

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Koinonia brunch. 20s and 30s, join us for brunch after church today at Evening Star in Del Ray! You can let Emily Kinch (emily.s.kinch@gmail.com) know you're coming, or just show up and look for the group that will get there around 10:30.

Prayer Meeting this evening from 5-6pm in the Chapel at Russell Road or via Zoom. Join with the APC community to pray for our church, community, and the world this evening from 5-6pm in the Chapel at RRC or via the Zoom link sent in the APC email.

Praise Team and Tech Team open to new members. We are particularly looking for guitarists, drummers, PowerPoint operators, and those with a bent for audio and video technologies, but we are open to other skills and specialties as well! If you are interested in facilitating Sunday morning worship in a musical or technical way, please contact Serenity Novak (serenity.novak@alexandriapres.org).

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

Officer Training Class begins Tuesday, August 31. Each fall, APC offers this class for any man willing to consider being nominated in the future for the office of elder or deacon. This class is a prerequisite for becoming an elder or deacon, although taking the class does not obligate you to stand for election. The class will meet for seven consecutive Tuesdays at 7:30pm at Russell Road. Please contact Office Manager Sue Edwards at sue.edwards@alexandriapres.org if you are interested in attending.

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.

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

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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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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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 and Missions* *Please stand and read responsively from Psalm 97.*

Leader:

¹The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!

²Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

³Fire goes before him
and burns up his adversaries all around.

⁴His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.

⁵The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,
before the Lord of all the earth.

⁶The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory.

⁷All worshipers of images are put to shame,
who make their boast in worthless idols;
worship him, all you gods!

All:

⁸**Zion hears and is glad,
and the daughters of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O Lord.**

⁹**For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.**

¹⁰**O you who love the Lord, hate evil!
He preserves the lives of his saints;
he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

¹¹**Light is sown for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.**

¹²**Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!**

■ hymn of praise

Jesus Shall Reign (Trinity #441)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does His successive journeys run
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more

To Him shall endless prayer be made
And praises throng to crown His head
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name

Blessings abound where'er He reigns
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains
The weary find eternal rest
And all the sons of want are blest

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King
Angels descend with songs again
And earth repeat the loud amen

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ scripture reading | *Elder Rob and Ruth Fisher*

Acts 8:26-40

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

²⁶Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

■ farewell

■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | *Deacon Didier Balagizi*

■ musical offering | *Serenity Novak, Worship Assistant*

■ hymn of preparation

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah (Trinity #598)

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah
Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak but Thou art mighty
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand
Bread of heaven—Bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more
Feed me till I want no more

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through
Strong Deliv'rer—strong Deliv'rer
Be Thou still my strength and shield
Be Thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs of praises—songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee
I will ever give to Thee

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*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

Philippians 1:1-11

Greeting

¹Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions* **“Gospel Partnerships”**

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Let Your Kingdom Come

Your glorious cause O God
Engages our hearts
May Jesus Christ be known
Wherever we are
We ask not for ourselves
But for Your renown
The cross has saved us so we pray
Your kingdom come

*Let Your kingdom come
Let Your will be done
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name
Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere on earth
Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done
Let Your kingdom come*

Give us Your strength O God
And courage to speak
Perform Your wondrous deeds
Through those who are weak
Lord use us as You want
Whatever the test
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till
Our dying breath

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■ benediction

■ announcements