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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

Psalm 130:5-8

⁵I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
⁶my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

⁷O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.
⁸And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

■ prayer of adoration

■ song of praise

Holy Spirit

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare You're our living hope—Your Presence

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone—in Your Presence Lord

*Holy Spirit You are welcome here—Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for—to be overcome by Your Presence Lord*

Let us become more aware of Your Presence—Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)

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■ scripture reading | Pastor Josh and Stacey Diack

Joel 2:12-32

Return to the Lord

¹²"Yet even now," declares the Lord,
"return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
¹³and rend your hearts and not your garments."
Return to the Lord your God,

for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
and he relents over disaster.

¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,
and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain offering and a drink offering
for the Lord your God?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion;
consecrate a fast;
call a solemn assembly;
¹⁶gather the people.

Consecrate the congregation;
assemble the elders;
gather the children,
even nursing infants.

Let the bridegroom leave his room,
and the bride her chamber.

¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar
let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep
and say, "Spare your people, O Lord,
and make not your heritage a reproach,
a byword among the nations.
Why should they say among the peoples,
'Where is their God?'"

The Lord Had Pity

¹⁸Then the Lord became jealous for his land
and had pity on his people.

¹⁹The Lord answered and said to his people,
"Behold, I am sending to you
grain, wine, and oil,
and you will be satisfied;
and I will no more make you
a reproach among the nations.

²⁰"I will remove the northerner far from you,
and drive him into a parched and desolate land,
his vanguard into the eastern sea,
and his rear guard into the western sea;
the stench and foul smell of him will rise,
for he has done great things.

²¹"Fear not, O land;

be glad and rejoice,
for the Lord has done great things!

²²Fear not, you beasts of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit;
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

²³"Be glad, O children of Zion,
and rejoice in the Lord your God,
for he has given the early rain for your
vindication; he has poured down for you
abundant rain, the early and the latter rain,
as before.

²⁴"The threshing floors shall be full of grain;
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵I will restore to you the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent among you.

²⁶"You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to
shame.

²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I am the Lord your God and there
is none else.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

The Lord Will Pour Out His Spirit

²⁸"And it shall come to pass afterward,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.
²⁹Even on the male and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

³⁰"And I will show wonders in the heavens and
on the earth, blood and fire and columns of
smoke. ³¹The sun shall be turned to darkness,
and the moon to blood, before the great and
awesome day of the Lord comes. ³²And it shall
come to pass that everyone who calls on the
name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount
Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who
escape, as the Lord has said, and among the
survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls."

■ testimony | Christina Ho

■ deacon update | Deacon David Williams

■ congregational prayer | Elder Ed Culbreath

■ offertory prayer | Elder Gary McGee

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ sermon scripture reading

Isaiah 64

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—

²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!

³When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

⁴From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.

⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.

Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

⁷There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

⁸But now, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

⁹Be not so terribly angry, O Lord,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

¹⁰Your holy cities have become a wilderness;
Zion has become a wilderness,
Jerusalem a desolation.

¹¹Our holy and beautiful house,
where our fathers praised you,
has been burned by fire,
and all our pleasant places have become ruins.

¹²Will you restrain yourself at these things, O Lord?
Will you keep silent, and afflict us so terribly?

■ sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

"A Vision for the Supernatural"

Sermon series: Anticipation: Witnesses of the Supernatural

■ song of response

Living Waters

Are you thirsty—Are you empty—Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken—Peace unspoken—Rest beside these living waters

Christ is calling—Find refreshing—At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down—All the old gone—Rise up in these living waters

*There's a river that flows with mercy and love—Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure—Do not fear anymore—Praise the Lord of living waters*

Spirit moving—Mercy washing—Healing in these living waters
Lead your children to the shoreline—Life is in these living waters

Are you thirsty—Are you empty—Come and drink these living waters
Love—forgiveness—vast and boundless—Christ—He is our living waters

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■ benediction