**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.

**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 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**

**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 Floo

**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

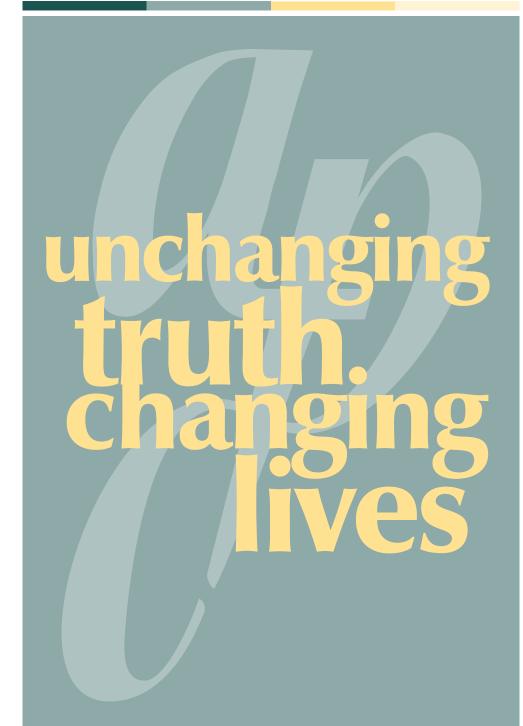
Every Sunday, 8am—Chapel & Zoom. Praying for our Worship Service.

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.



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** | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

Psalm 90:14

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

## songs of praise

## **Come People of the Risen King**

Come people of the Risen King Who delight to bring Him praise Come all and tune your hearts to sing To the Morning Star of grace From the shifting shadows of the earth We will lift our eyes to Him Where steady arms of mercy reach To gather children in

Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice One heart one voice O Church of Christ rejoice

Come those whose joy is morning sun And those weeping through the night Come those who tell of battles won And those struggling in the fight For His perfect love will never change And His mercies never cease But follow us through all our days With the certain hope of peace

Come young and old from ev'ry land Men and women of the faith Come those with full or empty hands Find the riches of His grace Over all the world His people sing Shore to shore we hear them call The truth that cries through ev'ry age Our God is all in all

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#### Here Is Love

Here is love vast as the ocean Loving-kindness as the flood When the Prince of Life our ransom Shed for us His precious blood Who His love will not remember Who can cease to sing His praise He can never be forgotten Throughout heav'n's eternal days

On the Mount of Crucifixion Fountains opened deep and wide Through the floodgates of God's mercy Flowed a vast and gracious tide Grace and love like mighty rivers Poured incessant from above Heaven's peace and perfect justice Kissed a guilty world in love

Here is love that conquered evil Christ the firstborn from the grave Death has failed to be found equal To the life of Him Who saves In the valley of our darkness Dawned His everlasting light Perfect love in glorious radiance Has repelled death's hellish night Mocked and slain by hateful men Lives and reigns in resurrection And can never die again Here is love for all the ages Radiant Sun of Heav'n He stands Calling home His Father's children Holding forth His wounded hands

That same love beyond all measure

Here is love vast as the heavens Countless as the stars above Are the souls that He has ransomed Precious daughters treasured sons We are called to feast forever On a love beyond our time Glorious Father Son and Spirit Now with man are intertwined

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# prayer of adoration

### GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

### **scripture reading** | *Isabel Lee*

Psalm 66

<sup>1</sup>Shout for joy to God, all the earth; <sup>2</sup>sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

<sup>3</sup>Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

<sup>4</sup>All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."

<sup>5</sup>Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man. <sup>6</sup>He turned the sea into dry land:

they passed through the river on foot.

There did we rejoice in him,

<sup>7</sup>who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip. To you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

11You brought us into the net;
 you laid a crushing burden on our backs;
 12you let men ride over our heads;
 we went through fire and through water;
 yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

<sup>13</sup>I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you,

14that which my lips uttered

and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

15I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;

I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

<sup>16</sup>Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

<sup>17</sup>I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.

<sup>18</sup>If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

<sup>19</sup>But truly God has listened;

he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

<sup>20</sup>Blessed be God,

because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

## **prayer of confession**

Lord, show me my cherished sins—the ones I confess but into which I keep falling. This is because I want to stop, but I don't want to stop. Don't let me dishonor You by being divided in my heart and loyalties. Amen.

# **■** assurance of pardon

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## **congregational prayer**

### **■ offertory prayer** | Sally Lindsay

## **presentation of tithes and offerings** | Adult Choir; Dorothy Taft, violin

## I Will Sing of My Redeemer

I will sing of my Redeemer and his wondrous love to me; on the cruel cross he suffered, from the curse to set me free.

I will sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me; on the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save, in his boundless love and mercy, he the ransom freely gave.

Words: Philip Bliss, 1876. Music: Charles McCartha.

### GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

**missions update** | Leslie Bridge, CRU Core Training Director

### sermon scripture reading

1 lohn 3:19-24

<sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And 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. <sup>24</sup>Whoever 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

"And By This We Know..."

### GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

# ■ song of response A Christian's Daily Prayer

Be glorified today

As morning dawns and day awakes
To You I bring my need
O Gracious God my source of strength
In You I live and breathe
Each hour is Yours by Wisdom planned
Each deed empower'd by sovereign hands
Renew my spirit help me stand

As day unfolds I seek Your will In all of life's demands
And though the tempter tries me still I cling to Your commands
Let every effort of my life
Display the matchless worth of Christ
Make me a living sacrifice
Be glorified today

As sun gives way to darkest night Your Spirit still is here And though my strength fades like the light New mercies will appear I rest in You abide with me Until our trials and suffering Give way to final victory Be glorified today

I will praise my dear Redeemer,

his triumphant power I'll tell:

how the victory he gives me

over sin and death and hell.

I will sing of my Redeemer

and his heavenly love for me;

Son of God, with him to be.

he from death to life has brought me,

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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** | Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries