

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Meeting this evening from 5-6pm in Room 104 or via Zoom. Join with the APC community to pray for our church, community, and the world. Check the APC email for the Zoom link. The Prayer Meeting this evening will be combined with the *Gospel Conversations and Prayer* class.

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.

Save the Date: Men's Breakfast, October 16 from 8-9:30am. More details will be coming soon!

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 (time TBD).

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;
Teens	Grades 2-3 in the Pipe Room; Grades 4-5 in Room 306 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.
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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 .
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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** | *Praise Team*

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

Psalms 130

Leader: ¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

All: ²O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

Leader: ³If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

All: ⁴But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Leader: ⁵I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

All: ⁶my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

Leader: ⁷O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

All: ⁸And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

■ **hymn of praise**

Praise to the Lord the Almighty #53

Praise to the Lord the Almighty—The King of creation
O my soul praise Him for He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear—Now to His temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings—Yea—so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord who doth prosper thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord—O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly fore’er we adore Him

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■ **prayer of adoration**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Russell and Jenn Foxworth*

Philippians 1:12-30

The Advance of the Gospel

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁵Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. ¹⁶The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

To Live Is Christ

Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer** | *Elder Gary McGee*

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

■ **song of preparation**

Show Us Christ

Prepare our hearts O God
Help us to receive
Break the hard and stony ground
Help our unbelief
Plant Your Word down deep in us
'Cause it to bear fruit
Open up our ears to hear
Lead us in Your truth

*Show us Christ show us Christ
O God reveal Your glory
Through the preaching of Your Word
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord*

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Your Word is living light
Upon our darkened eyes
Guards us through temptations
Makes the simple wise
Your Word is food for famished ones
Freedom for the slave
Riches for the needy soul
Come speak to us today

Where else can we go Lord
Where else can we go
You have the words of eternal life

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 10:1-12, 17-24

Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ²And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ ⁶And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹Heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ¹¹‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.’ ¹²I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

The Return of the Seventy-Two

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” ¹⁸And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Jesus Rejoices in the Father’s Will

²¹In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²²All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

²³Then turning to the disciples he said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see!

²⁴For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”

■ **prayer for illumination**

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

“Rejoicing in the Gospel” *Sermon series: Living Out Your Mission*

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **hymn of response**

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners #498

Jesus what a Friend for sinners
Jesus Lover of my soul
Friends may fail me foes assail me
He my Savior makes me whole

*Hallelujah what a Savior
Hallelujah what a Friend
Saving helping keeping loving
He is with me to the end*

Jesus what a Strength in weakness
Let me hide myself in Him
Tempted tried and sometimes failing
He my Strength my vict’ry wins

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Jesus what a Help in sorrow
While the billows o’er me roll
Even when my heart is breaking
He my Comfort helps my soul

Jesus what a Guide and Keeper
While the tempest still is high
Storms about me night o’ertakes me
He my Pilot hears my cry

Jesus I do now receive Him
More than all in Him I find
He hath granted me forgiveness
I am His and He is mine

■ **dismissal**

Leader: Let us go forth and serve our city and our world as those who love the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All: We will go forth and serve our city and our world in the name of Christ.

■ **benediction**

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

■ **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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