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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 Jeremiah 17:7-8

⁷"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.

⁸He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream,

and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit."

■ song of praise

My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me with His light
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly
Whose every promise is enough for every step I take
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace whose every thought is love
For every day I have on earth is given by the King
So I will give my life my all to love and follow Him

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■ prayer of adoration

■ scripture reading | Elder Matt, Carrie, and Millie Brown Psalm 27

The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation. Of David.

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

⁴One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire in his temple.

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

⁶And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent

sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

⁷Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸You have said, "Seek my face."
My heart says to you,
"Your face, Lord, do I seek."

⁹Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help.

Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!

¹⁰For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
but the Lord will take me in.

¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

¹²Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.

¹³I believe that I shall look upon the goodness
of the Lord in the land of the living!

¹⁴Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!

■ congregational prayer | Elder Rob Fisher

■ offertory prayer

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail—Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail—He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold—He must hold me fast

*He will hold me fast—He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so—He will hold me fast*

Those He saves are His delight—Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight—He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost—His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost—He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died—Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied—He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life—He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last

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■ song of preparation

Give Me Jesus

In the morning when I rise—in the morning when I rise—in the morning when I rise—give me Jesus

Give me Jesus—give me Jesus—You can have all this world—but give me Jesus

And when I am alone—Oh and when I am alone—and when I am alone—give me Jesus

And when I come to die—Oh and when I come to die—and when I come to die—give me Jesus

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■ sermon scripture reading

Philippians 4:10-23

God's Provision

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

¹⁴Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Final Greetings

²¹Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. ²²All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

²³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

■ sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

"Learning Contentment"

Sermon series: Philippians: Finding Joy and Contentment in the Gospel

■ testimony | Deacon Didier and Sifa Balagizi

■ song of response

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness O God my Father—there is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not Thy compassions they fail not—as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

*Great is Thy faithfulness—Great is Thy faithfulness—Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest—sun moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness mercy and love

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth—Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

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■ benediction