

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we welcome APC-supported missionaries Chris and Josephine Hatch. The Hatch's have worked with Serge in London with immigrants from around the world, including many from South Asia. They recently moved into a dual leadership position as UK Regional Supervisor over three teams, as well as working with the Director of Mission in the area of Contextualization and Culture.

Praise and Prayer Service for our International Outreach: Sunday, October 10 from 5-6:30 in the Sanctuary. Join us Sunday evening, October 10 to praise God for the ministry to internationals that He has given to APC over the years, and to pray for God's continued leading of this ministry. During this service, our international APC members will lead us in songs of praise, and we will spend time seeking the Lord's vision on our continued response to this important ministry in word and deed. Our time together will build on a prior prayer meeting held in July when over 40 APCers met to pray for this ministry. The deacons have also been praying specifically how to respond to the crisis in Afghanistan. We look forward to collectively inquiring of the Lord and praising Him during our time together.

Men's Breakfast on Saturday, October 16 from 8-9:30am at Russell Road. Men of APC—join us for fellowship over breakfast and a discussion on the topic of "Loving the Church as the Body of Christ". Our speaker will be Pastor Josh Diack. Please RSVP to Jim Taft at jamesdake1017@gmail.com

Next Baptism is Sunday, October 24. If you would like to have your child or children baptized, please contact Katie Coombs at katie.coombs@alexandriapres.org.

Nominations for the Office of Elder and Deacon. You must 1) be a member to nominate, 2) ascertain the willingness of the individual to serve prior to submitting a nomination, and 3) nominate a man who has taken the Officer Training Class. Nomination forms are available at the table as you enter the building and may be submitted to any current elder or to Pastor Tom Holliday until October 17. Men currently taking the Officer Training Class and eligible for nomination are: Didier Balagizi, Wayne Folta, Pete Olsen, Bryant Streett, and Ben Youngquist. Aaron McCauley is eligible for re-election for the office of deacon.

The Congregational Meeting to elect officers will be Sunday, October 24 from 10:30-11am (immediately following worship and fellowship). Adult and Youth Sunday School will not be held in light of this meeting, however Children's Sunday School and Nursery will be available for the duration of the meeting.

The Thursday morning women's Bible study meets from 9:45am-11:30am on the front porch at church or in the Chapel (depending on weather). We are studying Ephesians, using Heather Holleman's book "Included in Christ: Living a New Story From Ephesians". Childcare is provided.

The Thursday evening women's Bible study meets on Zoom from 8-9:15pm using Heather Holleman's book "Included in Christ: Living a New Story From Ephesians". Contact Lynn Streett at lynn.streett79@gmail.com to sign up for either Thursday study.

The Friday morning women's Bible study meets every other week in person either on the front porch at church or in the Chapel (depending on weather) from 9:45 –11:30am. We are studying 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.

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

You are invited to join the children's ministry in sharing the Gospel, teaching Bible truths and discipleship of our children! Needs include:

- Sunday School hour: An assistant (adult or teen) needed for the 2-3yr old class and Nursery volunteers needed for the Infants Room.
- Nursery workers for Sunday evening activities (This is a paid position for adults or teens.)

Please contact Erin Furgerson, Director of Children's Ministries at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org to get more information about each opportunity.

CHILDREN AND TEENS

Nursery registration is required and offered up to age 4. We have a limited capacity based on how many volunteers we have. Please register at the link found in the APC email. Registration is open Wednesday through Friday each week.

Children's Church Room 124, 2nd and 4th Sundays during the sermon for children ages 5-7

Children Infants: ages 0-1 in Bunnies Room; Ages 2-3 in Tigers Room; Age 4 in Elephants Room; Grades K-1 in Lions Room; Grades 2-3 in the Pipe Room; Grades 4-5 in Room 306

Teens Chapel

Sunday evening | 5-6:30pm

Explorers *Children age 5-5th grade, Outside as weather permits and Fellowship Hall.* We welcome children to experience gospel living and discipleship as they build relationships with one another and with the leaders of their small groups.

