

# unchanging truth. changing lives

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

*Psalm 139:23-24*

<sup>23</sup>Search me, O God, and know my heart!  
Try me and know my thoughts!

<sup>24</sup>And see if there be any grievous way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting!

■ **prayer of adoration**

■ **song of praise**

**Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God**

Holy Spirit—Living Breath of God  
Breathe new life into my willing soul  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord  
To renew my heart and make me whole  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me  
Give me faith for what I cannot see  
Give me passion for Your purity  
Holy Spirit—Breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit—Come abide within  
May Your joy be seen in all I do—  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude  
Kindness to the greatest and the least  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace  
Turn my striving into works of grace  
Breath of God—Show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit—From creation's birth  
Giving life to all that God has made  
Show Your power once again on earth  
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ  
Will be clear for all the world to see

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■ **scripture reading** | Elder Jim and Dorothy Taft

*Ezekiel 36:22-38*

**I Will Put My Spirit Within You**

<sup>22</sup>Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. <sup>23</sup>And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. <sup>24</sup>I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup>I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup>And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. <sup>28</sup>You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. <sup>29</sup>And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you. <sup>30</sup>I will make the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field abundant, that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations. <sup>31</sup>Then you will remember your evil ways, and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves for your iniquities and your abominations. <sup>32</sup>It is not for your sake that I will act, declares the Lord God; let that be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel.

<sup>33</sup>Thus says the Lord God: On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be rebuilt. <sup>34</sup>And the land that was desolate shall be tilled, instead of being the desolation that it was in the sight of all who passed by. <sup>35</sup>And they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.' <sup>36</sup>Then the nations that are left all around you shall know that I am the Lord; I have rebuilt the ruined places and replanted that which was desolate. I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it.

<sup>37</sup>Thus says the Lord God: This also I will let the house of Israel ask me to do for them: to increase their people like a flock. <sup>38</sup>Like the flock for sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem during her appointed feasts, so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of people. Then they will know that I am the Lord."

■ **testimony** | Leslie Bridge, Director of Children's Ministry

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer** | Elder Shant Boyajian

■ **presentation of tithes and offerings**

■ **sermon scripture reading**

*Ephesians 3:14-21*

**Prayer for Spiritual Strength**

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

**"Supernatural Enabling"**

*Sermon series: Anticipation: Witnesses of the Supernatural*

■ **song of response**

**Jesus Thank You**

The mystery 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**

<b>Giving at a Glance</b>	YTD Giving (7/1/2019-4/30/20)	\$1,587,314
	YTD Budget (7/1/2019-4/30/20)	\$1,626,000
	Difference	\$38,686 (97%)

<b>Arise Campaign</b>	Arise Pledges (through 4/30/20)	\$5,548,678
	Arise Donations (through 4/30/20)	\$3,492,511 (63%)