

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Study for Thursday Women's Bible studies begins April 8th 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. **We ask that you have hand written the book of Habakkuk for the first meeting.** Please contact Lynn Streett to register or if you have any questions: lynn.streett79@gmail.com.

New to APC? You are invited to a Zoom open house next Sunday, April 11, to learn more about the church. Our leaders and staff will be online from 11:30am-12:15pm, so feel free to drop in at any time. Join through the Zoom link on the APC website and email.

The next Inquirer's Class is Friday evening, April 16 and Saturday, April 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. Both Zoom and in-person options will be offered, and further details about time and location will be forthcoming. Please RSVP to Office Manager Sue Edwards at sue.edwards@alexandriapres.org if you wish to attend.

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@alexandriapre.org for more information. The APC nursery will be opening soon! Please look for information in the weekly emails about registering your children, ages infant - 4 years old, for nursery during the worship service.

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.



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give to APC



Find us on
social media!



Scan to register for
today's service



Please, no food or drink in sanctuary. Silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

Parents with young children, a “crying room” with video simulcast is available downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

Please see a greeter or usher for assistance.

Holy Worship Service

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

■ **prelude** | *Praise Team*

■ **welcome** | *Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate*

■ call to worship

Zephaniah 3:14-17

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵The Lord has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
“Fear not, O Zion;

let not your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The Lord your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;

he will rejoice over you with gladness;

he will quiet you by his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing.

■ easter acclamation

(Please stand and read responsively.)

Leader: Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

■ prayer of adoration

■ songs of praise

See What a Morning

See what a morning—gloriously bright—with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem

Folded the grave clothes—tomb filled with light—as the angels announce Christ is risen

See God’s salvation plan—wrought in love—born in pain—paid in sacrifice

Fulfilled in Christ the Man—for He lives—Christ is risen from the dead

See Mary weeping where is He laid—As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb

Hears a voice speaking—calling her name—It’s the Master—the Lord raised to life again

The voice that spans the years—speaking life—stirring hope—bringing peace to us

Will sound till He appears—For He lives—Christ is risen from the dead

One with the Father—Ancient of Days—through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty

Honor and blessing—glory and praise—to the King crowned with pow’r and authority

And we are raised with Him—Death is dead—love has won—Christ has conquered

And we shall reign with Him—for He lives—Christ is risen from the dead

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Christ the Lord Is Ris’n Today vv. 1-4

Christ the Lord is ris’n today—alleluia

Sons of men and angels say—alleluia

Raise your joys and triumphs high—alleluia

Sing ye heav’ns and earth reply—alleluia

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal—alleluia

Christ has burst the gates of hell—alleluia

Death in vain forbids his rise—alleluia

Christ has opened paradise—alleluia

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Lives again our glorious King—alleluia

Where O death is now thy sting—alleluia

Once he died our souls to save—alleluia

Where thy victory O grave—alleluia

Soar we now where Christ has led—alleluia

Foll’wing our exalted Head—alleluia

Made like Him—like Him we rise—alleluia

Ours the cross the grave the skies—alleluia

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Elder Ryan and Erin Furgerson, Director of Children’s Ministries*

Luke 24:1-12

The Resurrection

¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared.

²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel.

⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead?

⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.”

⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer** | *Elder Matt Coombs*

■ **musical offering**

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **sermon scripture reading**

Luke 24:13-35

On the Road to Emmaus

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad.

¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.

²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.

²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.

²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.”

²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?”

²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.”

So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them.

³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight.

³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?”

³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”

³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

■ **prayer for illumination**

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

“Seeing for the First Time”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

Come People of the Risen King

Come people of the Risen King who delight to bring Him praise

Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace

From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him

Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in

Rejoice—rejoice—let ev’ry tongue rejoice—One heart—one voice—O Church of Christ rejoice

Come those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night

Come those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight

For His perfect love will never change and His mercies never cease

But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace

Come young and old from ev’ry land—men and women of the faith

Come those with full or empty hands—find the riches of His grace

Over all the world His people sing—shore to shore we hear them call

The truth that cries through ev’ry age—our God is all in all

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■ **easter dismissal**

Leader: Let us go forth, proclaiming the good news of our risen Lord.

All: We will go forth in the power of our risen Lord, sharing the hope of the gospel to a world in need of the Savior’s love.

■ **benediction**

■ **announcements** | *Chris Sicks, Pastor of Mercy*