

■ **missions update** | *Tim Mountfort, missionary to East Asia*

■ **benediction**

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

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.

Congregational Meeting tonight—APC's Building Update and Officer Elections

Please plan to attend a congregational meeting this evening from 5:15-6:45pm at the West Braddock Road Campus. 1) The Executive Committee will share an update on the building process, and the attorney representing us will be present to answer questions. 2) We will also hold elections for elders and deacons. The following men were examined by the Elders and deemed eligible to stand for re-election or election as officers of APC. For the office of elder: Lee Beckham. For re-election for the office of elder: Matt Brown and Rob Fisher. For the office of deacon: Aaron McCauley. For re-election for the office of deacon: Owen Gentry and Nate Kinder. Childcare and Explorers will be available at the Russell Road Campus 5-7pm. Adam LeRoy encourages all PROTAS students to attend the congregational meeting. Please continue to join APC's leadership in prayer as we seek God's leading in important decisions related to building at our West Braddock Road Campus.

An Evening with Jamie Soles: Bible Music for the Whole Family—Free Concert at APC's West Braddock Road Campus, co-sponsored with Christ Reformed Church. Jamie Soles is a gifted performer who brings the stories of Scripture to life in a way that engages the whole family. Join us Thursday, November 8 at 7 pm. Learn more at: solmusic.ca.

REGISTER TODAY: APC Vision Banquet Saturday, November 10, 6-8:30PM, Russell Road Campus.

Immediately following this morning's service, you may sign up for the APC Vision Banquet taking place Saturday, November 10. At the banquet, guests will enjoy delicious food, dynamic fellowship, lively entertainment and best of all, learn more about our church's vision as we consider where God is leading us, and celebrate the things He has done as we "Worship at the Tabernacle." Childcare will be available for infants through 5th grade. Due to limited seating, this event is for adults only. Cost is \$10 per person.

APC Men's Study begins November 12. A six-week video and discussion series, led by Elder Ed Culbreath, will kick off on Monday, November 12 from 7-8:30 pm at the West Braddock Road Campus. Authentic men are leaders by God's calling -- whether it's with their families, their vocation, or their church. God has a very clear purpose and vision for men that He lays out for us in His Word. This series is entitled, "A Man and His Story" and is designed to equip men to embrace how their past affects their present and prepares them for their future. Please sign up at either campus after worship.

Thursday Ladies Bible Study. The Thursday Ladies Bible Study will begin a 4 week Advent study on November 15, entitled "A Look at Advent Through the Old Testament". Please join us as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas. Booklets may be picked up at Bible study on the 8th of November, or in the church office after that. We will meet from 9:45- 11:30am in Room 302 at RRC. All ladies are welcome! Please feel free to invite a friend to join you! Childcare is available. For questions, please contact Lynn Streett at lynn.streett79@gmail.com or 703-942-8075.

Thanksgiving Praise Service and Reception Sunday, November 18, 5pm (RRC, Fellowship Hall). Everyone is invited to gather for a unique service of thanksgiving and praise, where individuals will have the opportunity to publicly give testimony to God's goodness throughout the year, or share a favorite passage with the congregation. Immediately following the service, we will have a reception. If you are able to bring an appetizer or dessert, or help with set up or clean up, please contact Vicki Wolfe at vicki.wolfe@alexandriapres.org.

Ladies Save the Date! Christmas Mingle & "Mart" on Saturday, December 1 from 9-11am at RRC.

UPCOMING DATES

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| Service Opportunities Fair | November 18 |
| Koinonia (20s-30s ministry) | November 20 |
| Christmas Candlelight Service | December 15 |

(See other important dates in the announcements above.)

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:* Mike and Isabel Lee

Next Week's Coffee Set Up: Deb Wood

Nursery *This Week's Church Service:* Sarah Lynch, Rachel Veenstra

Next Week's Church Service: Rob and Emily Menzel

Deacons on Duty Jon Erickson, Sam White

CHILDREN AND TEENS

WBRC Children's Bible Class Toddler room, Fellowship Hall

Ages 2-5

Nursery Infant room, Fellowship Hall

Ages 0-24 months

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

Union with Christ: The Way to Know and Enjoy God, *Led by Elder Rob Fisher, Room 303*

"To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." Colossians 1:27 Christ in...ME? It is an astounding thought and one that should strike us with awe. It is a mystery that must be apprehended by faith, even if we will never fathom "the breadth and length and height and depth" of it. Although it is a mystery, it is nonetheless a reality that the Bible expounds with beautiful imagery: we are the temple of God where He dwells, we are his Body of which Christ is the Head, we are the Bride of Christ united to the Bridegroom. Dwelling on these images should reorient our heart toward Jesus who loves us and gave himself for us. We will explore our union with Christ and its application to how we love, worship, pray and more, through reading and discussing Rankin Wilbourne's book, *Union with Christ: The Way to Know and Enjoy God*.

