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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 | Chris Sicks, Pastor of Mercy

Psalm 103:8-13

⁸The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
¹²as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
¹³As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

■ prayer of adoration

■ song of praise

Heal Us Emmanuel

*Heal us Emmanuel—Here we are—We long to feel Thy touch
Deep wounded souls to Thee we fly—O Savior hear our cry*

Our faith is feeble—we confess—We faintly trust Thy word
But will You pity us the less—Be that far from You Lord

Remember him who once applied with trembling for relief
Lord I believe with tears he cried—O help my unbelief

She too who touched you in the press and healing virtue stole
Was answered Daughter go in peace—Thy faith has made thee whole

Like her—with hopes and fears we come to touch You if we may
O send us not despairing home—Send none unhealed away

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■ scripture reading | Isabel Lee

2 Samuel 12:1-15

Nathan Rebukes David

¹And the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had very many flocks and herds, ³but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him.”

⁵Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, ⁶and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.”

⁷Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ⁸‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. ⁹And I gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. ¹⁰Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹¹Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.’ ¹²Thus says the Lord, ‘Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. ¹³For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.’” ¹⁴David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” And Nathan said to David, “The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die. ¹⁵Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord, the child who is born to you shall die.” ¹⁶Then Nathan went to his house.

■ confession of sin | Mike Lee

Psalm 51:1-12

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

All: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Leader: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

All: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

All: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

■ assurance of pardon

1 John 1:5-7

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | Jenn Foxworth

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ sermon scripture reading

James 5:1-6

Warning to the Rich

¹Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. ²Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. ³Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. ⁴Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. ⁵You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. ⁶You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

■ sermon | Chris Sicks, Pastor of Mercy

“Treasure on Earth or in Heaven” Sermon series: *The Book of James*

■ song of response

All For Jesus

All for Jesus—All for Jesus—All my being’s ransomed pow’rs
All my thoughts and words and doings—All my days and all my hours

Let my hands perform His bidding—Let my feet run in His ways
Let mine eyes see Jesus only—Let my lips speak forth His praise

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty—Cling to gilded toys of dust
Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure—Only Jesus will I trust

Since mine eyes were fixed on Jesus I’ve lost sight of all beside
So enchained my spirit’s vision—Looking at the Crucified

Oh what wonder—how amazing—Jesus glorious King of kings
Deigns to call me His beloved—Lets me rest beneath His wings

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■ benediction

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