

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers Requested for Transition to Our New Building. Please sign up today in the Fellowship Hall to help with the transition. Lord willing, APC will be given occupancy on or about Friday, May 27. Professional movers will take care of the heavy items on a weekday. Four Saturdays are planned for volunteers to accomplish various tasks, including: packing boxes, disposing of unneeded items, transporting odds and ends that do not fit in boxes easily, unboxing at the new building, shelving books, and putting everything in its place. The Saturdays are: May 28, June 4, 11 and potentially 18. If we get enough volunteers, we estimate the need to be 4-6 hours of work on a Saturday "shift", done in teams with guidance by committee members.

In addition, we are asking for volunteers to be available on an "on-call" basis to help unload and in some cases assemble new furniture that is being delivered to the new building on weekdays. Multiple deliveries are anticipated in the first 2 weeks of June, and work groups will be assembled with short notice.

Many thanks to those who have already expressed willingness to help. Knowing the busy schedules of all, we ask everyone interested in volunteering to check your availability and sign up this Sunday for the Saturday(s) you are able to help.

If you are unable to sign up today during fellowship time, an electronic signup will be circulated to give you another opportunity to volunteer.

In light of Mother's Day, Sunday evening activities are not meeting.

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.

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!

VBS Registration coming soon: "Jerusalem Marketplace". VBS is June 20th-24th from 9:15am-11:30am in our new building! Children who are rising Kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome. Invite your friends! Be on the lookout for a registration link. If you'd like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Erin Furgerson, Director of Children's Ministries, at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org.

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. 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.

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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;
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 8, 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** | Nancy Stanly, flute; Bruce Stanly, trumpet; Lina Gentry, piano

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

Psalm 103:1-3, 8-9

¹Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

²Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,

³who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

⁸The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

■ **songs of praise**

Living Waters

Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken
Peace unspoken
Rest beside these living waters

Christ is calling
Find refreshing
At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down
All the old gone
Rise up in these living waters

*There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters*

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Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee
Let the water and the blood
From thy riven side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's commands
Could my zeal no respite know
Could my tears forever flow
All for sin could not atone
Thou must save and thou alone

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■ **prayer of adoration**

Spirit moving
Mercy washing
Healing in these living waters
Lead your children
To the shoreline
Life is in these living waters

Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Love forgiveness
Vast and boundless
Christ He is our living waters

There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to the cross I cling
Naked come to thee for dress
Helpless look to thee for grace
Foul I to the fountain fly
Wash me Savior or I die

While I draw this fleeting breath
When mine eyes shall close in death
When I soar to worlds unknown
See thee on thy judgment throne
Rock of ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | Shannon Allen

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Greeting

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Guard the Deposit Entrusted to You

³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

■ **congregational prayer** | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

■ **offertory prayer** | Christian Brittle

■ **presentation of tithes and offerings** | Adult Choir; Colleen James, soprano;

Dorothy Taft, violin

The Lord Is My Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
For you are with me, you will comfort me,
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Words: Adapted from Psalm 23. Music: Howard Goodall..

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 4:1-6

Test the Spirits

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

■ **prayer for illumination**

■ **sermon** | Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate

“**Test the Spirits**” *Sermon series: Lessons from 1 John*

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

The Power of the Cross vv. 1 and 2

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood

*This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross*

Oh to see the pain written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS TABLE

■ **sacrament of the lord's supper**

Explanation, Invitation, Participation

All baptized Christians who are members in good standing of a church that proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ are invited to participate. Children who have been admitted into the church as communicant members are invited to participate as well. If you have any questions, please ask one of our pastors or elders.

Elders and deacons will distribute the elements to each pew. Pre-packaged elements are available in the sections marked for social distancing and masks.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

The Power of the Cross vv. 3 and 4

Now the daylight flees now the ground
beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life
Finished the vict'ry cry

*This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross*

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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