

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.

We are hiring! We currently have four job openings at APC, including Director of Music Ministries, Administrative Assistant, Hospitality Coordinator, and Operations Manager. We invite you to read the job descriptions on the website, spread the word, and contact us if you are interested in joining the APC team. Please contact Executive Director of Ministries Matt Coombs at matthew.coombs@alexandriapres.org if you are interested or would like more information.

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.

Communicants Class for Children and Teens begins February 6. 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 class will meet Sunday mornings after worship from 10:30-11:30am, and will run for 8 weeks. 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).

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.

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 through the link in the APC email or website. Questions? Contact Katie Coombs at katie.coombs@alexandriapres.org.

The next Inquirers Class is Friday evening, March 4 and Saturday morning, March 5 at APC. 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. Please find more details and RSVP through the link in the APC email or website. Questions? Contact Katie Coombs at katie.coombs@alexandriapres.org.

Ladies, save the date for a virtual evening with Heather Holleman! Join us Friday, March 18 from 7:30-9:30pm via Zoom. Heather is the author of "Seated with Christ" and "Included in Christ". More details to follow.

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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 | 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

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.

CORPORATE PRAYER IN 2022

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.

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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** | *Serenity Novak, Worship Assistant*

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

Please stand and read responsively from Psalm 111.

Leader: ¹Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

All: ²**Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.**

Leader: ³Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

All: ⁴**He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

Leader: ⁵He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

All: ⁶**He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

Leader: ⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;

All: ⁸**they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

Leader: ⁹He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

All: ¹⁰**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!**

■ **songs of praise**

Your Great Name

Lost are saved find their way
At the sound of Your great Name
All condemned feel no shame
At the sound of Your great Name
Ev’ry fear has no place
At the sound of Your great Name
The enemy he has to leave
At the sound of Your great Name

*Jesus worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us
The Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up
And all the world will praise
Your great Name*

All the weak find their strength
At the sound of Your great Name
Hungry souls receive grace
At the sound of Your great Name
The fatherless find their rest
At the sound of Your great Name
The sick are healed the dead are raised
At the sound of Your great Name

Redeemer my Healer Lord Almighty
Defender my Savior You are my King

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Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

*O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer’s blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

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■ **prayer of adoration**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Shannon Allen*

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus and Zacchaeus

¹He entered Jericho and was passing through. ²And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. ⁴So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. ⁵And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. ⁷And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” ⁸And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” ⁹And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

■ **children’s message**

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer for tithes and offerings**

■ **musical offering** | *Praise Team*

Give Us Your Heart

Your eyes are on the lowly—though others look away
Your feet run to the broken —Your hands are quick to save
Make us like you Lord

You walk with the forgotten and offer them a home
Adopting the unwanted and calling them your own
Make us like you Lord

*O give us Your heart—O give us Your heart
Let the light of heaven shine—as we step into the dark
O give us your heart—O give us your heart
All to see Your kingdom come and death depart
O give us your heart—O give us your heart*

Let justice flow like a river in the desert
Let the nations know that You will reign forever
As the earth beholds the glory of the Savior
Let justice flow

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GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **sermon scripture reading**

Romans 12:1-8

A Living Sacrifice

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Gifts of Grace

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

■ **prayer for illumination**

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

“Our Spiritual Worship” *Sermon series: Revelation and Response*

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

Come People of the Risen King

Come people of the Risen King who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in

Rejoice rejoice let ev’ry tongue rejoice—One heart one voice—O Church of Christ rejoice

Come those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change and His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace

Come young and old from ev’ry land—men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands—find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing—shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev’ry age our God is all in all

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■ **benediction**

■ **announcements**