

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Meeting this evening from 5-6pm in the Chapel. Join with the APC community to pray for our church, community, and the world this evening from 5-6pm in the Chapel.

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.

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.

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.

Easter Egg Hunts (in various locations and times) on Saturday, April 16! Join us for an Easter egg hunt and time of fellowship! Three separate egg hunts will be hosted by APC families in their backyards. Light refreshments will be served and Easter eggs will be provided. Invite your family and friends, and bring a basket for your child(ren) to collect the eggs. When signing up, please use the comment box to communicate the number of children who will be "hunting" so we can prepare the correct amount of eggs. We look forward to seeing you on April 16th! Please email Jackie McCauley (jmccauley184@gmail.com) with any questions. Sign up through the link in the APC email.

Next Baptism is Sunday, May 15. If you would like to have your child or children baptized, please contact Stacey Diack at stacey.diack@alexandriapres.org.

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 if you are interested or would like more information.

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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Holy Worship Service

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

■ **prelude** | *Praise Team*

■ **call to worship** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

Psalm 57:7-11

⁷My heart is steadfast, O God,
my heart is steadfast!

I will sing and make melody!

⁸Awake, my glory!

Awake, O harp and lyre!

I will awake the dawn!

⁹I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;

I will sing praises to you among the nations.

¹⁰For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

¹¹Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

Let your glory be over all the earth!

■ **songs of praise**

You Are Good

Lord You are good

And Your mercy endureth forever

Lord You are good

And Your mercy endureth forever

People from every nation and tongue

From generation to generation

We worship You

Hallelujah hallelujah

We worship You for who You are

We worship You

Hallelujah hallelujah

We worship You for who You are

For You are good

You are good all the time

All the time You are good

You are good all the time

All the time You are good

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Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain

Holy holy is He

Sing a new song to Him Who sits on

Heaven's mercy seat

Holy holy holy

Is the Lord God Almighty

Who was and is and is to come

With all creation I sing

Praise to the King of kings

You are my ev'rything

And I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color

Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder

Blessing and honor strength and glory

And power be to You the only wise King

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder

At the mention of Your name

Jesus Your name is power breath and living water

Such a marv'lous mystery

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■ **prayer of adoration**

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Femi Adeniji*

1 Peter 1:13-25

Called to Be Holy

¹³Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on

the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴As obedient children,

do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵but as he who called you

is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am

holy." ¹⁷And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's

deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you

were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable

things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb

without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was

made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹who through him are believers in God,

who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love

one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable

seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

"All flesh is like grass

and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,

and the flower falls,

²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever."

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **missions report** | *Nate Kinder*

■ **offertory prayer for tithes and offerings**

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

On the Willows

(By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept when we remembered Zion.)

On the willows there, we hung up our lyres,

for our captors there required of us songs,

and our tormentors, mirth,

saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

But how can we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?

Text from Psalm 137:2-4 (RSV). Music by Stephen Schwartz.

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 3:4-10

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You

know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who

abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known

him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous,

as he is righteous. ⁸Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has

been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the

works of the devil. ⁹No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides

in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. ¹⁰By this it is

evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does

not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

■ **prayer for illumination**

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

"The Power of the New Birth" *Sermon series: Lessons from 1 John*

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found

He is my light my strength my song

This Cornerstone this solid Ground

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love what depths of peace

When fears are stilled when strivings cease

My Comforter my All in All

Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh

Fullness of God in helpless babe

This gift of love and righteousness

Scorned by the ones He came to save

Till on that cross as Jesus died

The wrath of God was satisfied

For every sin on Him was laid

Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay

Light of the world by darkness slain

Then bursting forth in glorious Day

Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory

Sin's curse has lost its grip on me

For I am His and He is mine

Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death

This is the power of Christ in me

From life's first cry to final breath

Jesus commands my destiny

No power of hell no scheme of man

Can ever pluck me from His hand

Till He returns or calls me home

Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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■ **dismissal**

Leader: Let us go forth and serve our city and our world as those who love the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All: We will go forth and serve our city and our world in the name of Christ.

■ **benediction**

■ **announcements** | *Rob Coit, Operations Manager*