

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 will rehearse 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 will also rehearse every Sunday from now till April 10 during fellowship time (10:05-10:25) on the 4th floor. Rehearsals begin this week, March 6. Singers, just come to the first rehearsal! 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

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.

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!

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.

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.

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!

UPCOMING DATES

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 *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

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.

unchanging truth. changing lives

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** | *Serenity Novak, Worship Assistant*

■ **call to worship** | *Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate*

Psalm 30:4

⁴Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.

■ **songs of praise**

Holy Is the Lord

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He

*And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing*

*Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory*

It is rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
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The Lord Is My Salvation

The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

*Who is like the Lord our God
Strong to save faithful in love
My debt is paid and the victory won
The Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting times of need
When I know loss when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days
The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach the final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation

Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit
The Lord is our salvation

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■ **prayer of adoration**

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Vell and Carmen Rives*

Luke 10:1-20

Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ²And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' ⁶And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ¹¹'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' ¹²I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

Woe to Unrepentant Cities

¹³"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ¹⁵And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

¹⁶"The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

The Return of the Seventy-Two

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" ¹⁸And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

■ **missions update** | *Nate Kinder*

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer for tithes and offerings** | *Tom Petelik*

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

The Love of Christ

If I could speak the love of Christ
My Lord and Master crucified,
I'd testify his precious blood
Became a cleansing crimson flood
The sinners healing tide

If I could sing the love of Christ
If such a song I'd ever find,
Each note would soar on eagles's wings
To praise with angels as they sing
The Savior of mankind

But should I sing for all my days
The brightest melody
How could I say in songs of praise
All Christ has done for me?

So I must live the love of Christ
And go where Christ alone would go,
I'll bear his cross and share His pain
Without the hope of worldly gain
No greater love I'll show.

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GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **sermon scripture reading**

1 John 2:15-17

Do Not Love the World

¹³Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁴For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

■ **prayer for illumination**

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

“**Love Not the World**” *Sermon series: Lessons from 1 John*

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

*I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone*

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross

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■ **benediction**

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