

## 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, Elder Bryant and Lynn Streett, will be 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.

**Easter Flower Orders.** If you would like to help decorate the Sanctuary for Easter by ordering a hydrangea plant (\$20 each), please fill out the online order form found in the APC email or website. Order forms are also available in the Fellowship Hall. Please include your payment, made payable to Alexandria Presbyterian Church (APC), with the order form. All orders need to be either submitted online or turned in to the church office or to Laura Coit by April 10. Plants may be removed from the church after the DRBC service on Easter Sunday or during the week after Easter. If you have any questions, contact Laura Coit by email: [thecoitfamily@gmail.com](mailto:thecoitfamily@gmail.com).

**Children's Choir Rehearsal today, but Teen Choir not meeting.** 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. **The teens are not rehearsing today, but will resume next Sunday on the 4th Floor.**

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

**Men's Breakfast on Saturday, March 26 from 8-9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.** Men and high school aged boys of APC—join us for fellowship over breakfast from Chick-fil-A and a conversation on the topic of personal worship. Please RSVP by March 24 on the APC website or email.

**APC Easter Egg Hunts on Saturday, April 16.** Locations to be announced. Calling all families with infants and children! Please mark your calendars to participate in this year's Easter egg hunt. Sign up for either a morning or afternoon hunt hosted by APC families in their own backyards. RSVP link coming next week!

**Maundy 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!** We currently have two job openings at APC: Director of Music Ministries and Church Administrator. 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.

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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** 4th Floor

**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](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

*Becoming a Welcoming Community of Believers, Led by Pastor Mike Powell, Room 302/303, Begins today.*

This past year we have been focusing on APC's mission statement. The first sentence in our mission statement is that we are a "welcoming community of believers". What does that mean and how is it achieved in the day to day life of our church? Come join us as we explore what it looks like to be a welcoming community.

*The Sermon on the Mount, Led by Elder Aaron Renenger, Room 104, Begins March 27.*  
The Sermon on the Mount has been called "a perfect standard for Christian life" (Augustine). It is a description of the life that all of us, imperfect though we are, can have in Christ Jesus. In the Sermon, Jesus illustrates what it looks like to fulfill his command that we love one another as Christ loves us, and He exhorts us to live that life today. Please join us for this study of Matthew, Chapters 5-7.

## 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** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

*Isaiah 25:6-9*

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

<sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.

<sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death forever;

and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,

“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.  
This is the Lord; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

■ **song of praise**

### Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands  
Who has numbered every grain of sand  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

*Behold our God seated on His throne*

*Come let us adore Him*

*Behold our King nothing can compare*

*Come let us adore Him*

Who has given counsel to the Lord  
Who can question any of His words  
Who can teach the One who knows all things  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Who has felt the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

You will reign forever  
(Let Your glory fill the earth)

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■ **prayer of adoration**

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Serenity Novak, Worship Assistant*

*Galatians 4:1-7*

### Sons and Heirs

<sup>1</sup>I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup>but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup>In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer for tithes and offerings** | *Traci Youngquist*

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

### Sweet Hour of Prayer

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer  
That calls me from a world of care  
And bids me at my Father’s throne, make all my wants and wishes known:  
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief  
And oft escaped the tempter’s snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,  
Thy wings shall my petition bear  
To him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace,  
I’ll cast on him my every care and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

*Words: William Walford, 1842. Music: William Bradbury, 1859, arr. Scott Oyer.*

■ **song of preparation**

### I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

I want to walk as a child of the light  
I want to follow Jesus  
God set the stars to give light to the world  
The star of my life is Jesus

*In Him there is no darkness at all  
The night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God  
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus*

I want to see the brightness of God  
I want to look at Jesus  
Clear Sun of righteousness shine on my path  
And show me the way to the Father

I’m looking for the coming of Christ  
I want to follow Jesus  
When we have run with patience the race  
We shall know the joy of Jesus

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## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **sermon scripture reading**

*1 John 2:28-3:3*

### Children of God

<sup>28</sup>And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. <sup>29</sup>If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.

<sup>3:1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

■ **prayer for illumination**

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

**“What Kind of Love?”** *Sermon series: Lessons from 1 John*

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

### Who You Say We Are

Oh how great is the love  
The Father has lavished on us  
That we should be called the children of God  
Oh how great was the cost  
The Father was willing to pay  
So we could be called the children of God

*And all that we can say is thank You thank You*

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*We are Your sons we are Your daughters  
Hallelujah we are who You say we are  
So we lift our hands and cry Abba Father  
Hallelujah we are who You say we are  
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Oh how great is Your amazing grace  
That took us as orphans and slaves  
And made us Your heirs and gave us Your name  
There’s nothing more that we could ever do  
You finished it all on the cross  
And rose from the grave and brought us with You

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■ **deacons’ fund offering** | *Deacon Bill Ward*

■ **benediction**

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