

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beginning today, we are restarting the opportunity to “Pray with a Shepherd” after the worship service each third Sunday of the month. Two of our Shepherds, Chris and Amy Weld, are available to pray with anyone seeking prayer immediately after the service and will be waiting to pray in the left stairwell as you exit the Sanctuary.

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 must be submitted to any current elder or to Pastor Tom Holliday today. 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! Games and snacks will be provided as well. Please RSVP to Stacey Diack at stacey.diack@alexandriapres.org.

Newcomer Brunch on Sunday, November 7 immediately following worship. If you are new to APC, we would love the chance to get to know you over brunch! You’ll have a chance to meet church officers and staff, ask questions and learn more about the ministry God is building here. We will meet outside next to the playground in the back of the church building. Please RSVP to Katie Coombs at katie.coombs@alexandriapres.org.

Thanksgiving Praise Service and Reception on Sunday, November 21 at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to gather for a unique service of thanksgiving and praise, where individuals will have the opportunity to publicly give testimony to God’s goodness throughout the year, or share a favorite passage with the congregation. Immediately following the service, we will enjoy fellowship over hot cider and donuts!

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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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** | *Colleen James, flute; Serenity Novak, piano*

What Wondrous Love Is This?, *American tune, arr. Karen Kuehmann*
I Am Bound for the Promised Land, *American tune. arr. Rebecca Bonam*
Since I Have Been Redeemed, *Edwin O. Excell, arr. Karen Kuehmann*

■ **call to worship** | *Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate*

Psalm 145:1-3
¹I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
²Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
³Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

■ **songs of praise**

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

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Who You Say We Are

Oh how great is the love
The Father has lavished on us
That we should be called the children of God
Oh how great was the cost
The Father was willing to pay
So we could be called the children of God

And all that we can say is thank You thank You
And all that we can say is thank You thank You
We are Your sons we are Your daughters
Hallelujah we are who You say we are
So we lift our hands and cry Abba Father
Hallelujah we are who You say we are
Hallelujah we are who You say we are

Oh how great is Your amazing grace
That took us as orphans and slaves
And made us Your heirs and gave us Your name
There's nothing more that we could ever do
You finished it all on the cross
And rose from the grave and brought us with You

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Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

■ **prayer of adoration**

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Isabel Lee*

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus and Zacchaeus

¹He entered Jericho and was passing through. ²And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. ⁴So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. ⁵And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. ⁷And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." ⁸And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." ⁹And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer** | *Deacon Owen Gentry*

■ **musical offering** | *Colleen James, flute; Serenity Novak, piano*

Now Thank We All Our God, *Johann Crüger, arr. Rebecca Bonam*

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **sermon scripture reading**

1 Thessalonians 1

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

The Thessalonians' Faith and Example

²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

■ **prayer for illumination**

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

“Responding with Grateful Hearts to Our God”

Sermon series: Living Out Your Mission

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

Wonderful Merciful Savior

Wonderful merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh You rescue the souls of men

You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh our hearts always hunger for

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Counselor Comforter Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way
Oh we hopelessly lost the way

Almighty infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh we're falling before Your throne

■ **benediction**

■ **missions update** | *Keith and Nahla Kroell, APC-supported missionaries*

■ **announcements** | *Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries*

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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Congregation joins

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall, we at His feet may fall.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
And crown Him Lord of all.

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