

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Youth Ministries Testimony Lunch today from 12-1pm in the Upper Level Youth Rooms.** Come hear stories of how God is at work in the lives of teens both in our APC community and our Young Life partnerships. Lunch will be provided, and the event is family-friendly.

**Prayer Meeting this evening from 5-6pm in the Main Level Adult Education Room.** Join with the APC community to pray for our church, community, and the world.

**The Spiritual Leadership Training Class is being offered both on Sundays from 5-7pm (beginning September 11) and Tuesdays from 7:30-9pm (beginning September 6). Sign ups are open.** Please email Bailey Rolland (bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org) by September 6 if you intend to take the class, and indicate whether you will attend the class on Sundays or Tuesdays. 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. **Please note, this training is a prerequisite for leading a CFG.** 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.

**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! Hot dogs will be provided, an ice cream truck will be visiting the APC parking lot, and a moonbounce will be available for the kids. Please park in the Scottish Rite Temple parking lot if you are able (parking will be limited in our own lot), and bring your own chairs and blankets. We are in need of volunteers to help set up, cook, serve, and clean up. Contact Andrea Romyn at andrea.romyn@alexandriapres.org if you are able to serve in this way!

**Dedication & Grand Opening Services:** Pick up a postcard to invite your friends, family, and neighbors!

### 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. Sign up through the QR code below or on the APC website. 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 through the QR code below or on the APC website.

**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 28	Prayer Meeting
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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Inquirers Class  
Sign up



Newcomer Brunch  
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## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

### Hospitality

**This Week's Coffee Set Up:** Owen and Lina Gentry, Evan and Maureen Ward

**Next Week's Coffee Set Up:** Allison Bolling, John Connelly

### Nursery

**This Week's Service:** Marc, Shannon, and James Allen, Didier and Sifa Balagizi,

Tina Brady, Jenny and Abby McGahey, Jackie McCauley,

Tom and Amanda Petelik, Joey and Bailey Rolland

**Next Week's Service:** Didier and Sifa Balagizi, Megan Barr, Liz Crowley,

Tom Mood, Lynda Pinguli, Christian Poole, Katie Rogers, Staci Root,

Evan and Maureen Ward

### Children's Church

**August Leaders:** Mark and Kari Adams

**September Leaders:** Leaders needed!

## NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**Nursery Update.** Nursery is located on the lower level. Nursery rooms available: 1 and under, 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

**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.

**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.

**Sunday Evening Children's Ministry.** Teachers and leaders needed specifically for the 2yr old class, the 3&4 yrs old class, 2nd-3rd grade girls and 4th&5th grade girls; also help in the kitchen! Easy to use curriculum; teaching in teams; training available. Please contact Erin 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.

**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.

## 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.

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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

#### 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*

Spirit moving, mercy washing  
Healing in these living waters  
Lead your children to the shore line  
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

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

*Revelation 5:11-14*

Leader: <sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>saying with a loud voice,

**All: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”**

Leader: <sup>13</sup>And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

**All: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”**

Leader: <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

### ■ song of praise

#### Praise His Name (Psalm 148)

Reaches of heaven, starry heights  
Lights of the evening, dancing in silent skies  
Brilliance of morning, breaking day  
O let them praise Him, praise His name

*O praise His name, O praise His name  
Let all His wondrous works declare His praise*

Mightiest mountains, peaceful plains  
Snowfall and fire, thundering ocean waves  
Kings and their kingdoms, age to age  
O let them praise Him, praise His name

King enthroned in majesty, all things made by His decree  
Hear creation’s melody, “Praise Him! Praise Him!”  
Everything with life and breath, everywhere from east to west  
Every heart raised from the dead, praise Him, praise Him  
Angels echo the refrain, “Jesus, Lamb for sinners slain!”  
Name above all other names, praise Him

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### ■ prayer of adoration

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ scripture reading | Elder Aaron and Christina Renenger

*Exodus 33:12-23; 34:5-9*

#### Moses’ Intercession

<sup>12</sup>Moses said to the Lord, “See, you say to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ <sup>13</sup>Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” <sup>14</sup>And he said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” <sup>15</sup>And he said to him, “If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. <sup>16</sup>For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?”

<sup>17</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, “This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” <sup>18</sup>Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” <sup>19</sup>And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The Lord.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. <sup>20</sup>But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.” <sup>21</sup>And the Lord said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, <sup>22</sup>and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup>Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

<sup>5</sup>The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. <sup>6</sup>The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup>keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.” <sup>8</sup>And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. <sup>9</sup>And he said, “If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.”

### ■ song of praise

#### Is He Worthy

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)  
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)  
But do you know that all the dark won’t stop the light from getting through? (We do)  
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is)  
Is a new creation coming? (It is)  
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is)  
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)

*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave  
He is David’s root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy  
of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is He worthy of this? He is.*

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)  
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)  
And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves? (He does)  
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave  
He is David’s root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave  
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue  
He has made us a kingdom, and priests to God to reign with the Son

Is He worthy? Is He worthy  
of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?  
Is He worthy of this?  
He is, He is, He is, He is,  
He is worthy! He is worthy  
of all blessing and honor and glory!  
Is He worthy of this? He is.

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### ■ congregational prayer

### ■ offertory prayer | Sarah Field

### ■ presentation of tithes and offerings Speak O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow’r that can never fail—  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

*Children ages 5 through 2nd grade are now dismissed for Children’s Church. Children should exit the Sanctuary using the door to the left of the stage.*

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### ■ sermon scripture reading

*Hebrews 4:14-16*

#### Jesus the Great High Priest

<sup>14</sup>Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### ■ prayer for illumination

### ■ sermon | Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate

#### “The Blessing of Drawing Near”

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of response

#### Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea—  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart,  
I know that while in heav’n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free,  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

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### ■ deacons fund offering | Deacon Sam White

### ■ 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

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us,  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises,  
And by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,  
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace.  
One with Himself, I cannot die;  
My soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God,  
With Christ my Savior and my God.