

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Send-Off for the Sicks Family today after worship!** Please join us outside right after worship for cake and fellowship.

**Congregational Meeting tonight 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.

**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 at 11am.** 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 at his home 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

**The Adult Choir plans to resume in September!** If you have not sung with us before, this will be a fine time to start! More details to come, but you may direct general questions to Vell Rives, vellrives@gmail.com.

**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 | *Ethan, Emily, and Elyse Coit, violin*

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” J.S. Bach, arr. Lynne Latham  
“For the Beauty of the Earth” Pierpoint, arr. Jennie Lou Klim  
“The Church’s One Foundation” Wesley, arr. J.L. Klim  
“Be Thou My Vision” Trad. arr. J.L. Klim

### ■ call to worship | *Chris Sicks, Pastor of Mercy*

*Psalm 86:8-10*

<sup>8</sup>There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours.

<sup>9</sup>All the nations you have made shall come  
and worship before you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.

<sup>10</sup>For you are great and do wondrous things;  
you alone are God.

### ■ hymn of praise

#### The Church’s One Foundation (Trinity #347)

The Church’s one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word  
From heav’n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride  
With His own blood He bought her  
And for her life He died

‘Mid toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest

Elect from every nation  
Yet one o’er all the earth  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord one faith one birth  
One holy name she blesses  
Partakes one holy food  
And to one hope she presses  
With every grace endued

Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won  
O happy ones and holy  
Lord give us grace that we  
Like them the meek and lowly  
On high may dwell with Thee

Though with a scornful wonder  
Men see her sore oppressed  
By schisms rent asunder  
By heresies distressed  
Yet saints their watch are keeping  
Their cry goes up how long  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song

*Samuel Stone, Samuel Wesley; Tune AURELIA; Public Domain; CCLI Song # 55377*

### ■ prayer of adoration

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ scripture reading | *Elder Matt Brown*

*Ephesians 4:1-16*

#### Unity in the Body of Christ

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—<sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,  
and he gave gifts to men.”

<sup>9</sup>(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup>so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup>Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

### ■ farewell | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

### ■ congregational prayer

### ■ prayer of sending and blessing for One Voice Fellowship

### ■ hymn of praise

#### Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Trinity #32)

Great is Thy faithfulness  
O God my Father  
There is no shadow  
Of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not  
Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been  
Thou forever wilt be

*Great is Thy faithfulness  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning  
New mercies I see  
All I have needed  
Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Lord unto me*

*Thomas Obediah Chisholm, William Marion Runyan; Public Domain; CCLI Song # 18723*

### ■ offertory prayer | *Deacon Yaovi Kodjo*

*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

*Acts 2:42-47*

#### The Fellowship of the Believers

<sup>42</sup>And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

### ■ prayer for illumination

### ■ sermon | *Chris Sicks, Pastor of Mercy*

#### “A Merciful Community”

## 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 every 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

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### ■ benediction

### ■ announcements & farewell to the Sicks family

Come young and old from every 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 every age  
“Our God is all in all”