

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wanted: You! Needed: You! Doesn't it feel good to be wanted and needed?

Let us make the most of every opportunity to share the Gospel with our children! Will you join our teams of Nursery volunteers, Sunday School teachers and Explorers leaders? For more specific information, contact Erin Furgerson, Director of Children's Ministries, erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org.

APC is hiring nursery workers for the Thursday morning women's Bible study and for Sunday evening activities both starting in September. These are paid positions for adults or teens. If you are interested, or someone you may know, please contact Erin Furgerson, Director of Children's Ministries, erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org.

Next Baptism is Sunday, August 22. If you would like to have your child or children baptized, please contact Katie Coombs at katie.coombs@alexandriapres.org

Ministry Fair after worship on August 22. Join us after worship on August 22 to learn about the ministries at APC. You will have the opportunity to meet leaders, ask questions, and sign-up for ministry opportunities.

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 in Room 205. Please contact Katie Coombs at katie.coombs@alexandriapres.org if you are interested in attending.

CFG Meet and Greet on Sunday, September 5. If you have been thinking about joining a Covenant Fellowship Group (CFG) at APC, the fall is a great time to join! After worship on September 5, there will be an opportunity to meet CFG leaders and ask any questions that you might have. If you would like to know more about leading or hosting a CFG, please contact Pastor Josh Diack at josh.diack@alexandriapres.org. **There will also be a 4-week CFG Leadership Training for anyone interested in leading a CFG.** The training will run from September 12-October 3 after worship in Room 305. The class is a prerequisite for anyone who would like to begin a CFG.

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.

Newcomers' Fellowship Dinner on Saturday, September 11, 6-8pm. If you've been attending APC for one week or several months, Christian and Christine Brittle invite you to their home, 2707 2nd St S, Arlington, VA 22204, for food and fellowship. Both indoor and outdoor spaces will be available. You'll have a chance to meet church officers and staff, ask questions and learn more about the ministry God is building here. Childcare is provided. Please RSVP to Katie Coombs at katie.coombs@alexandriapres.org and indicate if you will need childcare and the number and ages of your children.

APC Fall Kick-Off: Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social, Sunday September 12 from 4:30-6pm. We are excited to kick-off fall as an APC family with a hot dog and ice cream social! Hot dogs will be provided and an ice cream truck will be visiting the APC parking lot to provide sweet treats. Join us from 4:30-6pm out on the front lawn for a time of fellowship and fun. Ministry leaders will also be available to meet you and answer any questions you may have about how to get connected to the various ministries and happenings at APC this year ahead. We hope you will join us!

Inquirer's Class September 24-25 at RRC. If you are interested in membership or in gaining a deeper understanding of APC, you should attend this class. You will receive an introduction to Christianity, the PCA, and the specific vision/mission and philosophy of ministry at APC. Membership is open to all who profess faith in Christ and believe the basic teachings of the Christian faith. Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church. The Friday night session is from 6:30-9pm starting with a dinner, and the Saturday session is from 9am-3pm. Please RSVP to Katie Coombs at katie.coombs@alexandriapres.org if you wish to attend, and indicate if you have childcare needs.

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, September through June. 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 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** | *Serenity Novak, Worship Assistant*

■ **call to worship** | *Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate*

Psalm 67:1-3

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
²that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

■ **songs of praise**

Victor’s Crown

You are always fighting for us
Even laid Your own life down
My delight is found in knowing
That You wear the victor’s crown
You’re my help and my defender
You’re my Savior and my friend
By Your grace I live and breathe to worship You

At the mention of Your greatness
At Your Name I will bow down
In Your Presence fear is silent
For You wear the victor’s crown
Let Your glory fill this temple
Let Your power overflow
By Your grace I live and breathe to worship You

Hallelujah You have overcome
You have overcome
Hallelujah Jesus You have overcome the world

You are ever interceding
As the lost become the found
You can never be defeated
For You wear the victor’s crown
You are Jesus the Messiah
You’re the Hope of all the world
By Your grace I live and breathe to worship You

Ev’ry high thing must come down
Ev’ry stronghold shall be broken
You wear the victor’s crown
You overcome — You overcome

At the cross the work was finished
You were buried in the ground
But the grave could not contain You
For You wear the victor’s crown

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We Fall Down

We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus

And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy is the Lamb

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■ **prayer of adoration**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Thomas and Courtney McGuire*

Matthew 18:21-35

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

²¹Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer** | *Deacon Sam White*

■ **song of preparation**

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting—Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running—There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets—To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory—To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming—And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation—You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering—You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation—Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose—All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good—For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs—And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who’d come—To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born—Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old—Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name—In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ—Who has resurrected me

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GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **sermon scripture reading**

Jonah 4

Jonah’s Anger and the Lord’s Compassion

¹But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. ²And he prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. ³Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴And the Lord said, “Do you do well to be angry?”

⁵Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. ⁶Now the Lord God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” ⁹But God said to Jonah, “Do you do well to be angry for the plant?” And he said, “Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰And the Lord said, “You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?”

■ **prayer for illumination**

■ **sermon** | *Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate*

“Do We Really Understand God’s Grace towards Us?”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient—all-knowing—He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins—they are many—His mercy is more

Praise the Lord—His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness—new every morn
Our sins—they are many—His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father—so tender—is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins—they are many—His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment—His life was the cost
We stood ‘neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins—they are many—His mercy is more.

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■ **benediction**

■ **announcements** | *Matthew Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries*