

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Teen choir rehearsal today 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 today during fellowship time (10:05-10:25) in Room 104.

Maundy Thursday Service—April 14, 7:30pm (please arrive by 7:15pm for the prelude), 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) this 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 this Saturday! Please email Jackie McCauley (jmccauley184@gmail.com) with any questions. Sign up through the link in the APC email.

APC Vision Banquet: "Looking Back, Looking Forward, Looking Up". We warmly invite you to join us at Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS) on the evening of May 7 to celebrate God's gracious provision and faithfulness to the APC family, even as we anticipate His continued working in our congregation.

- Hors d'oeuvres will be served in the lobby at 6pm, followed by dinner and programming from 6:30-8:30pm.
- "Dressy" attire!
- In order to allow as many households to be represented as possible, we are limiting attendance to APC members and regular attenders ages 18 and up.
- Due to the capacity limit at VTS, we will close registration at 200 people.
- The cost is \$15 per person, with APC covering the remaining cost.
- Sign up through the link in the APC email or website!

VTS is located at 3737 Seminary Rd Alexandria, VA 22304, with parking available in several lots near the banquet site.

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.

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 mattthew.coombs@alexandriapres.org if you are interested or would like more information.

C.S. Lewis Institute Applications—deadline April 15. If you are interested in applying to be a Fellow, visit cslewisinstitute.org/DC_Metro_Area_Fellows or email Erin Furgerson (a CSLI graduate!) at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org. This year-long discipleship program is for believers who are already established in their faith, are highly motivated to grow deeper in their knowledge of and obedience to Jesus Christ, and who desire for God to use them more effectively in the work of His Kingdom. The Program focuses on the integration of heart and mind in a small group context, and is designed to dramatically alter the trajectory of spiritual growth. A combination of focused Bible study, dynamic teachers, classic writers, experienced mentors, effective small groups and active response to the Word and the Spirit helps believers mature in their ability to articulate, defend and joyfully live out their faith in public and personal life. If you are interested in being a mentor, contact Erin to learn more. We hope to match up APC Fellows and Mentors in small groups to go through the program together.

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Giving at a Glance
7/1 through 3/31/2022

YTD Giving	\$1,717,915
YTD Budget	\$1,500,000
Difference	+\$217,915
Percentage	114.53%

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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

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.

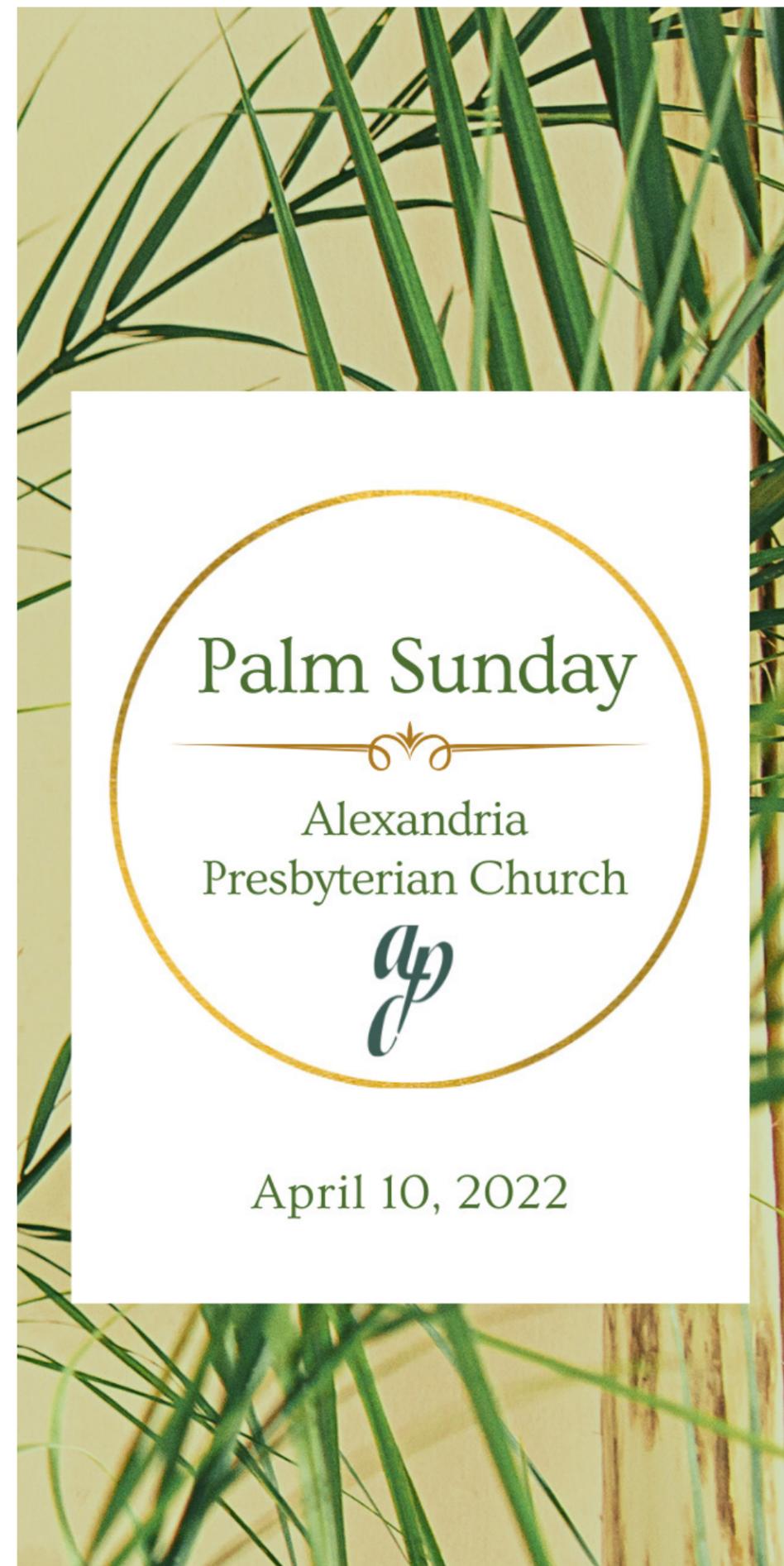
The Sermon on the Mount has been called "a perfect standard for Christian life" (Augustine). It is a description of the life that all of us, imperfect though we are, can have in Christ Jesus. In the Sermon, Jesus illustrates what it looks like to fulfill his command that we love one another as Christ 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 & Zoom. Praying for our Worship Service.
Second Saturday of the month, 9am—Chapel & Google Meet. Praying with our Elders for our church.
Third Saturday of the month, 11am—Chapel & 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.



