

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**After today's service there will be an opportunity to "Pray with a Shepherd".** Two of our Shepherds, Christian and Christine Brittle, 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.

**Sunday evening ministries (Explorers, PROTAS, and Walking in the Spirit) are not meeting this evening in light of the holiday weekend.** Ministries will resume next Sunday evening.

**Items for Immediate Giveaway.** Did you know APC has set aside many items in preparation for the move that it no longer needs? These are offered to the congregation for free, and have been collected in Room 114 in the Fellowship Hall. Please help yourself! Items are being added all the time, so continue to check back. In addition, a Giveaway Event will be held on Sunday, February 27th, after the worship service. More items will be displayed on tables in the fellowship hall, in addition to Room 114. Don't miss this opportunity because there are quite a few treasures, including hospitality items, office supplies, games, children's items, musical/sound equipment, and many books!

**We are hiring! New full-time positions.** We currently have four job openings at APC, including Director of Music Ministries, Church Administrator, Hospitality Coordinator, and Operations Manager. We have just updated the job descriptions for Church Administrator 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 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.

**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, they are studying 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).

## UPCOMING DATES

**Maunder Thursday Service** April 14  
**Vacation Bible School** June 20-24

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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

**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  
**Communicants Class** Room 124 (Children's Church Room)

### Sunday evening | 5-7pm (not meeting February 20)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:adam.leroy@alexandriapres.org).

## 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** | *Colleen James, flute; Serenity Novak, piano*

There Is a Fountain, *arr. Karen Kuehmann*  
He Hideth My Soul, *William J. Kirkpatrick, arr. K. Kuehmann*

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

*Psalm 34:1-3*

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.

<sup>3</sup>Oh, magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

■ **songs of praise**

### 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  
Oh we're falling before Your throne

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### Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing *Trinity #457*

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer  
Hither by Thy help I'm come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wand'ring from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy grace now like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart O take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

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■ **prayer of adoration**

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading**

*Psalm 103*

**Bless the Lord, O My Soul**  
*Of David.*

<sup>1</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!

<sup>2</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,

<sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

<sup>6</sup>The Lord works righteousness  
and justice for all who are oppressed.

<sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.

<sup>8</sup>The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.

<sup>10</sup>He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

<sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

<sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

<sup>13</sup>As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

<sup>14</sup>For he knows our frame;  
he remembers that we are dust.

<sup>15</sup>As for man, his days are like grass;  
he flourishes like a flower of the field;

<sup>16</sup>for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.

<sup>17</sup>But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,  
and his righteousness to children's children,

<sup>18</sup>to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his commandments.

<sup>19</sup>The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,  
and his kingdom rules over all.

<sup>20</sup>Bless the Lord, O you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his word,  
obeying the voice of his word!

<sup>21</sup>Bless the Lord, all his hosts,  
his ministers, who do his will!

<sup>22</sup>Bless the Lord, all his works,  
in all places of his dominion.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

■ **confession of sin**

*Please stand and read in unison.*

**All:** Holy Lord, we are guilty—of pride and unbelief, of failure to find Your mind in Your Word, of neglect to seek You in our daily lives. Our violations and shortcomings present our consciences with a long list of accusations, but they shall not stand! For we lay them all now on Christ, our Sacrifice and Advocate. Please, Lord, subdue our weaknesses and selfishness, granting us grace to live above them. Let us not be mastered by them, but now rule over us in liberty and power. We praise and thank You for Your wisdom and love, for sometimes putting us into the furnace to refine our gold and remove our dross. Deliver us from every evil habit, everything that dims the lightness of Your grace in us, everything that prevents us from taking our deepest delight in You. Amen.

■ **congregational prayer** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

■ **offertory prayer for tithes and offerings and deacons' fund**

*Deacon Aaron McCauley*

■ **musical offering**

*Nearer, Still Nearer, Leila N. Morris, arr. Aaron Green and Duane Ream*

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **sermon scripture reading**

*1 John 2:1-6*

**Christ Our Advocate**

<sup>1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup>He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. <sup>3</sup>And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. <sup>4</sup>Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, <sup>5</sup>but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: <sup>6</sup>whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

■ **prayer for illumination**

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

**"We Have an Advocate"** *Sermon series: Lessons from 1 John*

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

### Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Saviour died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb  
My perfect spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased with His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God  
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■ **benediction**

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