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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** | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life*

Psalm 36:7-9

⁷How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

⁸They feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light do we see light.

■ **prayer of adoration**

■ **song of praise**

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us—How vast beyond all measure

That He should give His only Son—To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss—The Father turns His face away

As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross—My guilt upon His shoulders

Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished

His dying breath has brought me life—I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything—No gifts no pow'r no wisdom

But I will boast in Jesus Christ—His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward—I cannot give an answer

But this I know with all my heart—His wounds have paid my ransom

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■ **scripture reading** | *Deacon Nate Kinder*

Isaiah 12

The Lord Is My Strength and My Song

¹You will say in that day:

"I will give thanks to you, O Lord,

for though you were angry with me,

your anger turned away,

that you might comfort me.

²"Behold, God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid;

for the Lord God is my strength and my song,

and he has become my salvation."

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the Lord,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵“Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.

⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

■ **missions update** | *Dorothy Taft, The Market Project Executive Director*

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer** | *Sue Edwards, Office Manager (Sunday only)*

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

■ **sermon scripture reading**

Colossians 1:15-23

The Preeminence of Christ

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

²¹And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

■ **sermon** | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life*

“The Preeminence of the Cornerstone” *Sermon series: Christ the Cornerstone*

■ song of response

Jesus Thank You

The myst'ry of the cross I cannot comprehend—The agonies of Calvary
You the perfect Holy One crushed Your Son
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

Your blood has washed away my sin—Jesus thank You
The Father's wrath completely satisfied—Jesus thank You
Once Your enemy now seated at Your table—Jesus thank You

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near
Your enemy You've made Your friend
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

Lover of my soul I want to live for You
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■ benediction

■ announcements