

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**New to APC?** We would love the chance to meet you after worship. We invite you to join us right outside the front doors on the porch after worship!

**End of Year Explorers Party this evening 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!

**Summer Women’s Evening Bible Study begins Thursday, June 17.** Women of APC - You are warmly invited to participate in our Summer Women’s Evening Bible Study. We will be gathering weekly in-person outside on Thursdays at 7pm in Alexandria. In the case of extreme weather, we will meet via Zoom. The eight-week study will begin on Thursday, June 17 and continue through August 12 with a break the week of July 4th. For this study, we will be using a LifeGuide Bible Study resource called “The Lord’s Prayer” by Douglas Connelly. This study is topical, so come as you are able. We trust that the gatherings will be a sweet time of fellowship, connection, and renewal. Please contact Karen Heath (karen.harner@gmail.com) to learn more and register.

**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.

**Congregational Meeting: Sunday June 27 at 5pm at RRC.** Please plan to join us for this important meeting to 1) vote on the call for Chris Sicks to One Voice Fellowship 2) vote on the call for Pastor Josh Diack as Associate pastor at APC, and 3) to hear an update on the APC budget.

**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.

**Summer Ministry Opportunity:** Are you looking for an opportunity to serve this summer? Do you have a desire to engage in meaningful relationships with the youth of our immigrant population? Do you have any skill or experience in theater (though not absolutely necessary)? If so, we would be glad for you to join us for the For the Nations Summer Drama Camp. For more information contact: Laura Coit at thecoitfamily@gmail.com or Nate Kinder at nathan.m.kinder@gmail.com.

- **Time Commitment and Schedule:** Monday – Thursday mornings, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm, July 12-15
- **Requirements:** Love for youth and a desire to serve is required. Some knowledge of drama/theater and some teaching experience is preferred. FTN will run a background check on all adult volunteers and volunteers are expected to participate in child protection training (which will be provided).
- **Note:** Whole families are welcome to serve together. Children 6-13 years old can participate in the elementary / middle school program

**CHILDREN AND TEENS**

**Children’s Ministry.**

**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.

**Children’s Church meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month during worship for children ages 5 through 2nd grade.**

**Explorers.** We are currently on summer break, however during the year on 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. 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 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.

**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.

**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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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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<b>Giving at a Glance</b>	YTD Giving (7/1/20-5/31/21)	\$1,829,123
	YTD Budget (7/1/20-5/31/21)	\$1,785,000
	Difference	+\$44,123 (102%)
<b>Arise</b>	Total Arise Contributions to Date:	\$4,825,340.90 (87%)
	Total Arise Pledges:	\$5,548,677.90

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*

*Psalms 99:1-5*

<sup>1</sup>The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!  
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth quake!

<sup>2</sup>The Lord is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the peoples.

<sup>3</sup>Let them praise your great and awesome name!  
Holy is he!

<sup>4</sup>The King in his might loves justice.  
You have established equity;  
you have executed justice  
and righteousness in Jacob.

<sup>5</sup>Exalt the Lord our God;  
worship at his footstool!  
Holy is he!

■ **songs of praise**

**Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery**

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
In the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises  
Robed in frail humanity  
In our longing in our darkness  
Now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ who condescended  
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living in His suff'ring  
Never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam  
Come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment  
Of the law in Him we stand

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**King of Kings**

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope without light  
Till from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfil the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father  
Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory  
Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake You died

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And the morning that You rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel shall not faint  
By His blood and in His Name  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me

■ **prayer of adoration**

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Deacon Steve and Rachel Sylvia*

*Ephesians 3:1-13*

**The Mystery of the Gospel Revealed**

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— <sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. <sup>13</sup>So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer** | *Allison Dixon*

*At this time, children 5 years old through 2nd grade are dismissed for Children's Church. Parents: at the end of the service please promptly pick up your child from the Fellowship Hall.*

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **sermon scripture reading**

*Exodus 12:1-13; 21-28*

**The Passover**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>"This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. <sup>4</sup>And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup>and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

<sup>7</sup>"Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup>And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>21</sup>Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. <sup>22</sup>Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. <sup>23</sup>For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. <sup>24</sup>You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. <sup>25</sup>And when you come to the land that the Lord will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. <sup>26</sup>And when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' <sup>27</sup>you shall say, 'It is the sacrifice of the Lord's Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.'" And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.

<sup>28</sup>Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

■ **prayer for illumination**

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

**"Under the Blood"**

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

**Jesus Thank You**

The myst'ry of the cross I cannot comprehend  
The agonies of Calvary  
You the perfect Holy One crushed Your Son  
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

*Your blood has washed away my sin  
Jesus thank You  
The Father's wrath completely satisfied  
Jesus thank You  
Once Your enemy now seated at Your table  
Jesus thank You*

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near  
Your enemy You've made Your friend  
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace  
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

Lover of my soul I want to live for You

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## 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**

**Jesus Thank You (repeat)**

■ **benediction**

■ **announcements** | *Erin Furgerson, Director of Children's Ministries*