

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 Leadersip Training Class. Please email Bailey Rolland (bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org) by August 12th if you intend to take the class, and indicate whether you would prefer to attend the class on Sundays at 5pm or Tuesdays at 7:30pm. 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.

Children's Ministry Interest meeting on Sunday, August 14 at 11:45am in the Main Level Adult Education Room. Please pray about your involvement and join us to learn about opportunities to teach, lead, and disciple our children ages 2-5th grade through Children's Church and Sunday evening activities. You have something to offer the next generation no matter your age or stage in life. Come see how you can impact the Kingdom for His glory!

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.

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 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, Septmeber 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

Upcoming Dates

August 14	Children's Ministry Interest Meeting after worship
August 14	Women's Summer Sundae Party
September 4	Hot Dog & Ice Cream Social
September 9	Dedication Service
September 11	Grand Opening Services; Evening Key Equipping begins
September 18	Newcomer Brunch at 12:30pm
September 18	CFG Meet and Greet during Key Community time
September 23 & 24	Inquirers Class
September 25	Baptisms

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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.

August 7, 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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

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O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

O that day when, freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace.
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry,
Bring Thy promises to pass,
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me
Till I'm home with Thee at last!

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

Matthew 11:28-30

²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

song of praise

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall, His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me

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Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ, I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name
But mine is armor for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore
And mine are keys to Zion's city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now, O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore

prayer of adoration

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

scripture reading | Sharon Holliday

Luke 2:41-52

The Boy Jesus in the Temple

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

induction of new members

missions update | Didier Balagizi, Intern for International Outreach and Mercy

congregational prayer

offertory prayer | Elder Gary McGee

presentation of tithes and offerings

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

sermon scripture reading

Psalms 84

My Soul Longs for the Courts of the Lord

To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

¹How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!

²My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

³Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

⁴Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!

⁵Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

⁶As they go through the Valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.

⁷They go from strength to strength;
each one appears before God in Zion.

⁸O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!

⁹Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!

¹⁰For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house
of my God than dwell in the tents of
wickedness.

¹¹For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

¹²O Lord of hosts,
blessed is the one who trusts in you!

prayer for illumination

sermon | Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions

“Dwelling in the House of God”

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of response

O Great God

O great God of highest heav'n
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer every rebel pow'r
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forever more

I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace

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Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heav'n
Glorify Your Name through me

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.

Members will be invited to come forward to receive the bread and the cup. You will receive the elements from the pastors and elders standing up front in your section of the Sanctuary, and then take the bread and cup back to your seat. We will take the elements together as prompted by the pastor.

During the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper you are invited to sing or meditate on the following song:

Rock of Ages (Trinity Hymnal #500)

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

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