

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.

Koinonia kayaking trip. 20s and 30s, join us for a fun morning at Fountainhead Regional Park on Saturday, August 14th. For more details, contact Serenity Novak at serenity.novak@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 at Russell Road. 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.

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 at 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 at RRC. 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 4:30-6 out on the front lawn at Russell Road 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 in the 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. 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.

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** | *Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate*

Psalm 32:1-2

¹Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

²Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

■ **songs of praise**

Your Great Name

Lost are saved find their way
At the sound of Your great Name
All condemned feel no shame
At the sound of Your great Name
Ev'ry fear has no place
At the sound of Your great Name
The enemy he has to leave
At the sound of Your great Name

*Jesus worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us
The Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up
And all the world will praise
Your great Name*

All the weak find their strength
At the sound of Your great Name
Hungry souls receive grace
At the sound of Your great Name
The fatherless find their rest
At the sound of Your great Name
The sick are healed the dead are raised
At the sound of Your great Name

Redeemer my Healer Lord Almighty
Defender my Savior You are my King

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Mighty to Save

Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

*Savior He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave*

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing—For the glory of the risen King—Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing—For the glory of the risen King

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■ **prayer of adoration**

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Vell and Carmen Rives*

Acts 19:8-20

⁸And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God. ⁹But when some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus. ¹⁰This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

The Sons of Sceva

¹¹And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, ¹²so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. ¹³Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims." ¹⁴Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. ¹⁵But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?" ¹⁶And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all[b] of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. ¹⁷And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. ¹⁸Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. ¹⁹And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. ²⁰So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

■ **mission update** | For the Nations, *Matt Kasowski, Executive Director*

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer** | *Leslie Bridge*

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

*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**

Jonah 3:1-10

Jonah Goes to Nineveh

¹Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

The People of Nineveh Repent

⁶The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, ⁸but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. ⁹Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish."

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

■ **prayer for illumination**

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

"The Power of God to Change Lives"

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

There's a place
Where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place
Where streams of grace flow deep and wide
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

*At the cross—at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You—I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You—I owe all to You*

There's a place
Where sin and shame are powerless
Where my heart
Has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Here my hope is found
Here on holy ground
Here I bow down here I bow down
Here arms open wide
Here You saved my life
Here I bow down here I bow

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■ **benediction**

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