

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we are pleased to baptize Connor Brittle, Zachary Brittle, and Camille Prather!

**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, Charlie and Jeanette Hough, 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.

**In light of the holiday weekend, Sunday school and Sunday evening ministries will not be meeting today.**

**Spring2ACTION Fundraiser for Casa Chirilagua on Wednesday, April 27th.** Please consider supporting Casa Chirilagua in their work of developing relationships with families to see the Chirilagua neighborhood transformed by Christ. The goal is to raise \$120,000 through this 24 hour fundraiser. Find more info and donate here: [www.spring2action.org/organizations/casa-chirilagua](http://www.spring2action.org/organizations/casa-chirilagua).

**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](mailto: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 [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 (not meeting today, April 17)**

<b>Children</b>	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
<b>Teens</b>	4th Floor

**Sunday evening | 5-7pm (not meeting today, April 17)**

<b>Explorers</b>	<i>Children age 5-5th grade, Fellowship Hall and classrooms.</i> 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 <a href="mailto:erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org">erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org</a> .
<b>PROTAS</b>	<i>Teens 6th-12th grade</i> 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 <a href="mailto:adam.leroy@alexandriapres.org">adam.leroy@alexandriapres.org</a> .

## ADULT EDUCATION

*Becoming a Welcoming Community of Believers, Led by Pastor Mike Powell, Room 302/303 (not meeting today, April 17)*

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 (not meeting today, April 17)*

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.



*Please, no food or drink in the Sanctuary. Silence all cell phones and other electronic devices. A simulcast of the service is available downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Please see a greeter or usher for assistance.*

## Holy Worship Service

### GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

#### ■ prelude | *Greg Ridlington, soprano saxophone; Vell Rives, piano*

All the Way My Savior Leads Me, *Robert Lowry, arr. Don Whitman*  
How Great Thou Art, *Swedish folk song, adapt. Stuart K. Kline, 1949, arr. Don Whitman*

#### ■ bagpipe processional | *Dorothy Taft*

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

*Revelation 21:5-6*

<sup>5</sup>And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

#### ■ easter acclamation

*(Please stand and read responsively.)*

Leader: Christ is risen.  
**All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

#### ■ song praise

##### See What a Morning

See what a morning—gloriously bright—with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem  
Folded the grave clothes—tomb filled with light—as the angels announce Christ is risen  
See God’s salvation plan—wrought in love—born in pain—paid in sacrifice  
Fulfilled in Christ the Man—for He lives—Christ is risen from the dead

See Mary weeping where is He laid—As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb  
Hears a voice speaking—calling her name—It’s the Master—the Lord raised to life again  
The voice that spans the years—speaking life—stirring hope—bringing peace to us  
Will sound till He appears—For He lives—Christ is risen from the dead

One with the Father—Ancient of Days—through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty  
Honor and blessing—glory and praise—to the King crowned with pow’r and authority  
And we are raised with Him—Death is dead—love has won—Christ has conquered  
And we shall reign with Him—for He lives—Christ is risen from the dead

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#### ■ choir anthem | *Teen and Adult Choirs*

##### If I Be Lifted Up

*“If I be lifted up...I will draw all men unto me” (John 12:32)*

Jesus came in all His glory  
To reveal the heavenly, marvelous story.  
Jesus laid down His life for you and me,  
But He got up with all power in his hand.

*O magnify the Lord with me;  
Let us exalt His Name together. (Psalm 34:3)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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#### ■ prayer of adoration

### GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

#### ■ scripture reading | *Deacon Jon and Laura Erickson*

*1 Corinthians 15:1-28*

##### The Resurrection of Christ

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

##### The Resurrection of the Dead

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup>When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

#### ■ sacrament of baptism

#### ■ induction of communicant members

#### ■ congregational prayer

#### ■ offertory prayer | *Tracy Powell*

#### ■ presentation of tithes and offerings

##### ■ song of preparation

##### Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (Trinity Hymnal #277)

Christ the Lord is ris’n today—alleluia  
Sons of men and angels say—alleluia  
Raise your joys and triumphs high—alleluia  
Sing ye heav’ns and earth reply—alleluia

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal—alleluia  
Christ has burst the gates of hell—alleluia  
Death in vain forbids his rise—alleluia  
Christ has opened paradise—alleluia

Lives again our glorious King—alleluia  
Where O death is now thy sting—alleluia  
Once he died our souls to save—alleluia  
Where thy victory O grave—alleluia

Soar we now where Christ has led—alleluia  
Foll’wing our exalted Head—alleluia  
Made like Him—like Him we rise—alleluia  
Ours the cross the grave the skies—alleluia

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### GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

##### ■ sermon scripture reading

*Matthew 28:1–20*

##### The Resurrection

<sup>1</sup>Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” <sup>8</sup>So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

##### The Report of the Guard

<sup>11</sup>While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. <sup>12</sup>And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers <sup>13</sup>and said, “Tell people, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.’” <sup>14</sup>And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” <sup>15</sup>So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

##### The Great Commission

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

#### ■ prayer for illumination

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

**“So, Who Has Your Attention?”**

### GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

##### ■ song of response

##### And Can It Be (Trinity Hymnal #455 verses 1, 3, 4, 5)

And can it be that I should gain  
An int’rest in the Savior’s blood  
Died He for me who caused His pain  
For me who Him to death pursued  
Amazing love how can it be  
That Thou my God shouldst die for me  
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That Thou my God shouldst die for me

He left His Father’s throne above  
So free so infinite His grace  
Humbled Himself—so great His love  
And bled for all His chosen race  
‘Tis mercy all immense and free  
For O my God it found out me  
Amazing love how can it be  
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

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#### ■ deacons’ fund offering | *Deacon David Williams*

#### ■ easter dismissal

Leader: Let us go forth, proclaiming the good news of our risen Lord.  
**All: We will go forth in the power of our risen Lord, sharing the hope of the gospel to a world in need of the Savior’s love.**

#### ■ benediction

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