Holy Worship Service

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

■ **prelude** | *Praise Team*

■ **call to worship anthem** | *Children’s Choir*

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Hosanna hosanna

Let all the people sing

Hosanna hosanna

Hosanna to our King

Open wide the gates of Jerusalem
Open wide the gates of Jerusalem

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

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■ **call to worship** | *Led responsively by the Children’s Choir*

Psalms 118:24-26

Children: ²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Children: ²⁵Save us, we pray, O Lord!

All: O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Children: ²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: We bless you from the house of the Lord.

■ **anthem of praise** | *Children’s Choir*

Baruch Haba b’Shem Adonai

Baruch haba b’shem Adonai

Hosanna

Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord
Hosanna

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■ **song of praise**

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Praise is rising

Eyes are turning to You

We turn to You

Hope is stirring

Hearts are yearning for You

We long for You

‘Cause when we see You

We find strength to face the day

In Your presence

All our fears are washed away

Hosanna hosanna

You are the God who saves us

Worthy of all our praises

Hosanna hosanna

Come have Your way among us

We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of

Hearts returning to You

We turn to You

In Your Kingdom

Broken lives are made new

You make us new

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■ **prayer of adoration** | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life*

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Stacey and Hudson Diack*

2 Peter 1:3-15

Confirm Your Calling and Election

³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

¹²Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. ¹³I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, ¹⁴since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. ¹⁵And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer** | *Rob Coit, Operations Manager*

■ **presentation of tithes and offerings**

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**

Matthew 21:1-17

The Triumphal Entry

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵“Say to the daughter of Zion,

‘Behold, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

¹²And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹³He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you make it a den of robbers.”

¹⁴And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” they were indignant, ¹⁶and they said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read,

“‘Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise?’”

¹⁷And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

■ **prayer for illumination**

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

“Beholding Our King”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

Alas and Did My Savior Bleed (v. 1)

Alas and did my Savior bleed

And did my Sov’rign die

Would He devote that sacred head

For such a worm as I

Was it for sins that I had done

He groaned upon the tree

Amazing pity grace unknown

And love beyond degree

My God why would You shed Your blood

So pure and undefiled

To make a sinful one like me

Your chosen precious child

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**

Alas and Did My Savior Bleed (v. 1, 2)

Alas and did my Savior bleed

And did my Sov’rign die

Would He devote that sacred head

For such a worm as I

Was it for sins that I had done

He groaned upon the tree

Amazing pity grace unknown

And love beyond degree

My God why would You shed Your blood

So pure and undefiled

To make a sinful one like me

Your chosen precious child

Well might the sun in darkness hide

And shut his glories in

When Christ the mighty Maker died

For man the creature’s sin

Thus might I hide my blushing face

While His dear cross appears

Dissolve my heart in thankfulness

And melt my eyes to tears

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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** | *Serenity Novak, Worship Assistant*