

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Former (pre-COVID) nursery volunteers: Consider this an official and personal invitation to join us again as we teach and love our APC children 4 years old and under. There are about 60 former volunteers who have not returned...yet! Now is the time to come back! Your love, care and help have been missed. Please consider how you can bless our APC families with your service on Sunday mornings as we “tell the next generation the glorious deeds of the Lord.” Please email Erin at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org.

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.

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.

Did you know that if you shop on Amazon, you can support APC at no additional cost? Just go to smile.amazon.com. We know many people have already signed up to support other organizations. However, if you have never signed up, you can add Alexandria Presbyterian Church as your charitable organization to support. When you shop, Amazon will give APC 0.5 percent of your purchase amount. Just remember to go to smile.amazon.com each time you shop.

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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.

April 24, 2022

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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.

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** | *Praise Team*

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

Please read responsively from Psalm 145:1-7

Leader: ¹I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**All: ²Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

Leader: ³Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

**All: ⁴One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

Leader: ⁵On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**All: ⁶They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.**

**⁷They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

■ **songs of praise**

Crown Him with Many Crowns (*Trinity #295*)

Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of love
Behold His hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright

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O Wondrous Love

O wondrous love
That will not let me go
I cling to You
With all my strength and soul
Yet if my hold should ever fail
This wondrous love will never let me go

O wondrous love
That's come to dwell in me
Lord who am I
That I should come to know
Your tender voice assuring me
Your wondrous love will never let me go

*I'm resting in the everlasting arms
In the ever faithful heart
The Shepherd of my life
You'll carry me
On Your mighty wings of grace
Keeping me until the day
I look into Your eyes*

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■ **prayer of adoration**

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Mariela Aguilar*

Luke 24:36-49

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

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

■ **induction of new member**

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

■ **offertory prayer** | *Mark Adams*

■ **presentation of tithes and offerings** | *Adult Choir*

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary, rest.

*O Jesus, Shepherd, Guardian, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.*

How weak the effort of my heart,
how cold my warmest thought;
but when I see You as You are,
I'll praise You as I ought.

Till then I would Your love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of Your Name
refresh my soul in death.

Words: John Newton, 1779. Music: R. Christopher Teichler.

*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 3:11-24

Love One Another

¹¹For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. ¹²We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. ¹³Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. ¹⁴We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

■ **prayer for illumination**

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

“By This We Know Love...”

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

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

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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*