

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism. This morning we are pleased to baptize Caleb Joseph Adams, the son of Mark and Kari Adams.

Ministry Fair after worship after today's service. Join us on the front lawn right after church 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.

The Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study begins meeting in person either on the front porch at church or in the Chapel (depending on weather) on September 9, from 9:45am-11:30am. We will be studying Ephesians, using Heather Holleman's book "Included in Christ: Living a New Story From Ephesians". Childcare is provided. All are welcome! Please sign up by contacting Lynn Streett at lynn.streett79@gmail.com. ****It's very important for you to sign up ASAP if you will be using childcare, in order to help us gauge our nursery needs.****

The Thursday Evening Ladies Bible Study begins meeting on September 9 on Zoom from 8-9:15pm. We will be studying Ephesians, using Heather Holleman's book "Included in Christ: Living a New Story From Ephesians". Please contact Lynn Streett at lynn.streett79@gmail.com to sign up and to receive the Zoom link. Please join us! All are welcome!

Friday morning women's Bible study begins meeting every other week in person either on the front porch at church or in the Chapel (depending on weather) on September 10 from 9:45 –11:30am. We will study Hebrews using study questions written by Nancy Guthrie. This study does not provide childcare, however we can reserve a room for homeschoolers. Please contact Ruth Fisher ruth.fisher@hotmail.com to let her know you are coming and if there is a need for the homeschooling room.

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.

Inquirer's Class September 24-25. 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.

You are invited to join the children's ministry in sharing the Gospel, teaching Bible truths and discipleship of our children! Will you join our teams of Nursery volunteers (ages 0-4yrs), Sunday school teachers (ages 2yrs-5th grade) and Explorer's leaders (K-5th grade)? Please contact Erin Furgerson, Director of Children's Ministries to get more information about each opportunity. 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.

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.

Giving at a Glance	YTD Giving (7/1/21 - 7/31/21)	\$146,472
	YTD Budget (7/1/21 - 7/31/21)	\$159,000
	Difference	-\$12,528 (92.1%)

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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** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

Exodus 34:6-7a

“The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, “keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.”

■ **song of praise**
To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory great things He has done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in

*Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory great things He has done*

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives

Great things He has taught us
Great things He has done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see

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■ **prayer of adoration**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

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

Isaiah 6:1-8

Isaiah’s Vision of the Lord

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

Isaiah’s Commission from the Lord

⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

■ **confession of sin**

Please stand and read responsively.

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be Your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being Your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of Your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

■ **song of praise**
Worthy Is the Lamb

Thank You for the cross Lord
Thank You for the price You paid
Bearing all my sin and shame
In love You came and gave amazing grace

Thank You for this love Lord
Thank You for the nail-pierced hands
Washed me in Your cleansing flow
Now all I know Your forgiveness and embrace

*Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne
Crown You now with many crowns
You reign victorious
High and lifted up Jesus Son of God
The treasure of heaven crucified
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb*

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■ **sacrament of baptism**

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer** | *Lynn Streett*

*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**

Luke 9:28-36

The Transfiguration

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” ³⁶And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

■ **prayer for illumination**

■ **sermon** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*
“The Glory that Leads to Obedience”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

The Power of the Cross verses 1-2

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood

*This the pow’r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross*

Oh to see the pain written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Ev’ry bitter thought ev’ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow

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.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

The Power of the Cross verses 3-4

Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life
Finished the vict’ry cry

*This the pow’r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross*

Oh to see my name written in the wounds
For through Your suff’ring I am free
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live
Won through Your selfless love

*This the pow’r of the cross
Son of God slain for us
What a love what a cost
We stand forgiven at the cross*

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■ **benediction**

■ **announcements** | *Erin Furgerson, Director of Children’s Ministries*