Contact: Erin Furgerson at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org.

PROTAS *Teens 6th-12th grade* Connect each week in community with your peers — the schedule includes games, worship, small group discussions, a short devotion at a teen level, and more. Discipleship groups are also meeting during the week. Contact: Adam LeRoy at adam.leroy@alexandriapres.org.

ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday school | 10:30-11:30am

Praying the Psalms, Led by Elder Marc Allen, Room 302/303.

When you pray, how do you pray? Do you pray as did David: "Be merciful to me and hear my prayer?" As the Sons of Korah did: "my soul pants for you O God?" Or as another Psalm-writer did: "Why, O Lord, do you stand far off?" However you pray, if you desire to come closer to God in your prayer life and to know Him more, then the Psalmists stand ready to guide you. By reading, studying, and praying selected Psalms, we will seek to understand better our own prayer lives, the shape a Godly prayer life takes, and the great promise of prayer God offers to us—an intimate relationship with Him.

The Gospel of John – The Word Made Flesh, Led by Elder Aaron Renenger and Pastor Josh Diack, Room 104.

Join us in our study of the Gospel of John, where we encounter Jesus as eternal God, Jesus as the incarnate Son, and Jesus as the Messiah who fulfills God's promises and brings grace upon grace. Whether one is brand new to the faith or has been a Christian for many years, the Gospel of John provides a deep and intimate portrait of our Lord and Savior, beckoning us not only to come to Jesus, but to remain in Him.

Sunday Evening | 5-6:30pm

Walking Wisely in Contentious Times, Led by Pastor Mike Powell, Chapel.

The events of the past couple of years have unearthed some real challenges for the church. Racial tensions, political division, social justice and a global pandemic have made it clear that the family of God isn't as unified as we may have thought. How do we navigate these difficult and divisive times? Come join us as we seek to lay a foundation and establish a framework to begin responding in a way that endeavors to maintain unity and honor Christ.

Gospel Conversations and Prayer, Led by Elder Matthew Coombs, Room 104.

We all benefit from a good Gospel Conversation but often do not take the time to sit down and have one. We also benefit from "praying in" those conversations and the beautiful truths of God. Come explore the wonders of the Bible, come with a question you have, come willing to share a recent conversation you have had with God that might encourage others, come and have a Gospel conversation! We will finish our time praying together as we "pray in" our conversation.

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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 and Missions*

Psalms 138:1-3

¹I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

²I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.

³On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.

■ **songs of praise**

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Behold our God seated on His throne

Come let us adore Him

Behold our King nothing can compare

Come let us adore Him

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

You will reign forever (Let Your glory fill the earth)

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Come People of the Risen King

Come people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

Rejoice—Rejoice—Let every tongue rejoice

One heart—one voice—O Church of Christ rejoice

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace

Come young and old from every land
Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age
“Our God is all in all”

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■ **prayer of adoration**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Eleanor Nagy*

Titus 3:1-11

Be Ready for Every Good Work

¹Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, ²to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. ³For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. ⁴But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. ⁸The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people. ⁹But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. ¹⁰As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, ¹¹knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.

■ **missions update** | *Chris and Josephine Hatch, Serge*

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer** | *Jackie McCauley*

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

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **sermon scripture reading**

1 Corinthians 1:17-31

¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Christ the Wisdom and Power of God

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

■ **prayer for illumination**

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

“**Transformed by the Gospel**” *Sermon series: Living Out Your Mission*

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

The Power of the Cross

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

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

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** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

■ **recessional anthem** | *Adult Choir*

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin,
How shall my tongue describe it? Where shall its praise begin?
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free;
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me!

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea;
Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain,
All sufficient grace for even me.
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,
Greater far than all my sin and shame
O magnify the precious Name of Jesus: Praise His Name!

Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching a mighty host;
By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost.
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty;
For the wonderful grace of Jesus, reaches me!

Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most defiled,
By its transforming power, making him God’s dear child,
Purchasing peace and Heaven for all eternity,
And the wonderful grace of Jesus, reaches me!

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