

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nursery and Children's Church meeting in different locations today. Nursery is being held downstairs in the back half of the Fellowship Hall, and Children's Church is meeting in Room 104. During the Children's Church dismissal, children should go to the back of the Sanctuary where they will line up and follow the leaders to Room 104, located down the stairwell in the hallway before entering the Fellowship Hall. After the service, please pick up your children from nursery in the Fellowship Hall, and Children's Church in Room 104.

Prayer Meeting this evening from 5-6pm. Join with the APC community to pray for our church, community, and the world.

Spiritual Leaders Training Class—Interest Meeting July 31. If you are interested in studying the subject of leadership in the church, we invite you to attend this class. It is open to all adults who desire to serve in a leadership capacity working with children, youth, CFCs, men's and women's ministries, missions, etc.

This class is also required for any man willing to consider being nominated in the future for the office of elder or deacon. Taking the class is a prerequisite for becoming an elder or deacon, although it does not obligate you to stand for election. The class will meet Sundays at 5pm beginning September 11.

An interest meeting will be held Sunday, July 31. More details on location will be coming.

Nursery Volunteers, please look for an email from Sign Up Genius (check your inbox, junk and spam). Take a moment to sign up during the "open enrollment" window for the coming quarter. Today is the last day of open enrollment. Thank you for serving our APC family in this way!

APC Women: Summer Sundae Party! Join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and sundaes on August 14 at 6:30pm. The sundae party will be at Lynn Streett's house: 6818 Reynard Drive, Springfield, VA 22152. Please RSVP by August 10 through the link in the APC email!

Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social, Sunday September 4 from 5-7pm. We are excited to kick-off fall as an APC family with a hot dog and ice cream social, along with fun activities for the kids! Hot dogs will be provided and an ice cream truck will be visiting the APC parking lot. More details will be forthcoming!

Dedication and Grand Opening Services! We are excited to announce two important dates for our church family:

Friday, September 9 at 7pm: Dedication Service

Celebrate with us as we dedicate our new building to the Lord for His purposes.

May He be glorified in our midst, as we seek His presence and blessing.

A reception will follow the service. Childcare will be available.

Sunday, September 11 at 9 and 11am: Grand Opening Services

As we seek to show the love and grace of Christ to our city,

join us as we begin this new schedule and season of ministry.

Key Worship services at 9 and 11am

Key Community (including a reception) from 10:15-10:45am

Key Equipping for all ages from 5-7pm

Summer Schedule. As we enter the summer months and transition to our new building, please be aware of the following changes that apply to the remainder of our time at the Del Ray Baptist Building:

- Simulcast (family-friendly area/cry room) in the Chapel during worship
- Fellowship after the service outside on the front lawn
- Sunday School on summer break
- Explorers, PROTAS, and Sunday evening classes on summer break

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NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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 meets in Room 104 on the 2nd and 4th Sundays during the sermon for children 5 years old through 2nd grade.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Coffee Ministry. Calling all volunteers for the coffee/hospitality ministry! Please consider joining us in this important service opportunity. No prior experience is required and minimal training is needed. You can sign up through the link in the APC email. Contact Andrea Romyn, Hospitality Coordinator, at andrea.romyn@alexandriapres.org.

Nursery volunteers. Thanks to all of you who have faithfully volunteered for nursery duty. Serving in the nursery is a significant and meaningful way for the entire APC body to invest in raising our children for the Lord. However, we are still in need of additional volunteers. Would you please prayerfully consider serving in this ministry? Contact Erin Furgerson, Director of Children's Ministries, at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org.

PROTAS Teen Ministry. Please consider coming alongside teenagers in just one of the many different opportunities: PROTAS large group, our new upcoming Sunday morning "connect time" between services (2x per month), host or co-lead a regional discipleship group, come alongside just one teenager who needs a mentor, or introduce teenagers to Jesus through Young Life. Contact Adam LeRoy, Director of Youth Ministries, at adam.leroy@alexandriapres.org.

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.

July 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 family-friendly area/cry room with a simulcast of the service is available in the Chapel.

Holy Worship Service

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

■ **prelude** | *Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries*

■ **call to worship** | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions*

Psalms 48:1-3

¹Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!

His holy mountain, ²beautiful in elevation,
is the joy of all the earth,

Mount Zion, in the far north,
the city of the great King.

³Within her citadels God
has made himself known as a fortress.

■ **song 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.

Come, young and old from every 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 every age:
“Our God is all in all!”

Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every 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.

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■ **prayer of adoration**

■ **prayer of confession**

Based on Psalm 46.

Leader: Lord, thank You for being our refuge, an ever-present help in trouble.

All: Forgive us for allowing the loud, chaotic world outside to lure us away from You, our quiet Rock of refuge.

Leader: You whisper, “Be still, and know that I am God,” but our restless hearts have been anything but still.

All: Please calm our hearts and forgive us for all of our sins. Usher our minds into the refuge of Your presence, so that we may know that You are God. We ask this in Jesus’ name, Amen.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Caitlin Jolly*

Acts 26:12-32

Paul Tells of His Conversion

¹²“In this connection I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. ¹³At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, that shone around me and those who journeyed with me. ¹⁴And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’ ¹⁵And I said, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. ¹⁶But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, ¹⁷delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you ¹⁸to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’

¹⁹“Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, ²⁰but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance. ²¹For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. ²²To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: ²³that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.”

²⁴And as he was saying these things in his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, “Paul, you are out of your mind; your great learning is driving you out of your mind.” ²⁵But Paul said, “I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking true and rational words. ²⁶For the king knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner. ²⁷King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe.” ²⁸And Agrippa said to Paul, “In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?” ²⁹And Paul said, “Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am—except for these chains.”

³⁰Then the king rose, and the governor and Bernice and those who were sitting with them.

³¹And when they had withdrawn, they said to one another, “This man is doing nothing to deserve death or imprisonment.” ³²And Agrippa said to Festus, “This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar.”

■ **song of praise**

And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior’s blood?

Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Amazing love! How can it be

That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father’s throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;
Humbled Himself, so great His love; and bled for all His chosen race.
‘Tis mercy all, immense and free— for, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature’s night.
Thine eye diffused a quick’ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light.
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown— through Christ, my own.

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■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer** | *Eleanor Nagy*

■ **presentation of tithes and offerings**

Give Me Jesus

In the morning when I rise

In the morning when I rise

In the morning when I rise

Give me Jesus

Give me Jesus

Give me Jesus

You can have all this world

But give me Jesus

And when I am alone

Oh, and when I am alone

And when I am alone

Give me Jesus

And when I come to die

Oh, and when I come to die

And when I come to die

Give me Jesus

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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 **Room 104**.*

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **sermon scripture reading**

Colossians 1:1-14

Greeting

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

■ **prayer for illumination**

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

“Gospel Maturity”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

Jesus Thank You

The myst’ry of the cross I cannot comprehend

The agonies of Calvary

You, the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son

Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

Your blood has washed away my sin

Jesus thank You

The Father’s wrath completely satisfied

Jesus thank You

Once Your enemy now seated at Your table

Jesus thank You

By Your perfect sacrifice I’ve been brought near

Your enemy You’ve made Your friend

Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace

Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

Lover of my soul, I want to live for You

Lover of my soul, I want to live for You

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■ **deacons’ fund offering** | *Deacon Bruce Barham*

■ **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*