

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.

Newcomer Brunch after today's worship service. 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 from 10-11am.

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)!

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) 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.

UPCOMING DATES

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

Giving at a Glance	YTD Giving (7/1/20-6/30/21)	\$1,999,308
	YTD Budget (7/1/20-6/30/21)	\$1,921,000
	Difference	+ \$78,308 (104%)

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@alexandriapre.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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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.

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** | *Serenity Novak, Worship Assistant*

■ **call to worship** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

Isaiah 26:12-13

¹²O Lord, you will ordain peace for us,
for you have indeed done for us all our works.

¹³O Lord our God,
other lords besides you have ruled over us,
but your name alone we bring to remembrance.

■ **songs of praise**

Is He Worthy? *(Congregation sings bolded)*

Do you feel the world is broken? **(We do)**

Do you feel the shadows deepen? **(We do)**

But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? **(We do)**

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? **(We do)**

Is all creation groaning? **(It is)** Is a new creation coming? **(It is)**

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? **(It is)**

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? **(It is)**

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave

He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory.

Is He worthy of this? (He is!)

Does the Father truly love us? **(He does)**

Does the Spirit move among us? **(He does)**

And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? **(He does)**

Does our God intend to dwell again with us? **(He does)**

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave

He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

From every people and tribe—every nation and tongue

He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son

Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is!

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is! He is! He is!

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Holy, Holy, Holy *Trinity #100*

Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

Holy holy holy
All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim
Falling down before Thee
Who wert and art
And evermore shalt be

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Holy holy holy
Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy
There is none beside Thee
Perfect in pow'r
In love and purity

Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

■ **prayer of adoration**

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Stuart Yikona*

Revelation 4

The Throne in Heaven

¹After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." ²At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. ³And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald.

⁴Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, ⁶and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. ⁸And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!"

⁹And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

¹¹"Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created."

■ **installation of Josh Diack as Associate Pastor**

Constitutional questions asked to Pastor Josh Diack by Elder Shant Boyajian

Constitutional questions asked to the Congregation

Charge from Pastor Tom Holliday

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer** | *Mike Lee*

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

Psalm 23: Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy

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GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **sermon scripture reading**

Revelation 5

The Scroll and the Lamb

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth."

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"

¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

■ **prayer for illumination**

■ **sermon** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*
"The Reason for Missions"

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

Hope of the Nations

Jesus hope of the nations
Jesus comfort for all who mourn
You are the source of heaven's hope on earth
Jesus light in the darkness
Jesus truth in each circumstance
You are the source of heaven's light on earth

In history You lived and died
You broke the chains You rose to life

*You are the hope living in us
You are the Rock in whom we trust
You are the light shining for all the world to see
You rose from the dead conquering fear
Our Prince of Peace drawing us near
Jesus our hope living for all who will receive
Lord we believe*

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■ **benediction**

■ **announcements**