Second Corinthians, *Led by Marc Allen and Elder Aaron Renenger, Chapel*

Paul's second letter to the church at Corinth repeatedly confronts us with a message that God's "power is made perfect in weakness." While this message feels foreign to the hearts of fallen humans, it is central to Christ's death on the cross and to how we are called to live our lives today—not in our own strength, but utterly dependent upon Him. Join us in our study of Second Corinthians, as we consider the implications of this truth, and explore other central aspects of the Christian life addressed by Paul in this epistle.

Sunday evening | 5-7pm | Russell Road Campus

Healing Hearts Chapel

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.

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

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

■ **call to worship**

Please read responsively from Psalm 119:171-174.

Leader: ¹⁷¹My lips will pour forth praise,
for you teach me your statutes.

All: ¹⁷²**My tongue will sing of your word,
for all your commandments are right.**

Leader: ¹⁷³Let your hand be ready to help me,
for I have chosen your precepts.

All: ¹⁷⁴**I long for your salvation, O Lord,
and your law is my delight.**

■ **song of praise**

The Lord Is My Salvation

The grace of God has reached for me—And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground—The Lord is my salvation
I will not fear when darkness falls—His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun—The Lord is my salvation

*Who is like the Lord our God—Strong to save faithful in love
My debt is paid and the victory won—The Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord—He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come—The Lord is my salvation
In times of waiting times of need—When I know loss when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days—The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach the final day—He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise He will call me home—The Lord is my salvation

Glory be to God the Father—Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit—The Lord is our salvation

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

■ **the apostles’ creed**

Please read in unison.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Rodney and Margaret Veenstra*

Romans 4:1-8, 13-25

Abraham Justified by Faith

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.

³For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

The Promise Realized Through Faith

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who

shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

■ **song of worship**

The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus’ name

When darkness veils His lovely face—I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale—my anchor holds within the veil

On Christ the solid Rock I stand—All other ground is sinking sand—All other ground is sinking sand

His oath His covenant His blood—support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way—He then is all my hope and stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound—Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone—faultless to stand before the throne

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■ **confession of sin**

Please read responsively from Psalm 32.

Leader: ¹Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

All: ²**Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Leader: ³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

All: ⁴**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Moment of silent confession

■ **assurance of pardon**

Leader: ⁵I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;

All: ⁶**I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **song of worship**

Speak O Lord

Speak O Lord as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us—Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today—In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory

Speak O Lord and renew our minds—Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time—That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises—And by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built—And the earth is filled with Your glory

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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**

Genesis 22:1-19

The Sacrifice of Isaac

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ²He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ¹²He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

¹⁵And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.” ¹⁹So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.

■ **prayer for illumination**

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

“Faith Sacrifices” *Sermon series: Living By Faith*

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

Take My Life

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days—Let them flow in ceaseless praise
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee

Here am I—all of me—take my life—it’s all for Thee

Take my voice and let me sing—Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee
Take my silver and my gold—Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use ev’ry power as You choose

Take my will and make it Thine—It shall be no longer mine
Take my heart it is Thine own—It shall be Thy royal throne
Take my love my Lord I pour at Your feet its treasure-store
Take myself and I will be ever only all for Thee

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

■ **presentation of tithes and offerings** | *Praise Team*

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us—How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven—And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written—Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy—What heart could fathom such a boundless grace
The God of Ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken—I am forgiven—The King of Kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior—I’m Yours forever—Jesus Christ—my Living Hope

*Hallelujah—Praise the One who set me free—Hallelujah—Death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain—There’s salvation in Your name Jesus Christ—my living hope*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise—Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion—Declared the grave has no claim on me (2x)
Jesus Yours is the victory

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