

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nursery Update. Registration is no longer needed for nursery. Please come down through the double doors. Stop at the check-in desk. Nursery rooms are age based: 0-1, 2-3 and 3-4. Once children are dropped off, please exit through the door down the hallway.

Spiritual Leadership Training Class—Interest Meeting TODAY at 11:45am in the Main Level Adult Education Room. 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, CFGs, 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.

APC Women: Summer Sundaes Party! Join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and sundaes on August 14 at 6:30pm. The sundaes 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, or this QR Scan:



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

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NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Nursery is offered up to age 4. Registration is no longer needed!

Children's Church meets downstairs in the Children's Wing 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, 9:15am—Main Level Adult Education Room. Praying for our Worship Service.
Second Saturday of the month, 9am—Main Level Adult Education Room & Google Meet. Praying with our Elders for our church.

Third Saturday of the month, 11am—Main Level Adult Education Room & Zoom. Praying with the Prayer Committee.

Fourth Sunday of the month, 5pm—Main Level Adult Education Room & Zoom. Praying with our church community.

Intercessory Prayer Team. Contact Pastor Tom Holliday for details.

July 31, 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 other than water in the Sanctuary. Silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

Holy Worship Service

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

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

■ gathering song

Arise My Soul Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice on my behalf appears.
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise

Arise, my soul, arise!

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise

Arise, my soul, arise!

Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear.
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And “Father, Abba, Father,” cry!

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

Exodus 13:21-22

²¹And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. ²²The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.

■ song of praise

O God, Our Help in Ages Past *(Trinity Hymnal #30)*

Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

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

Hebrews 10:19-25

The Full Assurance of Faith

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

■ community prayer of confession

Please pray in unison.

Heavenly Father, Loving King, our thoughts and motives cannot be hidden from Your sight. Our self-pity and pride, our cowardice and sloth, our anger and envy are laid bare before Your eyes and ours. We open ourselves to You and ask that You cover us in Christ. Let us hear Your voice telling us: His blood is our peace, His death is our freedom, His Spirit our power, His smiting our safety. And let our hearts know that Your service is perfect freedom. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

■ silent prayers of confession

■ 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.

■ song of assurance

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King
He, the theme of heaven’s praises, robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery; He, the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery; Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption, see the Father’s plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery; slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e’er restrain Him, praise the Lord, He is alive
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes.

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■ congregational prayer

■ farewell

■ **offertory prayer** | *Amy Weld*

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ sermon scripture reading

Joshua 3

Israel Crosses the Jordan

¹Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. ²At the end of three days the officers went through the camp ³and commanded the people, “As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it. ⁴Yet there shall be a distance between you and it, about 2,000 cubits in length. Do not come near it, in order that you may know the way you shall go, for you have not passed this way before.” ⁵Then Joshua said to the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.” ⁶And Joshua said to the priests, “Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on before the people.” So they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people.

⁷The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. ⁸And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, ‘When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.’” ⁹And Joshua said to the people of Israel, “Come here and listen to the words of the Lord your God.” ¹⁰And Joshua said, “Here is how you shall know that the living God is among you and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Hivites, the Perizzites, the Gergashites, the Amorites, and the Jebusites. ¹¹Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is passing over before you into the Jordan. ¹²Now therefore take twelve men from the tribes of Israel, from each tribe a man. ¹³And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap.”

¹⁴So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, ¹⁵and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), ¹⁶the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. ¹⁷Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

■ prayer for illumination

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

“Crossing Over”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

On Jordan’s Stormy Banks

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan’s fair and happy land
Where my possessions lie.

All o’er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away.

I am bound (I am bound)

I am bound (I am bound)

I am bound for the promised land.

I am bound (I am bound)

I am bound (I am bound)

I am bound for the promised land.

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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*