when He calls my name—no more sorrow no more pain

I will rise on eagle’s wings before my God—fall on my knees and rise—I will rise

There’s a day that’s drawing near when this darkness breaks to light

And the shadows disappear and my faith shall be my eyes

And I hear the voice of many angels sing—worthy is the Lamb

And I hear the cry of ev’ry longing heart—worthy is the Lamb—worthy is the Lamb

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■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer**

■ **presentation of tithes and offerings** | *Elder Ed and Susan Culbreath*

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand—Lead me on, let me stand

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn—Through the storm, through the night

Lead me on to the light—Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home

When my way grows drear, precious Lord linger near

When my light is almost gone—Hear my cry, hear my call

Hold my hand lest I fall—Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When the darkness appears and the night draws near

And the day is past and gone—At the river I stand

Guide my feet, hold my hand—Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

All: Precious Lord, take my hand—Lead me on, let me stand I am tired, I am weak, I am worn—Through the storm, through the night Lead me on to the light—Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home

Words and Music: Thomas A. Dorsey

At this time, parents may take their children, ages 2-5, to the Bible class in the toddler room off of the Fellowship Hall.

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **sermon scripture reading**

Psalm 126

Restore Our Fortunes, O Lord

A Song of Ascents.

¹When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

²Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

and our tongue with shouts of joy;

then they said among the nations,

“The Lord has done great things for them.”

³The Lord has done great things for us;

we are glad.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O Lord,

like streams in the Negeb!

⁵Those who sow in tears

shall reap with shouts of joy!

⁶He who goes out weeping,

bearing the seed for sowing,

shall come home with shouts of joy,

bringing his sheaves with him.

■ **prayer for illumination**

■ **sermon** | *Chris Sicks, Pastor of Mercy*

“Tears and Fears and Joy”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

We will feast in the house of Zion—We will sing with our hearts restored

“He has done great things” we will say together—We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire—He is the Lord our God

We are not consumed by the flame—Upheld—protected—gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn—My soul be not afraid

For the promised morning—Oh how long?—O God of Jacob be our strength

Ev’ry vow we’ve broken and betrayed—You are the Faithful One

And from the garden to the grave—bind us together—bring shalom

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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

■ **corporate prayer**

Please stand and read responsively.

Leader: Behold Zion, the city of our appointed feasts,

All: Your eyes will see Jerusalem, an untroubled habitation, an immovable tent, whose stakes will never be plucked up, nor will any of its cords be broken. (Isa 33:20)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

All: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea. (Ps 46:1-2)

Leader: Look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (Heb 12:2)

All: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. (Ps 46:4-5)

Leader: Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. (Ps 46:10-11)

■ **benediction**

■ **announcements** | *Vicki Wolfe, Operations Manager*