

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of response

My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who bore my pain
Who plumbd the depths of my disgrace
And gave me life again
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness
And clothed me with His light
And wrote His law of righteousness
With pow'r upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who reigns above
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace
Whose every thought is love
For every day I have on earth
Is given by the King
So I will give my life my all
To love and follow Him

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who walks beside
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
And causes fears to fly
Whose every promise is enough
For every step I take
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace

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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 | Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

After today's service there is an opportunity to "Pray with a Shepherd". Two of our Shepherds, Marc and Shannon Allen, 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.

Thanksgiving Praise Service and Reception this evening 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! Explorers, PROTAS, and Sunday evening classes will not be meeting, however we encourage you to attend the service. Limited nursery space is available during the service for pre-registered children ages 3 and under.

APC will have a Teen Choir for the December 18 Christmas service! It is open to anyone ages 12-19. Rehearsals are after the worship service and before Sunday school, 10:05-10:25am on the 4th Floor at Russell Road.

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 November 22 via the link in the APC email or website.

Giving at a Glance	YTD Giving (7/1/20-10/31/21)	\$630,844
	YTD Budget (7/1/20-10/31/21)	\$631,000
	Difference	\$156 (100%)

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.

November 21, 2021

unchanging
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.

Holy Worship Service

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

■ **prelude** | *Praise Team*

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

Psalm 150

¹Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!

²Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent
greatness!

³Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!

■ **songs of praise**

Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

You made the starry hosts
You traced the mountain peaks
You paint the evening skies with wonders
The earth it is Your throne
From desert to the sea
All nature testifies Your splendor

*Praise the Lord—Praise the Lord
Sing His greatness—all creation
Praise the Lord—Raise your voice
You heights and all you depths
From furthest east to west*

Let everything that has breath—Praise the Lord

You reached into the dust
In love Your Spirit breathed
You formed us in Your very likeness
To know Your wondrous works
To tell Your mighty deeds
To join the everlasting chorus

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Forever

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
Sing praise sing praise

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■ **prayer of adoration**

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■ **scripture reading** | *Adam LeRoy, Director of Youth Ministries, and Mella LeRoy*

Psalm 65

¹Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,
and to you shall vows be performed.

²O you who hear prayer,
to you shall all flesh come.

³When iniquities prevail against me,
you atone for our transgressions.

⁴Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,
to dwell in your courts!

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
the holiness of your temple!

⁵By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas;

⁴Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵Praise him with sounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶Let everything that has breath praise the
Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let symphonies resound
Let drums and choirs ring out
All heaven hear the sound of worship
Let every nation bring
Its honors to the King
A roar of harmonies eternal

*Praise the Lord—Praise the Lord
Sing His greatness—all creation
Praise the Lord—Raise your voice
You heights and all you depths
From furthest east to west*

*You distant burning stars
All creatures near and far
From sky to sea to shore
Sing out forevermore
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord*

Forever God is faithful

Forever God is strong

Forever God is with us

Forever forever

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

⁶the one who by his strength established the mountains,
being girded with might;

⁷who stills the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples,

⁸so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs.
You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.

⁹You visit the earth and water it;
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;

you provide their grain,
for so you have prepared it.

¹⁰You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.

¹¹You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

¹²The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,

¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

■ **farewell**

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer** | *Christine Brittle*

■ **musical offering** | *Adult Choir*

By Faith and Not By Sight

We walk by faith and not by sight; no gracious words we hear
from Him who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we believe Him near.
We may not touch His hands, His Side, nor follow where He trod;
but in His promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"

*We walk by faith and not by sight,
empowered by resurrection might;
touched by the Christ, our risen Lord,
cleansed by the water and the Word.
Help us to walk by faith and not by sight!*

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on You when You are near, and seek where You are found;
that when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
we may behold You as You are, with full and endless sight.

My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear my while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day be wholly Thine.

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GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **sermon scripture reading**

Psalm 107

Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So

¹Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

²Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble

³and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

⁴Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to a city to dwell in;

⁵hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.

⁶Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.

⁷He led them by a straight way
till they reached a city to dwell in.

⁸Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!

⁹For he satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

¹⁰Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,
prisoners in affliction and in irons,

¹¹for they had rebelled against the words of God,
and spurned the counsel of the Most High.

¹²So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor;
they fell down, with none to help.

¹³Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.

¹⁴He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,
and burst their bonds apart.

¹⁵Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!

¹⁶For he shatters the doors of bronze
and cuts in two the bars of iron.

¹⁷Some were fools through their sinful ways,
and because of their iniquities suffered affliction;

¹⁸they loathed any kind of food,
and they drew near to the gates of death.

¹⁹Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.

²⁰He sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from their destruction.

²¹Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!

²²And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,
and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

²³Some went down to the sea in ships,
doing business on the great waters;

²⁴they saw the deeds of the Lord,
his wondrous works in the deep.

²⁵For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,
which lifted up the waves of the sea.

²⁶They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths;
their courage melted away in their evil plight;

²⁷they reeled and staggered like drunken men
and were at their wits' end.

²⁸Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.

²⁹He made the storm be still,
and the waves of the sea were hushed.

³⁰Then they were glad that the waters were quiet,
and he brought them to their desired haven.

³¹Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!

³²Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

³³He turns rivers into a desert,
springs of water into thirsty ground,

³⁴a fruitful land into a salty waste,
because of the evil of its inhabitants.

³⁵He turns a desert into pools of water,
a parched land into springs of water.

³⁶And there he lets the hungry dwell,
and they establish a city to live in;

³⁷they sow fields and plant vineyards
and get a fruitful yield.

³⁸By his blessing they multiply greatly,
and he does not let their livestock diminish.

³⁹When they are diminished and brought low
through oppression, evil, and sorrow,

⁴⁰he pours contempt on princes
and makes them wander in trackless wastes;

⁴¹but he raises up the needy out of affliction
and makes their families like flocks.

⁴²The upright see it and are glad,
and all wickedness shuts its mouth.

■ **prayer for illumination**

■ **sermon** | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life*

“Thanksgiving”