

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we are pleased to baptize the following covenant children: Theodore Coe, son of Patrick and Christina Coe; Wyatt Miller, son of Wallace and Lauren Miller; and Thomas James and Daniel Macklin Ribaric, sons of Tommy and Emily Ribaric.

The following members are being baptized by profession of faith: Carmela Ntamushigo Dangale and Jessica Tshipamba.

We welcome Dan and Carol Iverson, APC-supported missionaries with Mission to the World in Japan. The Iversons will be sharing a missions update this evening at 5pm in Room 104 followed by a time of prayer. The meeting can also be joined via Zoom by the link in the APC email. Please note this is in lieu of the regularly scheduled *Gospel Conversations and Prayer* class.

The Congregational Meeting to elect officers is today from 10:30-11am in the Fellowship Hall (immediately following worship and fellowship). The following men were examined by the Elders and deemed eligible to stand for election or re-election as officers of APC.

For election for the office of elder: Didier Balagizi and Bryant Streett

For election for the office of deacon: Adam Barr

For re-election for the office of deacon: Aaron McCauley

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.

Sharpie Party at 1300 Braddock today at 4pm. 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.

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!

Volunteers are needed for the reception! If you are interested in helping with set-up, food prep, serving or clean-up you may sign-up to volunteer using the sign-up genius link in the APC email or you may contact Katie Coombs at katie.coombs@alexandriapres.org.

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 Room 305; 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** | *Praise Team*

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

Psalm 122:1-2

¹I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”
²Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!

■ **songs of praise**

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all-knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father—so tender—is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins—they are many—His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment—His life was the cost
We stood ‘neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins—they are many—His mercy is more.

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■ **prayer of adoration**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Bryant and Lynn Streett*

Acts 2:29-41

²⁹“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.”

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

■ **sacrament of baptism**

■ **presentation of new members**

■ **missions update** | *Dan and Carol Iverson, APC-supported missionaries with MTW in Japan*

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer** | *James Barta*

*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.*

■ **song of preparation**

Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart

Words of life—words of hope
Give us strength—help us cope
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home

Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart

Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
O heed the faithful words of Christ

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GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **sermon scripture reading**

Acts 2:42-47

The Fellowship of the Believers

⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

■ **prayer for illumination**

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

“The Power of the Gospel”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be

*Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me*

Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside

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■ **benediction**

■ **announcements** | *Serenity Novak, Worship Assistant*