

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we welcome our Director of Music Ministries candidate, Ben! Please give Ben a warm welcome, and continue to be in prayer for this position.

Explorers and PROTAS will have their final Sunday evening meetings for the semester this evening, 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.

Join us in prayer! As we await occupancy of our new building, please join us in prayer for favor with the city of Alexandria for the remainder of the process! We are reminded that God's timing is perfect in all things. While waiting is hard, we are grateful for the assurance He is in control of each detail and promises to supply us with all that we need.

We appreciate your prayers for the pastors and leadership as we plan ministry in light of the fluid move-in schedule. In regards to Vacation Bible School, we hope to keep the dates June 20-24. However, the location is not yet confirmed. We will let you know as soon as we confirm these VBS details and can make registration available.

The first worship service in the new building is an eagerly anticipated day for our APC family, including former and current attenders! As soon as this date is confirmed, we will broadly communicate the details and invite all to join us. As always, please feel free to reach out to the APC office with any questions.

The next Inquirers Class is July 15-16. If you are interested in membership or in gaining a deeper understanding of APC, you should attend this class. You will receive an introduction to Christianity, the PCA, and the specific vision/mission and philosophy of ministry at APC. Membership is open to all who profess faith in Christ and believe the basic teachings of the Christian faith. Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church. You can sign up through the link on the APC website and email. Questions: email inquirers@alexandriapres.org.

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;
Teens Grades 2-3 in Room 305; Grades 4-5 in Room 306 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.

May 22, 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.

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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** | *Ben Elliott and Serenity Novak, piano*

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

Psalm 17:6-8

⁶I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me; hear my words.

⁷Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O Savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.

⁸Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings.

■ **songs of praise**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and pow’r are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right man on our side
The ,an of God’s own choosing
Dost ask who that may be
Christ Jesus it is He
Lord Sabaoth His name
From age to age the same
And He must win the battle

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I Will Glory in My Redeemer

I will glory in my Redeemer
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails
And hung Him on that judgment tree
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the power of sin and death
My only Savior before the holy Judge
The Lamb Who is my righteousness
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I will glory in my Redeemer
My life He bought my love He owns
I have no longings for another
I’m satisfied in Him alone
I will glory in my Redeemer
His faithfulness my standing place
Though foes are mighty and rush up on me
My feet are firm held by His grace
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■ **prayer of adoration**

And though this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us
The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

That word above all earthly pow’rs
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through jim who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God’s truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

I will glory in my Redeemer
Who carries me on eagle’s wings
He crowns my life with loving kindness
His triumph song I’ll ever sing
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who waits for me at gates of gold
And when He calls me it will be paradise
His face forever to behold
His face forever to behold

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Deacon Bruce Barham*

Psalm 19

The Law of the Lord Is Perfect

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

²Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.

³There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

⁴Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

In them he has set a tent for the sun,
⁵which comes out like a bridegroom
leaving his chamber, and, like a strong
man, runs its course with joy.

⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

⁷The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;

the testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple;

⁸the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the Lord is pure,
enlightening the eyes;

■ **farewell**

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **the apostles’ creed**

(Please stand and read in unison.)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

■ **offertory prayer**

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

What Is the World to Me

What is the world to me with all its vaunted pleasure,
When Thou, and Thou alone, Lord Jesus art my treasure!
Thou only, dearest Lord, my soul’s delight shalt be;
Thou art my Peace, my Rest; what is the world to me?

The world seeks after wealth and all that Mammon offers,
Yet never is content, though gold should fill its coffers;
I have a higher good; content with Him I’ll be:
My Jesus is my wealth; what is the world to me?

The world is like a cloud and like a vapor fleeting,
A shadow that declines, swift to its end retreating.
My Jesus doth abide, though all things fade and flee;
My everlasting Rock! What is the world to me?

Words: Georg Pfefferkorn, 1667, trans. August Crull, 1893. Music: Vell Rives

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 5:1-12

Overcoming the World

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Testimony Concerning the Son of God

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

■ **prayer for illumination**

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

“Possessors of True Life” *Sermon series: Lessons from 1 John*

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

*O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer’s blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

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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*