

**recessional anthem** | *Adult Choir***Farewell, Vain World**

Farewell, vain world, I'm going home!  
My Savior smiles and bids me come.  
Sweet angels beckon me away  
To sing God's praise in endless day.

*Right up yonder, Christian, away up yonder,  
O yes, my Lord, and I don't care to stay here long.*

Behold Him there upon the throne,  
My Jesus up to heaven gone;  
His path I see, and I'll pursue  
The narrow way till Him I view.

I'm glad that I am born to die,  
From grief and woe my soul shall fly;  
Bright angels shall convey me home,  
Away to New Jerusalem.

*Words: Anonymous, The Sacred Harp, 1835, v. 2 John Cennick, 1743.  
Music: Leonard Breedlove, 1850.*

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**APC Fall Kick-Off: Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social, TODAY from 4:30-6pm. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs for seating!** We are excited to kick-off fall as an APC family with a hot dog and ice cream social! Hot dogs and chips will be provided on a pre-prepared plate, and an ice cream truck will be visiting the APC parking lot to provide sweet treats (options include vanilla and chocolate custard, two flavors of Italian Ice and Root Beer Floats!). Join us out on the front lawn for a time of fellowship and fun. **Volunteers are still 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.

**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** study meets on Zoom from 8-9:15pm using the same study. Contact Lynn Streett at [lynn.streett79@gmail.com](mailto: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 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.

**APC Women's Conference, Friday, October 1 (7:30-9pm) & Saturday, October, 2 (9-11:30am):** This Is Us – Christ's Beautiful, Complicated Church! Join us as we explore Christ's Delight in and Design for His Church – He loves her; do we? Cost is \$15. Please find more details and sign up on the APC website or through the link sent in the email. Rooms are also reserved at the Holiday Inn Carlyle for Friday night. We encourage you to gather some friends and make this a real retreat!

**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!** 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 Sunday evening activities 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**

**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

**Sunday school** | 10:30-11:30am | Beginning September 12

<b>Children</b>	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 boys in the Pipe room; Grades 4-5 boys in Room 305; Grades 2-5 girls in Room 306
<b>Teens</b>	Chapel

**Sunday evening** | 5-6:30pm | Beginning September 19

<b>Explorers</b>	<i>Children age 5-5th grade, Outside as weather permits and Fellowship Hall.</i> 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 <a href="mailto:erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org">erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org</a> .
<b>PROTAS</b>	<i>Teens 6th-12th grade</i> 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 <a href="mailto:adam.leroy@alexandriapres.org">adam.leroy@alexandriapres.org</a> .

**ADULT EDUCATION**

**Sunday school** | 10:30-11:30am

*Praying the Psalms, Led by Elder Marc Allen, Room 302/303. Begins September 12.*  
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. Begins September 19.*

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, Begins September 19.

*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** | *Praise Team*

■ **call to worship** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

*Psalm 107:1-3*

<sup>1</sup>Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!  
<sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
whom he has redeemed from trouble  
<sup>3</sup>and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

■ **songs of praise**

### How Can I Keep from Singing

There is an endless song—echoes in my soul—I hear the music ring  
And though the storms may come—I am holding on—to the rock I cling

*How can I keep from singing Your praise—How can I ever say enough  
How amazing is Your love—How can I keep from shouting Your name  
I know I am loved by the King—and it makes my heart want to sing*

I will lift my eyes—in the darkest night—for I know my Savior lives  
And I will walk with You—knowing You’ll see me through—and sing the songs You give

I can sing in the troubled times—sing when I win  
I can sing when I lose my step—and fall down again  
I can sing ‘cause You pick me up—sing ‘cause You’re there  
I can sing ‘cause You hear me Lord—when I call to You in prayer  
I can sing with my last breath—sing for I know  
That I’ll sing with the angels—and the saints around the throne

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### Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer—There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom—My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold—my hope is only Jesus—for my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine—I can sing all is mine—Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken—For by my side the Savior he will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing—For in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold—my Shepherd will defend me—Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome—Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven—The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon—And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold—my sin has been defeated—Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released—I can sing I am free—Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus—For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me—Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold—my hope is only Jesus—All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat—Yet not I but through Christ in me

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■ **prayer of adoration**

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Elder Matt and Carrie Brown*

*Habakkuk 3*

<sup>1</sup>A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet,  
according to Shigionoth.  
<sup>2</sup>O Lord, I have heard the report of you,  
and your work, O Lord, do I fear.  
In the midst of the years revive it;  
in the midst of the years make it known;  
in wrath remember mercy.

