

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

APC Covid and Ministry Update. Sunday morning worship at APC will continue as normal and will continue to include Children's Church, nursery, and fellowship outdoors after the service. In light of the current Covid numbers, we will delay resuming additional activities (other than Sunday morning worship) indoors at the church building through the month of January. Some ministries may provide alternate ways to meet, including Zoom and/or outdoor options.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Supplication. Each January at APC, we invite the congregation to offer written prayers of thanksgiving and supplication. A time will be set aside during today's worship service to bring your written prayer requests forward and place them in a basket, consecrating them before the Lord. Prayers may also be submitted via the APC website or by mail to the church office, attention Tom Holliday. The pastors and elders will read your submissions and will spend time in prayer for you. As you consider your prayer of thanksgiving, we encourage you to thank God for a special prayer that has been answered this past year, which encouraged your faith. As we offer prayers of supplication for the upcoming year, we encourage you to ask God to do something in your life that feels like a stretch—something that requires faith.

Deacons' Fund Offering. In addition to our regular tithes and offerings to the General Fund, the once monthly collection will be taken this morning for our Deacons' Fund. Prayerfully consider contributing to aid those in need in our church and community. Please mark on your check that it is for the Deacons' Fund. More info about APC's Mercy Ministries is on the APC website.

The Thursday Women's Bible studies will kick off their new study on the book of Acts on January 20. We continue our focus on Christ's love for His Church with this foundational study on the birth and growth of the early church. Pastor Tom will kick us off on the 20th with a discussion of the Spirit's role in the growth of the church, both at the beginning and now. We will be using Warren Wiersbe's study, "Acts: Put Your Faith Where the Action Is". Both the morning and evening studies will be meeting via Zoom for the next few weeks, with the hope that the morning study will resume meeting in person as soon as deemed possible. The Thursday morning study runs from 9:45-11:30am. Childcare will be provided when we are able to meet back at the church. The evening class meets on Zoom from 8-9:15pm. Please contact Lynn Streett at lynn.streett79@gmail.com for the Zoom link, and let her know if you will need childcare when we resume in person.

New Date: Walking in the Spirit (WitS) begins February 6 from 5-7pm! Sign up via the link in the APC email or website. APC is offering a discipleship ministry called Walking in the Spirit (WitS), which will be led by Pastor Tom and Sharon Holliday. This is a 10 week in-depth study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit, which begins Sunday, February 6 and runs through April 24 with breaks on February 20 and April 17. Each class will consist of an hour of teaching (held at the Alexandria Country Day School, which is directly across the street from our building at Russell Road), followed by an hour of small group interaction (held back at APC), as well as reflection and homework during the week. Since each week builds upon the previous week, we ask that you commit to being present in at least 8 of the 10 weeks.

Communicants Class for Children and Teens. Parents, please talk with your child/teen and consider whether or not you think they are ready to join the church as a communicant member. The decision to hold this 8 week class in-person or over Zoom will be made soon. To find out more information, preview the workbook, or to sign up, contact Pastor Tom Holliday: tom.holliday@alexandriapres.org or Adam LeRoy: adam.leroy@alexandriapres.org.

New Date: Newcomers Fellowship Dinner, Saturday, February 19, 6-8pm at APC. If you've been attending APC for one week or several months, please join us for food and fellowship. You'll have a chance to meet church officers and staff, ask questions and learn more about the ministry God is building here. Please RSVP to Katie Coombs at katie.coombs@alexandriapres.org.

New Date: The next Inquirers Class is Friday evening, March 4 and Saturday morning, March 5. If you are interested in membership or in gaining a deeper understanding of APC, you should attend this class. You will receive an introduction to Christianity, the PCA, and the specific vision/mission and philosophy of ministry at APC. Membership is open to all who profess faith in Christ and believe the basic teachings of the Christian faith. Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church. Further details about time and location will be forthcoming. Please RSVP to Katie Coombs at katie.coombs@alexandriapres.org if you wish to attend.

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 and Youth Sunday School (Not meeting in January.)

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 (Not meeting in January.)

Explorers Children age 5-5th grade, Fellowship Hall and classrooms. 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 | Beginning January 16 at 11am via Zoom only (link in APC email and website).

Jesus in His Middle Eastern Context, Led by Elder Gary McGee

This 10-week course will focus on Jesus and the women with whom he interacted, as well as, a selection of His parables. The Gospels and the events they recorded were written in a particular environment that included certain styles, language, morals, and customs specific to their time. To come to a more full understanding of their meaning, those attributes must be considered in the interpretation. Jesus was a metaphorical theologian. His primary method of creating meaning was through metaphor, simile, parable and dramatic action rather than through logic and reasonings. He created meaning like a dramatist and a poet rather than like a philosopher. To unlock the secrets of His actions, statements and metaphors, we should realize that when taken in the context of the culture in which they were delivered, the gospels can provide new meanings that otherwise would be missed. We must realize further that this is not just the Word of God, but the Word of God spoken to men in history. And finally, we must distinguish what meaning or meanings can be attributable legitimately to the person of Jesus and his teachings.

*The source material for this course will be the scriptures and "Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes" by Kenneth E. Bailey

Sunday Evening | 5pm, via Zoom only (link in APC email and website).

Discipleship & Mentoring: Filling to Overflow, Led by Staci Root & Lynn Streett, Final class meeting January 16. 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, Meeting January 16 & 23. 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.

Giving at a Glance	YTD Giving (7/1/21-12/31/21)	\$1,143,992
	YTD Budget (7/1/21-12/31/21)	\$1,043,000
	Difference	+ \$100,992 (109.7%)

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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.

Holy Worship Service

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

■ **prelude** | *Vell Rives, Interim Choir Director*

■ **call to worship** | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life*

Psalm 90:1-2

¹Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

²Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

■ **hymns of praise**

Our God Our Help in Ages Past (Trinity #30 vv. 1, 2, 4, 7)

Our God our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come
Our shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal home

Under the shadow of your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure
Sufficient is your arm alone
And our defense is sure

A thousand ages in your sight
Are like an evening gone
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun

Our God our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come
O be our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home

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Holy Holy Holy (Trinity #100)

Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three Persons
Blessed Trinity

Holy holy holy
All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim
Falling down before Thee
Who wert and art and
Evermore shalt be

Holy holy holy
Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy
There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power
In love and purity

Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

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■ **prayer of adoration**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Elder Chris Weld*

Luke 18:9-14

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

⁹He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

■ **offering prayers of thanksgiving and supplication**

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **the lord’s prayer**

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

■ **offertory prayer for tithes and offerings and deacons’ fund** | *Deacon Sam White*

■ **musical offering** | *Vell Rives, Interim Choir Director*

He Leadeth Me, *arr. Dennis Alexander*

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **sermon scripture reading**

Isaiah 6:1-8

Isaiah’s Vision of the Lord

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

Isaiah’s Commission from the Lord

⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

■ **prayer for illumination**

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

“Confession and Satisfaction in Christ”

Sermon series: Revelation and Response

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*

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

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■ **benediction**

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