

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Giveaway Event today after the worship service. 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. 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 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 Matt Coombs at matthew.coombs@alexandriapres.org.

VBS Information Meeting on Sunday, March 13 at 10:30am. The meeting will be a time to hear this year's theme and how you may take part. The VBS dates are June 20-24. VBS is a significant week in the lives of the children here at APC and those who join us. If you are considering volunteering, we invite you to join us for this meeting in Room 302/303. If you can't make the meeting, but would like to volunteer or have any questions, contact Erin Furgerson at erin.furgerson@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". Sign up through the APC website or email by March 16th to receive the Zoom link and audience notes!

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 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.

UPCOMING DATES

Day of Prayer and Fasting	March 2
Men's Breakfast	March 26
Maundy 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

Explorers	<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 erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org.
PROTAS	<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 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** | *Praise Team*

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

Isaiah 2:2-5

Leader: ²It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the Lord
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,

All: ³**and many peoples shall come, and say:**
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”
For out of Zion shall go forth the law,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Leader: ⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

All: ⁵**O house of Jacob,**
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord.

■ songs of praise

Come, Christians, Join to Sing (Trinity #302)

Come Christians join to sing—Alleluia Amen
Loud praise to Christ our King—Alleluia Amen
Let all with heart and voice before His throne rejoice
Praise is His gracious choice—Alleluia Amen

Come lift your hearts on high—Alleluia Amen
Let praises fill the sky—Alleluia Amen
He is our Guide and Friend—to us He’ll condescend
His love shall never end—Alleluia Amen

Praise yet our Christ again—Alleluia Amen
Life shall not end the strain—Alleluia Amen
On heaven’s blissful shore His goodness we’ll adore
Singing forevermore—Alleluia Amen

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By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation’s grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow’r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God’s own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul’s reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We’ll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow’r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow’r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev’ry corner of the earth

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow’r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Leslie Bridge*

John 8:31-38

The Truth Will Set You Free

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. ³⁸I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father.”

■ congregational prayer

■ **offertory prayer for tithes and offerings** | *Eleanor Nagy*

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

The Call of Wisdom

Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth,
Lord of justice, Lord of mercy,
walk beside us down the years
till we see you in your glory.

Striving to attain the heights,
turning in a new direction,
entering a lonely place,
welcoming a friend or stranger.

I am here, I am with you.
I have called: do you hear me?

Silver is of passing worth,
gold is not of constant value,
jewels sparkle for a while;
what you long for is not lasting.

The Call of Wisdom, Music: Will Todd, Words: Michael Hempel, from Proverbs 8.
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■ song of preparation

Gladly Would I Leave Behind Me

Gladly would I leave behind me
All the pleasure I have known
To pursue surpassing treasures
At the throne of God the Son
Worthy of unending worship
Love and loveliness is He
By His precious death were millions
From the jaws of death set free

Gladly would I give to Jesus
All affection everything
For the washing of His mercy
Makes my ransomed heart to sing
Holy holy is the chorus
Rising up from those who see
Christ exalted bright and burning
Full of pow’r and purity

Where else can I go
Jesus You’re the One
That I was made to know
What else can I do
Jesus You’re my all
I gladly run to You

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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 2:7-14

The New Commandment

⁷Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. ⁸At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. ⁹Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. ¹⁰Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. ¹¹But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

¹²I am writing to you, little children,
because your sins are forgiven for his name’s sake.

¹³I am writing to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.

I am writing to you, young men,
because you have overcome the evil one.

I write to you, children,
because you know the Father.

¹⁴I write to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, young men,
because you are strong,
and the word of God abides in you,
and you have overcome the evil one.

■ prayer for illumination

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

“Loving One Another” *Sermon series: Lessons from 1 John*

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

Here Is Love

Here is love vast as the ocean
Loving-kindness as the flood
When the Prince of Life our ransom
Shed for us His precious blood
Who His love will not remember
Who can cease to sing His praise
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heav’n’s eternal days

On the Mount of Crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God’s mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide
Grace and love like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above
Heaven’s peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love

Here is love that conquered evil
Christ the firstborn from the grave
Death has failed to be found equal
To the life of Him Who saves
In the valley of our darkness
Dawned His everlasting light
Perfect love in glorious radiance
Has repelled death’s hellish night

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■ benediction

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