

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Sunday School is not meeting today, in order to allow time for ministry-related meetings. Children and Youth Sunday School will meet as normal. The new Adult Sunday School classes begin next Sunday, March 20.

Children and Teens: choirs for Palm Sunday and Easter!

APC Children's Choir (grades 2-5) will sing in morning worship on Palm Sunday on April 10. They are rehearsing every Sunday from now till April 3 during fellowship time (10:05-10:25) in Room 104.

APC Teen Choir (grades 6-12) will sing with the adult choir in morning worship on Easter, April 17. They are rehearsing every Sunday from now till April 10 during fellowship time (10:05-10:25) on the 4th floor.

Adults, if you are willing to assist with these choirs, please contact Serenity Novak (children) serenity.novak@alexandriapres.org or Vell Rives (teens) vellrives@gmail.com

VBS Information Meeting today 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, join us THIS Friday for a virtual evening with Heather Holleman! Join us this 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!

Men's Breakfast on Saturday, March 26 from 8-9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

Men of APC—join us for fellowship over breakfast. Details on the topic for discussion will be forthcoming. Please RSVP by March 24 on the APC website or email.

Maunder Thursday Service—April 14, 7:30pm, Sanctuary. Join the APC family to reflect on the Last Supper and our Savior's death with scripture readings, singing, special music, communion, and a meditation.

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. 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.

For the Nations DC is looking to fill several volunteer and paid roles for their daytime Children's programs (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9am-12pm). These are critical roles that allow immigrant, asylum-seeking, and refugee neighbors to have focused time to study English while their children are cared for. The ability to serve more students heavily depends on increasing the number of the children's workers and volunteers, so please consider these opportunities: Part-time Preschool Classroom Teacher & Coordinator at the Alexandria site to coordinate and help lead activities for children 2-5 and Part-time Children's workers - paid or volunteer at the Alexandria site to care for children ages 0 - 5 years old.

To learn more and apply for a volunteer position, go to: <https://ftndc.org/volunteer/>
To learn more and apply for a paid position, go to: <https://ftndc.org/get-involved/careers/>
They are also always in need of more English teachers and classroom assistants in all three locations! To learn more, contact Serenity Novak (serenetea@gmail.com).

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 *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

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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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March 13, 2022

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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*

1 Peter 2:4-6

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

■ **song of praise**

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus’ Name

Christ alone cornerstone

*Weak made strong in the Saviour’s love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

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■ **prayer of adoration**

■ **nicene creed**

Please read in unison.

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading**

John 8:48-59

Before Abraham Was, I Am

⁴⁸The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer for tithes and offerings** | *Katty Hoyle*

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

Whoever Would Be Great Among You

Whoever would be great among you, must become your servant,
And whoever would be first among you, must be a slave of all.
For the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve,
And to give his life as a ransom for many.

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GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **sermon scripture reading**

1 John 2:18-27

Warning Concerning Antichrists

¹⁸Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. ¹⁹They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us. ²⁰But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. ²¹I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. ²²Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. ²³No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. ²⁴Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.

²⁶I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. ²⁷But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.

■ **prayer for illumination**

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

“**The Last Hour**” *Sermon series: Lessons from 1 John*

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

Behold the Lamb (vv. 1 and 2)

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away
Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ
Torn for you eat and remember
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King

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.

Elders and deacons will distribute the elements to each pew. Pre-packaged elements are available in the sections marked for social distancing and masks.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

Behold the Lamb (vv. 3 and 4)

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
Shed for you drink and remember
He drained death’s cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again
And we’ll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

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■ **benediction**

■ **announcements**