

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We are pleased to announce Elder Matt Coombs as APC's Executive Director of Ministries.** Matt recently retired from the Navy after 22 years of service. Matt, along with his wife Katie and children Jake, Maggie, Gus and Woodrow, have been at APC for 9 years. Matt's primary role as Executive Director of Ministries is to serve, under the leadership of the Senior Pastor, in the leadership and direction of the church staff, in the recruiting and overseeing of volunteer ministry leaders, and in leading the operations necessary for the accomplishment of the church's mission.

**New Officer Training Interest Meeting today at 11am at Pastor Tom's house.** 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 today 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.

**Newcomer Brunch on Sunday, July 18 from 10-11am.** 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. We will meet outside next to the playground in the back of the church building. **Please RSVP to Office Manager Sue Edwards at [sue.edwards@alexandriapres.org](mailto:sue.edwards@alexandriapres.org).**

**Refresh Community – Saturday, July 24 from 9-10am outside Stomping Ground in Del Ray.** Join other APC moms for a drop-in 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. There is a playground nearby, and we can make our way there if our babies/children join us (they're very welcome). Look for Evelyn Heil and direct any questions her way ([evelynheil14@gmail.com](mailto:evelynheil14@gmail.com))!

**Next Baptism is Sunday, August 22.** If you would like to have your child or children baptized, please contact Sue Edwards, Office Manager.

**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. We are 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](mailto:karen.harner@gmail.com)) to learn more and register.

**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.

**The Adult Choir plans to resume on September 8, rehearsing on Wednesday evenings and singing in worship on Sunday mornings.** 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](mailto:vellrives@gmail.com).

## UPCOMING DATES

Newcomer Dinner	September 11
All-Church Fall Kick-off: Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social	September 12
Inquirers Class	September 24 & 25

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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** | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life*  
*Please stand and read responsively from Psalm 46:8-11.*

Leader: <sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works of the Lord,  
how he has brought desolations on the earth.

**All:** <sup>9</sup>**He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the chariots with fire.**

Leader: <sup>10</sup>“Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!”

**All:** <sup>11</sup>**The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

■ **song of praise**

### Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death  
Christ alone Christ alone  
What is our only confidence  
That our souls to Him belong  
Who holds our days within His hand  
What comes apart from His command  
And what will keep us to the end  
The love of Christ in which we stand

*O sing hallelujah  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul  
God is good God is good  
Where is His grace and goodness known  
In our great Redeemer’s blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise  
Who stands above the stormy trial  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Unto the grave what will we sing  
Christ He lives Christ He lives  
And what reward will heaven bring  
Everlasting life with Him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord  
Then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore

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■ **prayer of adoration**

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Eleanor Nagy*  
*Deuteronomy 3:18-22*

<sup>18</sup>“And I commanded you at that time, saying, ‘The Lord your God has given you this land to possess. All your men of valor shall cross over armed before your brothers, the people of Israel. <sup>19</sup>Only your wives, your little ones, and your livestock (I know that you have much livestock) shall remain in the cities that I have given you, <sup>20</sup>until the Lord gives rest to your brothers, as to you, and they also occupy the land that the Lord your God gives them beyond the Jordan. Then each of you may return to his possession which I have given you.’ <sup>21</sup>And I commanded Joshua at that time, ‘Your eyes have seen all that the Lord your God has done to these two kings. So will the Lord do to all the kingdoms into which you are crossing. <sup>22</sup>You shall not fear them, for it is the Lord your God who fights for you.’”

■ **farewell**

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer** | *Tracy Powell*

■ **musical offering** | *Erin Oviatt, clarinet*

**“Oh the Deep Deep Love of Jesus”** *Bob Kauflin, arr. Serenity Novak*

*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 1:1-11*

### The Promise of the Holy Spirit

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

### The Ascension

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

■ **prayer for illumination**

■ **sermon** | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life*  
**“The Holy Spirit and Mission”**

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

**Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me** *(verses 1&2)*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold—my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine—I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Savior he will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold—my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

## 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**

**Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me** *(verses 3&4)*

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold—my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released—I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold—my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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■ **benediction**

■ **announcements** | *Elder Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries*