

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.

Prayer Meeting this evening from 5-6pm via Zoom. Join with the APC community to pray for our church, community, and the world this Sunday evening from 5-6pm via Zoom through the link in the APC email and website.

January Baby Bottle Campaign. Help support Sanctity of Life Ministries (SLM) medical outreach to women and men in crisis pregnancies through their January Baby Bottle Campaign! Please pick up a bottle today after the service, take it home and fill it up with change, cash or a check and return it by February 13. Donations made will be given to support SLM's two medical pregnancy centers in Alexandria and Fairfax. Contact Pastor Josh Diack with any questions: josh.diack@alexandriapres.org.

New Date: Walking in the Spirit (WitS) begins February 6 from 5-7pm. Today is the last day to register! 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.

The Friday Women's Bible study meets every other Friday morning from 9:50-11:30am. They are studying the book of Hebrews, and meeting on Zoom for the next few times. Contact Ruth Fisher for the Zoom link and schedule at ruth.fisher@hotmail.com.

The Thursday Women's Bible studies will kick off their new study on the book of Acts on February 10. After much prayer and consultation, it has been decided to delay the start of the Thursday Bible Study until February 10. It is hoped that the study will be able to meet in person at that time. The Thursday evening class, though it regularly meets on Zoom, will be postponed until that date as well. Continuing with the theme of Christ's love and purpose for His church, a new study will begin on the book of Acts, using Warren Wiersbe's book "Acts, Put Your Faith Where the Action Is". The Thursday morning class will meet in the Chapel, from 9:45-11:30am. Childcare is provided. The evening class meets from 8-9:15pm, via Zoom. Please contact Lynn Streett at lynn.streett79@gmail.com to let her know if you will need childcare for the morning class, or the Zoom link for the evening class.

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; please 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 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 | Meeting 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).

Early History of Christianity, Led by Elder Jim Taft, Meeting January 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.

UNCHANGING TRUTH—CHANGING LIVES

APC is a church of sinners. It's that simple. But we are bound together by the Gospel that saves us and transforms us. The transformation is, however, a process. God isn't through with us yet. Everyone in this church is struggling with something. If you are currently struggling with greed, gossip, drugs, alcohol, sexual brokenness, eating disorders, anger, pride, etc—you are not alone. More importantly, God does not intend for you to struggle alone. That's why He made the Church. If you would like to learn how your brothers and sisters at APC might be able to encourage you, pray with you and struggle alongside you, contact Tom Holliday at the church office.

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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** | *Praise Team*

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

Isaiah 57:15

¹For thus says the One who is high and lifted up,
who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:

“I dwell in the high and holy place,

and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,

to revive the spirit of the lowly,

and to revive the heart of the contrite.

■ **song of praise**

Worthy Is the Lamb

Thank You for the cross Lord—thank You for the price You paid

Bearing all my sin and shame—in love You came and gave amazing grace

Thank You for this love Lord—thank You for the nail-pierced hands

Washed me in Your cleansing flow—now all I know is Your forgiveness and embrace

Worthy is the Lamb—seated on the throne

We crown You now with many crowns—You reign victorious

High and lifted up—Jesus Son of God

The treasure of Heaven crucified—worthy is the Lamb—worthy is the Lamb

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■ **confession of sin**

Please read in unison, “A Call to Repentance”.

Heavenly Father, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. We know too well the prophets lament "Woe is me!" We too feel lost, undone. We know our sin well and it discourages us. We have tried to hide it from You and ourselves. For some of us, our suppression of the truth about ourselves has left us frantic in our efforts to hide. For others, it has filled us with a quiet desperation that neutralizes us.

We come to you now, beginning to name the ailments that plague us. We can do this only because you have promised to forgive our sins through the death of your dear Son. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we will be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

■ **song of praise**

Just As I Am Without One Plea

Just as I am without one plea

But that Thy Blood was shed for me

And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee

O Lamb of God I come I come

Jesus I come—Jesus I come

O Lamb of God I come

Jesus I come—Jesus I come

O Lamb of God I come

Just as I am and waiting not

To rid my soul of one dark blot

To Thee Whose Blood can cleanse each spot

O Lamb of God I come I come

Just as I am though tossed about

With many a conflict many a doubt

Fightings and fears within without

O Lamb of God I come I come

Just as I am Thy Love unknown

Hath broken ev’ry barrier down

Now to be Thine yea Thine alone

O Lamb of God I come I come

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■ **prayer of adoration**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Deacon Bruce Barham*

Exodus 3: 1-6

The Burning Bush

¹Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” ⁴When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” ⁵Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

■ **testimony** | *Femi Adeniji*

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer for tithes and offerings**

■ **musical offering**

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 Children's Church Room.

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** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

“A Gospel Response to a King’s Invitation”

Sermon series: Revelation and Response

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

Hear the Call of the Kingdom

Hear the call of the kingdom

Lift your eyes to the King

Let His song rise within you

As a fragrant offering

Of how God rich in mercy came in Christ to redeem

All who trust in His unfailing grace

Hear the call of the kingdom

To be children of light

With the mercy of heaven the humility of Christ

Walking justly before Him

Loving all that is right

That the life of Christ may shine through us

King of heaven we will answer the call

We will follow bringing hope to the world

Filled with passion filled with power to proclaim

Salvation in Jesus’ name

Hear the call of the kingdom

To reach out to the lost

With the Father’s compassion

In the wonder of the cross

Bringing peace and forgiveness

And a hope yet to come

Let the nations put their trust in Him

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■ **benediction**

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