

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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. **Volunteers are needed** for set-up, food prep, cooking, serving and clean-up. Contact Matt Coombs at [matthew.coombs@alexandriapres.org](mailto:matthew.coombs@alexandriapres.org) or Vicki Wolfe at [vicki.wolfe@alexandriapres.org](mailto:vicki.wolfe@alexandriapres.org) for more details and to sign up.

**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](mailto:katie.coombs@alexandriapres.org) if you wish to attend, and indicate if you have childcare needs.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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, September through June. 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 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.

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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** | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life*

*Psalm 65:1-4*

<sup>1</sup>Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,  
and to you shall vows be performed.

<sup>2</sup>O you who hear prayer,  
to you shall all flesh come.

<sup>3</sup>When iniquities prevail against me,  
you atone for our transgressions.

<sup>4</sup>Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,  
to dwell in your courts!

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,  
the holiness of your temple!

■ **songs of praise**

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed (Trinity #311)**

Hail to the Lord's anointed  
Great David's greater Son  
Hail in the time appointed  
His reign on earth begun  
He comes to break oppression  
To set the captive free  
To take away transgression  
And rule in equity

He comes with comfort speedy  
To those who suffer wrong  
To help the poor and needy  
And bid the weak be strong  
To give them songs for sighing  
Their darkness turn to light  
Whose souls condemned and dying  
Were precious in His sight

He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth  
And love joy hope like flowers  
Spring in His path to birth  
Before Him on the mountains  
Shall peace the herald go  
And righteousness in fountains  
From hill to valley flow

O'er ev'ry foe victorious  
He on His throne shall rest  
From age to age more glorious  
All-blessing and all-blessed  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove  
His name shall stand forever  
That name to us is Love

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■ **How Deep the Father's Love for Us**

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross  
My guilt upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

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■ **prayer of adoration**

■ **the apostles' creed**

*(Please read in unison.)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Elder Jim and Dorothy Taft*

*Luke 10:25-37*

**The Parable of the Good Samaritan**

<sup>25</sup>And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" <sup>27</sup>And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup>But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer** | *Jon Osborne*

■ **musical offering**

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **sermon scripture reading**

*Galatians 6:1-10*

**Bear One Another's Burdens**

<sup>1</sup>Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup>But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. <sup>5</sup>For each will have to bear his own load.

<sup>6</sup>Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. <sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup>For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup>And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

■ **prayer for illumination**

■ **sermon** | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life*

**"Bearing Burdens"**

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

**Take My Life**

Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated Lord to Thee  
Take my moments and my days  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise  
Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee

*Here am I*

*All of me*

*Take my life*

*It's all for Thee*

Take my voice and let me sing  
Always only for my King  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee  
Take my silver and my gold  
Not a mite would I withhold  
Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry power as You choose

Take my will and make it Thine  
It shall be no longer mine  
Take my heart it is Thine own  
It shall be Thy royal throne  
Take my love my Lord I pour  
At Your feet its treasure store  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever only all for Thee

Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated Lord to Thee

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■ **benediction**

■ **announcements** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*