

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray with A Shepherd Today. Femi Adeniji and Annie Boyajian will be waiting in the main level conference room after the service and will be delighted to pray with you about any topic!

Koinonia (APC's 20s-30s ministry) is kicking off with a game night in the Fellowship Hall on August 27 at 6:30pm! Young adults at APC—we invite you to join us for social events and other gatherings! Koinonia is a great connection opportunity for APCers in a similar stage of life. If you would like to get involved or have any questions, email Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org.

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:
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

CFG Meet and Greet on Sunday, September 18. If you have been thinking about joining a Covenant Fellowship Group (CFG) at APC, the fall is a great time to join! In between worship services on September 18, there will be an opportunity to meet CFG leaders and ask any questions that you might have. If you would like to know more about leading or hosting a CFG, please contact Pastor Josh Diack at josh.diack@alexandriapres.org.

Newcomer Brunch on Sunday, September 18 at 12:30pm. If you are new to APC, we would love the chance to get to know you over brunch at the home of Gary and Kathy McGee! You'll have a chance to meet church officers and staff, ask questions and learn more about the ministry God is building here. Please RSVP using the QR code. Direct questions to Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org.



The next Inquirers Class is September 23 and 24. If you are interested in membership or in gaining a deeper understanding of APC, we invite you to attend this class. You will receive an introduction to Christianity, the PCA, and the specific vision/mission and philosophy of ministry at APC. It's also a great opportunity to meet other newcomers to the church, as well as pastors and staff! 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. Sign up on the APC website. Questions: contact inquirers@alexandriapres.org.

Next Baptism is Sunday, September 25. If you would like to have your child or children baptized, please send an email to bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org.

Upcoming Dates

August 27	Koinonia Game Night
September 4	Hot Dog & Ice Cream Social
September 9	Dedication Service
September 11	Grand Opening Services; Evening Key Equipping begins
September 18	CFG Meet and Greet during Key Community time
September 18	Newcomer Brunch at 12:30pm
September 23 & 24	Inquirers Class
September 25	Baptisms

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NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Nursery Update. Nursery is located on the lower level. Nursery rooms available: 0&1, 2 and 3&4.

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 faithfully serve in the nursery. Will you join us? Contact Erin Furgerson, Director of Children's Ministries, at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org.

Children's Church. Teachers needed during worship for upcoming first and second services. Please 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.

Volunteers needed for worship:

Greeters: 6-8 volunteers needed; Contact Matt Coombs at matthew.coombs@alexandriapres.org.

Ushers: 10 volunteers needed; Contact Marc Smith at marc.smith4@verizon.net.

Hospitality. The hospitality team is looking for volunteers for our dedication weekend, September 9 - 11, and for our Fall Kick-Off on September 4. Being on the hospitality team is a great way to serve our church family while helping events run smoothly! No experience is required. If interested, please contact Andrea Romyn at andrea.romyn@alexandriapres.org.

Projection Team. Managing the projection of lyrics and Scripture on our video screens is a relatively simple and tremendously helpful way to serve the church on Sundays. These volunteers keep everyone aware of what service element is happening next, help to facilitate the leadership of APC's pastors and musicians, and literally place the words of the gospel in view of God's people each week. You do not have to be savvy with technology or media design to serve in this capacity! If you're interested, please contact Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org.

GIVING AT A GLANCE

July 1 - July 31, 2022

Giving: \$155,109.57

Budget: \$165,000.00

Difference: -\$9,890.43

Percentage: 94%

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. 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.

August 21, 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

gathering song

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown Him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, ye martyrs of your God
who from His altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse’s rod,
and crown Him Lord of all;
extol the Stem of Jesse’s rod,
and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail Him who saves you by His grace,
and crown Him Lord of all;
hail Him who saves you by His grace,
and crown Him Lord of all.

call to worship | Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate

1 Peter 2:4-6

4As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

song of praise

The Solid Rock (My Hope is Built)

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness hides His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay

prayer of adoration

Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to Him all majesty ascribe,
and crown Him Lord of all;
to Him all majesty ascribe,
and crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng
we at His feet may fall;
we’ll join the everlasting song,
and crown Him Lord of all;
we’ll join the everlasting song,
and crown Him Lord of all.

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GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

scripture reading

Hebrews 4:1-13

1Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. 2For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. 3For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, “As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest,’” although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. 4For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” 5And again in this passage he said, “They shall not enter my rest.” 6Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, 7again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” 8For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. 9So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, 10for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. 11Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. 12For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

confession

O Lord, we openly admit that you know us thoroughly. Our deepest secrets are open before you. You know our thoughts before they are conceived in our minds. We cannot hide from you. Therefore, we ask that you discover unto us our sins so that we may humble ourselves again in your presence and seek your forgiveness and grace.

We admit we have tolerated sinful thoughts about power, lust, greed, jealousy, malice and other things that grieve your heart. We have committed

silent confession

assurance of pardon

Isaiah 43:1,4

1But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed
you; I have called you by name,
you are mine...

song of confession

The Power of the Cross

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.
Every bitter thought, every evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground
beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.

congregational prayer

sins of omission and commission. But we seek your mercy and cleansing from our sins by the blood of Christ. And we thank you for your Spirit who enables us to walk in holiness and obedience. Give us the grace to please you this day and forever.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

4Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life.”

Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;
“Finished!” the vict’ry cry.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

*This, the pow’r of the cross:
Son of God, slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

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offertory prayer | Maggie Cho

presentation of tithes and offerings

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

sermon scripture reading

Psalm 95

Let Us Sing Songs of Praise

1Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

2Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

3For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

4In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.

5The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

6Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

7For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

Today, if you hear his voice,
8do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

9when your fathers put me to the test
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

10For forty years I loathed that generation
and said, “They are a people who go astray in their heart,
and they have not known my ways.”

11Therefore I swore in my wrath,
“They shall not enter my rest.”

prayer for illumination

sermon | Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate

“An Invitation to Rest”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of response

A Christian’s Daily Prayer

As morning dawns and day awakes,
To You I bring my need
O gracious God, my source of strength,
In You I live and breathe
Each hour is Yours by wisdom planned,
Each deed empowered by sovereign hands
Renew my spirit, help me stand;
Be glorified today

As day unfolds, I seek Your will
In all of life’s demands
And though the tempter tries me still,
I cling to Your commands
Let every effort of my life
Display the matchless worth of Christ
Make me a living sacrifice;

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 | Adam LeRoy, Director of Youth Ministries

Be glorified today

As sun gives way to darkest night
Your Spirit still is here
And though my strength fades like the light
New mercies will appear
I rest in You; abide with me
Until our trials and suffering
Give way to final victory
Be glorified, today; be glorified, I pray

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