

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nursery Volunteers Needed! If you received an email from Erin about volunteering in the nursery, please sign up! If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Erin Furgerson for more information: erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org.

Nursery registration is required and offered up to age 4. We have a limited capacity and can only accommodate a certain number of children based on how many volunteers we have. Please review the Children's Ministry COVID-19 Protocols before you register at the link found in the APC email.

Thursday Women's Bible studies at 1pm and 8pm via Zoom. The women of the church are invited to join us as we practice a form of Scriptural engagement called Hand Copying Scripture. Hand Copying Scripture has been called the Meditation of Kings by some. Deuteronomy 17:18-20 records how God instructed the kings of Israel to handwrite the books of the Law for themselves, and to keep it with them, reading it all the days of their lives so that they were familiar with the ways of the Lord. We invite you to join us in the practice of hand writing the Scriptures to help us slow down and really savor what we are reading. We will spend 8 weeks hand copying the books of Habakkuk, Malachi and Hebrews. We will write 50 verses a week (10 verses a day, 5 days a week), then gather weekly to discuss what we are learning as we encounter God through His Word in this new way. Please contact Lynn Streett to register or if you have any questions: lynn.streett79@gmail.com.

Inquirers Class April 16 and 17. If you are interested in membership or in gaining a deeper understanding of APC, you should attend this class. You will receive an introduction to Christianity, the PCA, and the specific vision/mission and philosophy of ministry at APC. Membership is open to all who profess faith in Christ and believe the basic teachings of the Christian faith. Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church. If you wish to attend virtually, Zoom will be available.

Friday evening: Dinner will be served outdoors at Russell Road from 6-7pm, with the class in the Fellowship Hall from 7-9pm. Childcare details will be forthcoming.

Saturday: The schedule will be from 9am-2pm, with a morning snack and lunch provided outside. Childcare will be available in the nursery. Please RSVP to Office Manager Sue Edwards at sue.edwards@alexandriapres.org.

Ladies, please Save the Date: Saturday, May 1st from 7-9pm in the Russell Road parking lot. More details to follow!

CORPORATE PRAYER IN 2021

Every Sunday, 8am—Chapel (RRC) or via Zoom. Praying for our Worship Service.

Second Saturday of the month, 9am—Zoom. Praying with our Elders for our church.

Third Saturday of the month, 11am—Zoom. Praying with the Prayer Committee.

Fourth Sunday of the month, 5pm—Zoom. Praying with our church community.

Intercessory Prayer Team. Contact Pastor Tom Holliday for details.

CHILDREN AND TEENS

Children's Ministry. Sunday evenings we welcome children in grades K-5 to experience gospel living and discipleship as they build relationships with one another and with the leaders of their small groups. Explorers is currently meeting the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 5-6pm on Zoom. Contact Erin Furgerson, Director of Children's Ministries, at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org for more information.

PROTAS Teen Ministry. PROTAS is currently rotating between Zoom and in-person youth group for all students grades 6-12 on Sunday evenings from 6-7:30pm. When the weather is nice outside, in-person youth group will be held outdoors at Russell Road. When the weather does not cooperate, we will still meet in-person in the Fellowship Hall at Russell Road. Please do not feel pressured to join in-person (or indoor) youth group unless you are comfortable. Discipleship groups are also meeting during the week. Contact Adam LeRoy, Director of Youth Ministries, at adam.leroy@alexandriapres.org for the schedule and more details.

ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday school | 11:30am over Zoom (check APC email for Zoom link)

Join us on Sundays from 11:30am-12:30pm (April 11th, and April 18th) via Zoom to examine the implications of Christ's second coming on our Christian lives, through a study of 1 Thessalonians. We will explore how our hope of salvation is deepened through the view of Christ's life, death, and resurrection as the beginning of the end times. The study will explore the themes of ministry, suffering, faith, love, and the confidence that is ours in the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Email Distribution List. Weekly e-announcements keep the APC family informed of ministries, events, and prayer requests. To subscribe, please contact the church office at admin@alexandriapres.org.

Covenant Fellowship Groups (CFG). APC offers a variety of CFGs which meet for study, prayer, fellowship, accountability and growth. A list of locations, times and contact info can be found online or by contacting Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life, at josh.diack@alexandriapres.org.

UNCHANGING TRUTH—CHANGING LIVES

APC is a church of sinners. It's that simple. But we are bound together by the Gospel that saves us and transforms us. The transformation is, however, a process. God isn't through with us yet. Everyone in this church is struggling with something. If you are currently struggling with greed, gossip, drugs, alcohol, sexual brokenness, eating disorders, anger, pride, etc—you are not alone. More importantly, God does not intend for you to struggle alone. That's why He made the Church. If you would like to learn how your brothers and sisters at APC might be able to encourage you, pray with you and struggle alongside you, contact Tom Holliday at the church office.

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.

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Scan to register for today's service



Please, no food or drink in sanctuary. Silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.
Please see a greeter or usher for assistance.

Holy Worship Service

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

■ **prelude** | *Praise Team*

■ **call to worship** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

Ephesians 1:15-18

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints...

■ **prayer of adoration**

■ **song of praise**

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You—I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Holy holy holy—Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy—I want to see You

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GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Brian and Sarah Field*

John 21:1-14

Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer** | *Staci Root*

■ **song of preparation**

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

My worth is not in what I own—not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name—in win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

*I rejoice in my Redeemer—greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other—My soul is satisfied in Him alone*

As summer flowers we fade and die—Fame youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross

Two wonders here that I confess—My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross

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GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **sermon scripture reading**

Matthew 6:19-24

Lay Up Treasures in Heaven

¹⁹Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²²The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, ²³but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

■ **prayer for illumination**

■ **sermon** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

"Spiritual Investments"

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

Behold the Lamb

The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this Bread of Life—and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace—around the table of the King

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ—torn for you—eat and remember
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one
So we share in this Bread of Life—and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love—around the table of the King

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS TABLE

■ **sacrament of the lord's supper**

Explanation, Invitation, Participation

All baptized Christians who are members in good standing of a church that proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ are invited to participate. Children who have been admitted into the church as communicant members are invited to participate as well. If you have any questions, please ask one of our pastors or elders.

The crackers in the dish are gluten free.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

Behold the Lamb

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin—shed for you—drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God
So we share in this Bread of Life—and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace—around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond—and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ—as His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering—we proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven—around the table of the King

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■ **benediction**

■ **announcements**