

# 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

Isaiah 2:1-5

### The Mountain of the Lord

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>It shall come to pass in the latter days  
that the mountain of the house of the Lord  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be lifted up above the hills;  
and all the nations shall flow to it,

<sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come, and say:  
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth the law,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;  
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord.

## ■ prayer of adoration

### ■ song of praise

#### Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Praise to the Lord the Almighty—The King of creation  
O my soul praise Him for He is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear—Now to His temple draw near  
Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth  
Shelters thee under His wings—Yea—so gently sustaineth  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord who doth prosper thy work and defend thee  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord—O let all that is in me adore Him  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him  
Let the amen sound from His people again  
Gladly fore’er we adore Him

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## ■ scripture reading | Serenity Novak, Worship Assistant

Hebrews 12:18-24

### A Kingdom That Cannot Be Shaken

<sup>18</sup>For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

## ■ congregational prayer

## ■ offertory prayer | Maureen Ward (Sunday only)

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

## ■ sermon scripture reading

Psalm 84

### My Soul Longs for the Courts of the Lord

To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

<sup>1</sup>How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts!

<sup>2</sup>My soul longs, yes, faints  
for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.

<sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.

<sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who dwell in your house,  
ever singing your praise!

<sup>5</sup>Blessed are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

<sup>6</sup>As they go through the Valley of Baca  
they make it a place of springs;  
the early rain also covers it with pools.

<sup>7</sup>They go from strength to strength;  
each one appears before God in Zion.

<sup>8</sup>O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob!

<sup>9</sup>Behold our shield, O God;  
look on the face of your anointed!

<sup>10</sup>For a day in your courts is better  
than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of  
my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

<sup>11</sup>For the Lord God is a sun and shield;  
the Lord bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold  
from those who walk uprightly.

<sup>12</sup>O Lord of hosts,  
blessed is the one who trusts in you!

## ■ sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

### “A Deep Longing”

## ■ song of response

### Better Is One Day (Saturday only)

How lovely is Your dwelling place—O Lord Almighty  
For my soul longs and even faints for You  
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

*Better is one day in Your courts—Better is one day in Your house  
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere*

One thing I ask and I would seek—To see Your beauty  
To find You in the place—Your glory dwells  
One thing I ask and I would seek—To see Your beauty  
To find You in the place—Your glory dwells

My heart and flesh cry out for You the living God  
Your Spirit's water to my soul  
I've tasted and I've seen—Come once again to me  
I will draw near to You—I will draw near to You

Better is one day—better is one day  
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere  
Better is one day—better is one day  
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere

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### We Will Feast in the House of Zion (Sunday only)

*We will feast in the house of Zion—We will sing with our hearts restored  
“He has done great things” We will say together—We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire—He is the LORD our God  
We are not consumed by the flame—Upheld—protected—gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn—My soul be not afraid  
For the promised morning—oh how long?—O God of Jacob be my strength

Ev’ry vow we’ve broken and betrayed—You are the faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave—Bind us together—bring shalom

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## ■ benediction

## ■ announcements