

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

APC will have a Teen Choir for the December 18 Christmas service! It is open to anyone ages 12-19. **Rehearsals begin today after the worship service and before Sunday school, 10:05-10:25am on the 4th Floor.** Contact Vell Rives with questions: vellrives@gmail.com.

Women's Ministry Prayer Gathering - As the holiday season approaches, let us gather together as sisters in Christ to lift up our hearts to the Lord in prayer. **Please join us over Zoom this evening, November 14 at 7:30pm** for a time of encouragement as we go to our sovereign and good Father with our praise, thanksgiving and supplications. Please contact Jessica White (jessica@samwhite.com) or Shannon Allen (shannonallen9@gmail.com) with any questions. The Zoom link can be found in the APC email.

On November 18th, the Thursday Ladies Bible studies will begin a new class on prayer using the book "5 Things to Pray for Your Church". We invite you to join us as we spend 5 weeks learning ways to intentionally pray for the church in all her many facets. We can't think of a better subject to focus on as APC prepares to enter into a new season of ministry this coming spring! Please join us in the Chapel every Thursday morning from 9:45-11:30am, if you'd like to meet in-person. This same study will be available on Zoom in the evenings from 8-9:15pm. Childcare is available for the morning class. If you'd like to join the evening class, please contact Lynn Streett at lynn.streett79@gmail.com in order to get the Zoom link. The books may be ordered through Amazon.

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.

Save the Date for Lessons and Carols! Our special Christmas service this year will be on Saturday, December 18 at 5pm. Join us as we await the coming of Christ and behold His beauty.

Women's Table Talk Dinners on December 4 at 6pm! These dinners are held in various homes throughout the area. You will be assigned a hostess who will provide the main dish for the dinner, and let you know what dish you can contribute to round out the meal. We intentionally keep these dinners small, from 6-8 people around each table, to enable you to get to know each other and enjoy each other's company. Please sign up by Monday, the 22nd of November via the link in the APC email or website. Your hostess will let you know details by Monday, the 29th.

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	<i>Children age 5-5th grade, Fellowship Hall and classrooms.</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 erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org.
PROTAS	<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 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

Discipleship & Mentoring: Filling to Overflow, Led by Staci Root, Lynn Streett, and others, Room 104 and Zoom (link in APC email).
Imagine our cups being filled so abundantly that they overflow to others! Spend 6 Sunday nights between November and January exploring ideas of discipleship and mentoring in the Body of Christ. We'll look at foundational concepts from various resources including "Growing Together" by Melissa B. Kruger, hold conversations with APCers involved in discipleship, and utilize a small group practicum to encourage one another's faith. Come as often as you can.

Early History of Christianity, Led by Elder Jim Taft, Chapel and Zoom (link in APC email).

Over the course of six weeks, we'll examine some of the key milestones as we witness the spreading flame of Christianity -- from the early days described in the book of Acts up until the time of the Reformation. We'll examine how God used ordinary men and women in extraordinary ways and ordered events to ensure that the Gospel spread from Jerusalem to Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

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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 | *Serenity Novak, Worship Assistant*

call to worship | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

Psalm 113:1-3

¹Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!

²Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore!

³From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised!

song of praise

Hosanna, Praise Is Rising/Bless the Lord

Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

‘Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away

*Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus*

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make us new

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Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I’ll worship Your holy name

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prayer of adoration

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

scripture reading | *Elder Ryan Furgerson*

Luke 15:1-7

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

musical offering | *Adult Choir*

Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison

Kyrie eleison

Lord have mercy on us

Christ have mercy on us

Lord have mercy on us

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congregational prayer

offertory prayer | *Nate Kinder*

song of preparation

Psalm 23

The Lord’s my Shepherd I’ll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still still waters
His goodness restores my soul

And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

He guides my ways in righteousness
And He anoints my head with oil
And my cup it overflows with joy
I feast on His pure delights

And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
For You are with me
And Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know

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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

Ezekiel 34:11-31

The Lord God Will Seek Them Out

¹¹“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

¹⁷“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

The Lord’s Covenant of Peace

²⁵“I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild beasts from the land, so that they may dwell securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. ²⁶And I will make them and the places all around my hill a blessing, and I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing. ²⁷And the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase, and they shall be secure in their land. And they shall know that I am the Lord, when I break the bars of their yoke, and deliver them from the hand of those who enslaved them. ²⁸They shall no more be a prey to the nations, nor

shall the beasts of the land devour them. They shall dwell securely, and none shall make them afraid. ²⁹And I will provide for them renowned plantations so that they shall no more be consumed with hunger in the land, and no longer suffer the reproach of the nations. ³⁰And they shall know that I am the Lord their God with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Lord God. ³¹And you are my sheep, human sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares the Lord God.”

prayer for illumination

sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

“I Myself Will Be the Shepherd of My Sheep”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of response

Behold the Lamb vv 1-2

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away
Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ
Torn for you eat and remember
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King

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

Behold the Lamb vv 3-4

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
Shed for you drink and remember
He drained death’s cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again
And we’ll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

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