

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday evening ministries (Explorers, PROTAS, and Walking in the Spirit) will meet from 5-7pm.** Dinner will be served during this time for Explorers and children in the nursery.

**January Baby Bottle Campaign.** Today is the last day to turn in filled baby bottles to support Sanctity of Life Ministries (SLM) medical outreach to women and men in crisis pregnancies. Contact Pastor Josh Diack with any questions: [josh.diack@alexandriapres.org](mailto:josh.diack@alexandriapres.org).

**Newcomers Fellowship Dinner is this 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:matthew.coombs@alexandriapres.org) if you are interested or would like more information.

**The Thursday Women's Bible studies meet from 9:45-11:30am in the Chapel, and from 8-9:15pm via Zoom.** 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". Please contact Lynn Streett at [lynn.streett79@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**The Friday Women's Bible study meets every other Friday morning from 9:50-11:30am in the Chapel.** They are studying the book of Hebrews. Contact Ruth Fisher for the schedule at [ruth.fisher@hotmail.com](mailto:ruth.fisher@hotmail.com).

Giving at a Glance	YTD Giving (7/1/21-1/31/22)	\$1,318,207
	YTD Budget (7/1/21-1/31/22)	\$1,218,000
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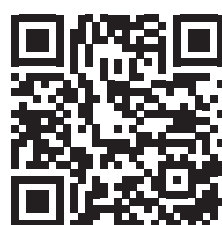
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## CHILDREN AND TEENS

**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

<b>Children</b>	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
<b>Teens</b>	Chapel
<b>Communicants Class</b>	Room 124 (Children's Church Room)

### Sunday evening | 5-7pm

<b>Explorers</b>	<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 <a href="mailto:erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org">erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org</a> .
<b>PROTAS</b>	<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 <a href="mailto:adam.leroy@alexandriapres.org">adam.leroy@alexandriapres.org</a> .

## ADULT EDUCATION

### Sunday school | Meeting from 10:30-11:30am

*Jesus in His Middle Eastern Context, Led by Elder Gary McGee, Room 104*

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

*A Study of Colossians, Led by Elders Shant Boyajian and Ryan Furgerson, Room 302/303*

Please join together for a journey through the Apostle Paul's letter to the Colossians. This four-chapter book is easy to read in one sitting, and yet it provides stunning vistas of the perfections of Christ that few other New Testament documents can match. The Colossians needed to be reminded of the supremacy of Christ, as do we. In a world competing for our every waking minute, let us pray that this study will grip our hearts and lead us to more devoted lives magnifying Jesus.

## 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—Chapel and 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

*John 4:23-24*

<sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

### ■ hymn of praise

#### All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Oh praise Him—Alleluia  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam

*Oh praise Him—Oh praise Him  
Alleluia—alleluia—alleluia*

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
Oh praise Him—Alleluia  
Praise praise the Father praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit Three-in-One

All the redeemed washed by His blood  
Come and rejoice in His great love  
Oh praise Him—Alleluia  
Christ has defeated every sin  
Cast all your burdens now on Him

He shall return in pow’r to reign  
Heaven and earth will join to say  
Oh praise Him—Alleluia  
Then who shall fall on bended knee  
All creatures of our God and King

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■ **prayer of adoration** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Elder Matt Brown*

*John 3:16-21*

#### For God So Loved the World

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. <sup>20</sup>For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

### ■ congregational prayer

■ **offertory prayer for tithes and offerings** | *Sharon Holliday*

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

#### Who At My Door Is Standing?

Who at my door is standing, there patiently drawing near,  
who entrance is demanding? Whose is the voice I hear?  
Sweetly the tones are falling: “Now open the door for me!  
If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee.”

Within, the rooms are darken’d, all filled with dust and sin;  
how shameful, how unworthy for Christ to enter in.  
Yet, the tones are falling: “Now open the door for me!  
If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee.”

Door of my heart, I hasten! Thee will I open wide.  
Though he rebuke and chasten, He shall with me abide.  
Sweetly the tones are falling: “Now open the door for me!”  
Lord God, I hear thee calling, come now, abide with me. Dear Lord, abide with me!

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### ■ song of preparation

#### Show Us Christ

Prepare our hearts O God  
Help us to receive  
Break the hard and stony ground  
Help our unbelief  
Plant Your Word down deep in us  
‘Cause it to bear fruit  
Open up our ears to hear  
Lead us in Your truth

*Show us Christ—show us Christ  
O God reveal Your glory through the preaching of Your Word  
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord*

Your Word is living light  
Upon our darkened eyes  
Guards us through temptations  
Makes the simple wise  
Your Word is food for famished ones  
Freedom for the slave  
Riches for the needy soul  
Come speak to us today

Where else can we go Lord  
Where else can we go  
You have the words of eternal life

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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 Children’s Church room.*

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **sermon scripture reading**

*1 John 1*

#### The Word of Life

<sup>1</sup>That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup>the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— <sup>3</sup>that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

#### Walking in the Light

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

■ **prayer for illumination**

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

“**Biblical Fellowship**” *Sermon series: Lessons from 1 John*

■ **confession of sin**

*Please stand and read in unison.*

**All:** Almighty God, gracious Father, we confess that we are not worthy of Your presence, but we look now to the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. Through Him we would now come near to You, listening to Your voice, trusting in Your love, delighting in Your Word, and leaning on Your arm. We joyfully beg to see Your face! Now cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols, that we may shine in the world with the radiant light of Your Spirit and Your character. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

#### Jesus Thank You

The myst’ry of the cross I cannot comprehend  
The agonies of Calvary  
You the perfect Holy One crushed Your Son  
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

*Your blood has washed away my sin  
Jesus thank You  
The Father’s wrath completely satisfied  
Jesus thank You  
Once Your enemy now seated at Your table  
Jesus thank You*

By Your perfect sacrifice I’ve been brought near  
Your enemy You’ve made Your friend  
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace  
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

Lover of my soul I want to live for You

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## 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**

#### You Are My King

I’m forgiven  
Because You were forsaken  
I’m accepted  
You were condemned  
I’m alive and well  
Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died  
And rose again

*Amazing love  
How can it be  
That You my King  
Would die for me  
Amazing love  
I know it’s true  
It’s my joy to honor You  
In all I do I honor You*

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■ **benediction**

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