

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praise and Prayer Service for our International Outreach this evening from 5-6:30 in the Sanctuary. Join us this evening 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. Childcare will be available outside on the playground, or in the Fellowship Hall in the event of rain.

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

Koinonia Fall Dessert and Drinks on Saturday, October 16. 20s and 30s, join us for an evening of hot cider and apple crisp on Saturday, October 16! For more details and to RSVP, please contact Emily Kinch at emily.s.kinch@gmail.com.

Sharpie Party at 1300 Braddock on October 24th at 4:00pm. Come celebrate God's faithfulness with us as we pray over our new building! You will have the opportunity to write verses and other words of thanks on the in-progress building. Gates will open at 3:45. Please allow for extra time to traverse the uneven ground, and wear close-toed shoes and long pants. (No shorts, flip-flops, sandals, etc. for safety reasons.) Sharpie markers will be provided.

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.

Trunk or Treat, Saturday October 30, 4:30-6pm at Russell Road. Come enjoy an evening of trunk or treating in the parking lot! If you aren't familiar with trunk or treating, think trick or treating from car to car with friends from APC! Feel free to bring your friends and invite your neighbors. Come with the kids in costume and bring a bag of candy to share from your car. Creativity is encouraged and there will be a prize for the best decorated trunk! A moonbounce, games, and snacks will be provided as well. Please RSVP to Stacey Diack at stacey.diack@alexandriapres.org.

UPCOMING DATES

Pray with a Shepherd
Newcomer Brunch
Thanksgiving Praise Service & Reception

October 17
 November 7
 November 21

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| Giving at a Glance | YTD Giving (7/1/21-9/30/21) | \$468,166 |
| | YTD Budget (7/1/21-9/30/21) | \$457,000 |
| | Difference | + \$11,166 (102%) |

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

APC's Hospitality Team needs you! If have been considering how to best use your gifts of service and hospitality, you are cordially invited to sign up for the hospitality team! This service opportunity includes things like decorating for events and serving/preparing food and coffee. (Think: serving donuts and hot cider at the Thanksgiving Service Reception!). This is a huge blessing to the APC family, and an excellent opportunity to spend some time with others who are helping as well. Thank you for considering, and we look forward to serving with you! Contact Katie Coombs if you are interested or have questions, at katie.coombs@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

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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 truth.
 changing
 lives

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 92:1-4

¹It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

²to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

and your faithfulness by night,

³to the music of the lute and the harp,

to the melody of the lyre.

⁴For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;

at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

■ **song of praise**

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God

In the light of creation’s grand design

In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness

Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth

With the pow’r of His promise in their hearts

Of a holy city built by God’s own hand

A place where peace and justice reign

We will stand as children of the promise

We will fix our eyes on Him our soul’s reward

Till the race is finished and the work is done

We’ll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the prophets saw a day

When the longed-for Messiah would appear

With the pow’r to break the chains of sin and death

And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go

In the pow’r of the Spirit to the lost

To deliver captives and to preach good news

In ev’ry corner of the earth

By faith the mountain shall be moved

And the pow’r of the gospel shall prevail

For we know in Christ all things are possible

For all who call upon His name

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■ **prayer of adoration**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Pete and Stephanie Olsen*

Ephesians 1:15-2:10

Thanksgiving and Prayer

¹³For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward

all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that

the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and

of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you

may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious

inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us

who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when

he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,

²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is

named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his

feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of

him who fills all in all.

By Grace Through Faith

^{2:1}And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the

course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at

work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our

flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of

wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love

with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together

with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us

with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show

the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you

have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a

result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ

Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

■ **confession of sin**

Regeneration, from *The Valley of Vision*

O God of the highest heaven, occupy the throne of my heart, take full possession and reign

supreme, lay low every rebel lust, let no vile passion resist thy holy war; manifest Thy mighty

power, and make me Thine forever. Thou art worthy to be praised with my every breath,

loved with my every faculty of soul, served with my every act of life. Thou hast loved me,

espoused me, received me, purchased, washed, favored, clothed, adorned me, when I was

a worthless, vile soiled, polluted. I was dead in iniquities, having no eyes to see thee, no

ears to hear thee, no taste to relish Thy joys, no intelligence to know thee; But Thy Spirit has

quickened me, has brought me into a new world as a new creature, has given me spiritual

perception, has opened to me Thy Word as light, guide, solace, joy. Thy presence is to me a

treasure of unending peace; No provocation can part me from Thy sympathy, for Thou

hast drawn me with cords of love, and dost forgive me daily, hourly. O help me then to

walk worthy of Thy love, of my hopes, and my vocation. Keep me, for I cannot keep myself;

Protect me that no evil befall me; Let me lay aside every sin admired of many; Help me to

walk by Thy side, lean on Thy arm, hold converse with Thee, That I may be salt of the earth

and a blessing to all.

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer** | *Jeff Fearon*

■ **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**

Romans 12

A Living Sacrifice

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a

living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be

conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing

you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Gifts of Grace

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more

highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the

measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and

the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in

Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the

grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our

serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the

one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of

mercy, with cheerfulness.

Marks of the True Christian

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with

brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be

fervent in spirit,[g] serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in

prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who

rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be

haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷Repay no one evil

for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it

depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to

the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰To the

contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for

by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but

overcome evil with good.

■ **prayer for illumination**

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

“Responding with Grateful Hearts to Our World”

Sermon series: Living Out Your Mission

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

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

Here am I all of me

Take my life it’s all for Thee

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.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

Take My Life

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

Here am I all of me

Take my life it’s all for Thee

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■ **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*