<sup>3</sup>God came from Teman,  
and the Holy One from Mount Paran.  
His splendor covered the heavens,  
and the earth was full of his praise.

<sup>4</sup>His brightness was like the light;  
rays flashed from his hand;  
and there he veiled his power.

<sup>5</sup>Before him went pestilence,  
and plague followed at his heels.  
<sup>6</sup>He stood and measured the earth;  
he looked and shook the nations;  
then the eternal mountains were scattered;  
the everlasting hills sank low.  
His were the everlasting ways.

<sup>7</sup>I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction;  
the curtains of the land of Midian did  
tremble.

<sup>8</sup>Was your wrath against the rivers, O Lord?  
Was your anger against the rivers,  
or your indignation against the sea,  
when you rode on your horses,  
on your chariot of salvation?

<sup>9</sup>You stripped the sheath from your bow,  
calling for many arrows.

You split the earth with rivers.

<sup>10</sup>The mountains saw you and writhed;  
the raging waters swept on;  
the deep gave forth its voice;  
it lifted its hands on high.

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer** | *Deacon Jon Erickson*

■ **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**

*Acts 16:16-40*

### Paul and Silas in Prison

<sup>16</sup>As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>She followed Paul and us, crying out, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.” <sup>18</sup>And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. <sup>20</sup>And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, “These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. <sup>21</sup>They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice.” <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. <sup>23</sup>And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. <sup>24</sup>Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

### The Philippian Jailer Converted

<sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, <sup>26</sup>and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone’s

<sup>11</sup>The sun and moon stood still in their place  
at the light of your arrows as they sped,  
at the flash of your glittering spear.

<sup>12</sup>You marched through the earth in fury;  
you threshed the nations in anger.

<sup>13</sup>You went out for the salvation of your  
people, for the salvation of your anointed.  
You crushed the head of the house of the  
wicked, laying him bare from thigh to neck.

<sup>14</sup>You pierced with his own arrows the heads  
of his warriors,  
who came like a whirlwind to scatter me,  
rejoicing as if to devour the poor in secret.

<sup>15</sup>You trampled the sea with your horses,  
the surging of mighty waters.

<sup>16</sup>I hear, and my body trembles;  
my lips quiver at the sound;  
rotteness enters into my bones;  
my legs tremble beneath me.

Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble  
to come upon people who invade us.

### Habakkuk Rejoices in the Lord

<sup>17</sup>Though the fig tree should not blossom,  
nor fruit be on the vines,  
the produce of the olive fail  
and the fields yield no food,  
the flock be cut off from the fold  
and there be no herd in the stalls,

<sup>18</sup>yet I will rejoice in the Lord;  
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

<sup>19</sup>God, the Lord, is my strength;  
he makes my feet like the deer’s;  
he makes me tread on my high places.

bonds were unfastened. <sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul cried with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” <sup>29</sup>And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” <sup>31</sup>And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” <sup>32</sup>And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. <sup>34</sup>Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

<sup>35</sup>But when it was day, the magistrates sent the police, saying, “Let those men go.” <sup>36</sup>And the jailer reported these words to Paul, saying, “The magistrates have sent to let you go. Therefore come out now and go in peace.” <sup>37</sup>But Paul said to them, “They have beaten us publicly, uncondemned, men who are Roman citizens, and have thrown us into prison; and do they now throw us out secretly? No! Let them come themselves and take us out.” <sup>38</sup>The police reported these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Roman citizens. <sup>39</sup>So they came and apologized to them. And they took them out and asked them to leave the city. <sup>40</sup>So they went out of the prison and visited Lydia. And when they had seen the brothers, they encouraged them and departed.

■ **prayer for illumination**

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

“**Praise Greater than the Pain**”

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

### Jesus Thank You

The myst’ry of the cross I cannot comprehend—the agonies of Calvary  
You the perfect Holy One crushed Your Son—Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

*Your blood has washed away my sin—Jesus thank You  
The Father’s wrath completely satisfied—Jesus thank You  
Once Your enemy now seated at Your table—Jesus thank You*

By Your perfect sacrifice I’ve been brought near—Your enemy You’ve made Your friend  
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace—Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

Lover of my soul I want to live for You

## 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.*

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■ **benediction**

■ **announcements** | *Elder Marc Allen*

*(See the back of the bulletin for the Adult Choir Recessional Anthem)*