

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS registration is open: Wilderness Escape! The VBS dates are June 28-July 2. We are offering both in person and at home options. In person is from 9:20-11:20am each day at Russell Road, and the home option can be done at your convenience. Children who are rising Kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Furgerson, Director of Children's Ministries, at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org. Register through the link on the APC website or email.

In person VBS is volunteer dependent and we need your help! Adults and teens as well as "big kids" (5th graders) can help. We need Tribe leaders (small groups), nursery volunteers, cleaning crew, decorations set up, and preparing craft bags. Check the APC website or email to sign up to help.

End of Year Explorers Party: Sunday, June 13 from 5-6pm at Russell Road. Bring a football, a frisbee, your mits and a baseball. Just come and have fun with your APC friends. Jump ropes, hula hoops, sidewalk chalk, and ice pops will be provided!

Save the Date for a Send-Off for the Sicks Family: Sunday June 27 after worship at RRC. Pastor Chris will begin his full-time work as the organizing pastor of One Voice Fellowship. He will be sharing his vision for his new church plant during the worship service on June 6th.

Save the Date for a Congregational Meeting: Sunday June 27 at 5pm at RRC.

Children's Church meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month during worship for children ages 5 through 2nd grade. Pre-registration is required. You can find the link to register in the weekly Wednesday emails.

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, Director of Children's Ministries, for more information at 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. Registration is open Wednesday through Friday each week.

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 meeting for in-person youth group for all students grades 6-12 on Sunday evenings from 6-7:30pm. 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 | 11am over Zoom (check APC email for Zoom link)

The Book of Ruth. Please join Elder Jim Taft for a 4-week study of the book of Ruth. This is the fascinating story of a Gentile woman who becomes a destitute widow. But God provides for her in surprising and gracious ways. She's ultimately redeemed by a savior and brought into the royal family of Christ. Sound familiar?

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

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



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.

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*

Isaiah 25:9

⁹It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the Lord; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

■ **songs of praise**

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Behold our God seated on His throne

Come let us adore Him

Behold our King nothing can compare

Come let us adore Him

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)

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Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in—Oh His love for me—Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free—Oh is free indeed—I’m a child of God—Yes I am

Free at last—He has ransomed me—His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin—Jesus died for me—Yes He died for me

In my Father’s house—there’s a place for me
I’m a child of God—Yes I am

I am chosen not forsaken—I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me—I am who You say I am

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■ **prayer of adoration**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Pastor Josh and Stacey Diack*

Mark 4:1-25

The Parable of the Sower

¹Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. ²And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: ³“Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. ⁵Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. ⁶And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. ⁸And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.” ⁹And he said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

The Purpose of the Parables

¹⁰And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables. ¹¹And he said to them, “To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables, ¹²so that

“they may indeed see but not perceive,
and may indeed hear but not understand,
lest they should turn and be forgiven.”

¹³And he said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? ¹⁴The sower sows the word. ¹⁵And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. ¹⁶And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy. ¹⁷And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. ¹⁸And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word, ¹⁹but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²⁰But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.”

A Lamp Under a Basket

²¹And he said to them, “Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand? ²²For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light. ²³If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.” ²⁴And he said to them, “Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you. ²⁵For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.”

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer** | *Deacon Nate Kinder*

■ **musical offering** | *Serenity Novak, Worship Assistant*

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **sermon scripture reading**

Matthew 7:24-29

Build Your House on the Rock

²⁴“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

The Authority of Jesus

²⁸And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, ²⁹for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

■ **prayer for illumination**

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

“Building on the Rock”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus’ Name

*Christ alone—Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior’s love
Through the storm—He is Lord
Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

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■ **benediction**

■ **announcements**