

September 12 & 13, 2020

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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.

■ **call to worship** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

Isaiah 28:16

¹⁶therefore thus says the Lord God,
“Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion,
a stone, a tested stone,
a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation:
‘Whoever believes will not be in haste.’

■ **prayer of adoration**

■ **song of praise**

Come People of the Risen King

Come people of the Risen King who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth—We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in

*Rejoice—Rejoice—Let every tongue rejoice
One heart—one voice—O Church of Christ rejoice*

Come those whose joy is morning sun And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days With the certain hope of peace

Come young and old from every land—Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands—Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing—Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age “Our God is all in all”

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■ **scripture reading** | *Pastor Josh and Stacey Diack*

Romans 12

A Living Sacrifice

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Gifts of Grace

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our

serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

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.

■ congregational prayer

■ sacrament of baptism *(Saturday only)*

We are pleased to baptise Nora Prather, daughter of Justin and Jacquie Prather.

■ presentation of new communicant members *(Saturday only)*

We welcome the following new Communicant Members: Alexandra Erickson, Hannah Foxworth, Ryan, Ethan and Keri Hough, Helen Hudgins, David and Joshua King, Brody LeRoy, Jackson Poole, Nora Prather, Luke and Tyler Secrest, and Emmett Stephens.

■ offertory prayer | *Dave Field (Sunday only)*

■ presentation of tithes and offerings *(Sunday only)*

■ sermon scripture reading

Ephesians 2:11-22

One in Christ

¹¹Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

■ sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

“Christ the Cornerstone”

■ song of response

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
Till 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

■ sacrament of the lord's supper (*Saturday only*)

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 basket are gluten free.

■ song of response

In Christ Alone

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
Till He returns or calls me home—Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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■ benediction

■ announcements



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Giving: \$271,035

Budget: \$300,000

Difference: \$28,965

Percentage: 90%