

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Refresh Community—Saturday, June 26 from 9-10am outside Stomping Ground in Del Ray. Join other APC moms for a “coffee date” on the fourth Saturday morning of the month. We’ll gather outside Stomping Ground near the farmer’s market in Del Ray at 9am. A playground is a short walk away, and we can make our way there if our babies/children join us (they’re welcome!). Look for a bright orange stroller to find us! Questions? Email Jackie McCauley at jmccauley184@gmail.com.

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.

In person VBS is volunteer dependent and we need your help! Adults and teens as well as “big kids” (5th graders) can help. We are in need of Tribe leaders! Check the APC website or email to sign up to help.

Summer Women’s Evening Bible Study. Women of APC - You are warmly invited to participate in our Summer Women’s Evening Bible Study. We are gathering weekly in-person outside on Thursdays at 7pm in Alexandria. In the case of extreme weather, we will meet via Zoom. The study will continue through August 12 with a break the week of July 4th. 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.

New Officer Training Interest Meeting on Sunday July 11 (time and location TBD). APC men, if you are interested in knowing more about being a deacon or elder, or if God may be calling you to be an officer, join Pastor Tom Holliday to learn more. An overview of both offices will be given as well as summer reading materials to help you prepare for the officer training class this Fall. For more information or to sign up, contact Sue Edwards, Office Manager, at sue.edwards@alexandriapres.org.

Newcomer Brunch on Sunday, July 18 after worship. If you are new to APC, we would love the chance to get to know you over brunch! You’ll have a chance to meet church officers and staff, ask questions and learn more about the ministry God is building here. More details will be coming soon!

APC Women—Reading in Community! Ladies, we have put together a list of books we think will refresh your souls. Some you may have heard of or already read, and some may be new to you. We hope you will take the time to peruse the list, choose one or two to dive into and maybe even gather a friend or two to read along with you. The variety is meant to whet your appetite in different ways. We hope these suggestions will help kick-start your time with the Lord! This list is available on the APC website and email.

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 summer schedule and more details.

ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday school | On Summer Break through early September.

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.

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*

Hebrews 10:19-25

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

■ **song of praise**

Come Christians Join to Sing

Come Christians join to sing—Alleluia amen

Loud praise to Christ our King—Alleluia amen

Let all with heart and voice—Before His throne rejoice

Praise is His gracious choice—Alleluia amen

Come lift your hearts on high—Alleluia amen

Let praises fill the sky—Alleluia amen

He is our Guide and Friend—To us He'll condescend

His love shall never end—Alleluia amen

Praise yet our Christ again—Alleluia amen

Life shall not end the strain—Alleluia amen

On heaven's blissful shore—His goodness we'll adore

Singing forevermore—Alleluia amen

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■ **prayer of adoration**

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **confession of sin**

1 John 2:1-2

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Pleae stand and read in unison, “A Call to Repentance”.

Heavenly Father, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. We know too well the prophet's lament "Woe is me!" We too feel lost, undone. We know our sin well and it discourages us. We have tried to hide it from You and ourselves. For some of us, our suppression of the truth about ourselves has left us frantic in our efforts to hide. For others, it has filled us with a quiet desperation that neutralizes us.

We come to You now, beginning to name the ailments that plague us. We can do this only because You have promised to forgive our sins through the death of Your dear Son. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we will be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

■ **scripture reading** | *Bryant Streett*

1 John 2:28-3:3

Children of God

²⁸And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. ²⁹If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.

^{3:1}See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

■ **ministry update** | *Ben Thomas, B2THEWORLD and Kigali International Community School (KICS)*

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer** | *Deacon David Williams*

■ **song of preparation**

Good Good Father

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone

*You're a good—good Father—it's who you are—it's who you are—it's who you are
And I'm loved by you—It's who I am—it's who I am—it's who I am*

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers only you provide
Because you know just what we need before we say a word

You are perfect in all of your ways—You are perfect in all of your ways
You are perfect in all of your ways—You are perfect in all of your ways to us

Love so undeniable—I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable—I can hardly think
As you call me deeper still—As you call me deeper still
As you call me deeper still—Into love, love, love

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GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **sermon scripture reading**

Luke 15:11-32

The Parable of the Prodigal Son

¹¹And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’” ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’” ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’” ³¹And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

■ **prayer for illumination**

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

“A Compassionate Father”

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us

How vast beyond all measure

That He should give His only Son

To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss

The Father turns His face away

As wounds which mar the Chosen One

Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross

My guilt upon His shoulders

Ashamed I hear my mocking voice

Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there

Until it was accomplished

His dying breath has brought me life

I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything

No gifts no pow'r no wisdom

But I will boast in Jesus Christ

His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward

I cannot give an answer

But this I know with all my heart

His wounds have paid my ransom

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■ **benediction**

■ **announcements**