

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we are pleased to baptize the following covenant children: Hannah Lee Carroll, daughter of Jason and Heather Carroll; Talia Faith Lee, daughter of Mike and Isabel Lee; Abigail Grace Parker, daughter of Daniel and Kimberly Parker; Arjan Gabriel Pinguli, son of Mario and Lynda Pinguli.

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, Bruce Barham and Kristi Hellmuth, 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.

VBS: Jerusalem Marketplace: Registration is open! VBS is June 20th-24th from 9:15am-11:30am in our new building! Children who are rising Kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to participate. Big kids and teens 6th-12th grade are welcome to volunteer. If you'd like to register today, buy a CD or digital download card of the VBS music for \$6, or would like to volunteer, come visit the VBS table in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Contact Erin Furgerson, Director of Children's Ministries, at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org with any questions.

Explorers and PROTAS will have their final Sunday evening meetings for the semester on May 22. This will allow for the transition to the new building to begin taking place. Be on the lookout for future Explorers and PROTAS events in the NEW building!

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 45 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.

We are hiring for Director of Music Ministries. We invite you to read the job description 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.

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.

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.

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.

May 15, 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.

Giving at a Glance	YTD Giving (7/1/21 - 4/30/22)	\$1,871,370
	YTD Budget (7/1/21 - 4/30/22)	\$1,662,000
	Difference	+ \$209,370 (112.6%)

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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** | *Colleen James, Becky Mason, flute*
Sonata in A Major for Two Flutes, TWV 40:103, I. Siciliana, *Georg Philipp Telemann*

- **call to worship** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

John 17:25-26

“²⁵O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

- **songs of praise**

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I’m Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free

Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me

You have broken every chain

There’s salvation in Your name

Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory

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Heavenly Father Beautiful Son

Father You loved me
Sent Your Son to redeem
Jesus You washed me
By Your blood I am clean
Spirit You’ve opened these blinded eyes
And brought me to Christ

Heavenly Father beautiful Son

Spirit of light and truth

Thank You for bringing sinners to come to You

Father You gave me
To Jesus to keep
And Jesus You love me
As a shepherd his sheep
Spirit You’ve given me faith in the Son
And made our hearts one

Father You’re waiting
To hear my requests
Jesus Your loving
Open hand is outstretched
Spirit You’re in me You intercede
And help in my need

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- **prayer of adoration**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

- **scripture reading** | *Elder Chris Weld*

John 10:1-18

¹“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. ¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

- **sacrament of baptism**

- **congregational prayer**

- **offertory prayer** | *Maggie Cho*

- **presentation of tithes and offerings** | *Colleen James, Becky Mason, flute; Serenity Novak, piano*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness, *arr. Karen Kuehmann*
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us, *arr. Rebecca Bonam*

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

- **sermon scripture reading**

1 John 4:7-21

God Is Love

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

- **prayer for illumination**

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

“**The Power of God’s Love**” *Sermon series: Lessons from 1 John*

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

- **song of response**

All the Way My Savior Leads Me *Trinity #605*

All the way my Savior leads me
What have I to ask beside
Can I doubt His tender mercy
Who through life has been my Guide
Heav’nly peace divinest comfort
Here by faith in Him to dwell
For I know whate’er befall me
Jesus doeth all things well
For I know whate’er befall me
Jesus doeth all things well

All the way my Savior leads me
O the fullness of His love
Perfect rest to me is promised
In my Father’s house above
When my spirit clothed immortal
Wings its flight to realms of day
This my song through endless ages
Jesus led me all the way
This my song through endless ages
Jesus led me all the way

All the way my Savior leads me
Cheers each winding path I tread
Gives me grace for ev’ry trial
Feeds me with the living bread
Though my weary steps may falter
And my soul athirst may be
Gushing from the Rock before me
Lo a spring of joy I see
Gushing from the Rock before me
Lo a spring of joy I see

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- **deacons’ fund offering** | *Deacon Steve Sylvia*

- **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*