

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social this evening from 5-7pm. We are excited to kick-off fall as an APC family with a hot dog and ice cream social! Hot dogs and chips will be provided, and an ice cream truck will be visiting the APC parking lot to provide sweet treats (options include vanilla and chocolate custard, two flavors of Italian Ice and Root Beer Floats!) A moon bounce will be set up 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.

Dedication & Grand Opening Services: Pick up a postcard to invite your friends and 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

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.

All women are invited to join the Thursday Bible study which will begin on September 15. We will be studying *Delighting in the Trinity* by Michael Reeves. (Please purchase your own book.) The Thursday morning study meets in person weekly from 9:45 -11:30am in Room 112. Childcare is available. The Thursday evening study meets via Zoom from 8-9:30pm. Please RSVP to Lynn Streett at lynn.streett79@gmail.com, and indicate whether you're signing up for the morning or evening class. If you need childcare for the Thursday morning class, please indicate that in your RSVP. Those interested in the Thursday evening study will need to RSVP in order to receive the Zoom link.

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.

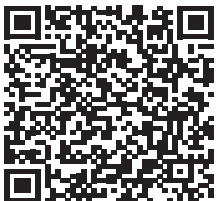
Next Baptism is Sunday, September 25. If you would like to have your child or children baptized, please send an email to bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org.

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.

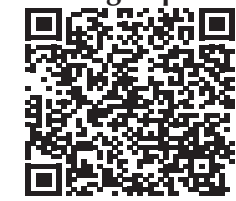
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Inquirers Class
Sign up



Newcomer Brunch
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to APC



SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality

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

Next Week's Coffee Set Up: Kari Adams, Marc and Shannon Allen, Allison Bolling,

Laura Coit, Sue Edwards, Jon and Laura Erickson, Reb Maylum, Rodney Veenstra

Nursery

This 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

Next Week's 9am Service: John Connelly, Rick and Sara Eppright,

Ryan Furgerson, Rob Fisher, Daniel and Kimberly Parker, Jennifer Richter,

Chris and Amy Weldon

Next Week's 11am Service: Christine and Kaitlyn Brittle, Caitlin Jolly,

Bryant and Lynn Streett, Allison Rivera, Evan and Maureen Ward,

Bryan Wittmeyer

Children's Church

September 11: Leaders needed!

A/V Team

This Week's Service: Wayne Folta, Megan Malone, Chris McGahey

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Hospitality. The hospitality team is looking for volunteers for our dedication weekend, September 9 - 11. 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.

Choir. The adult choir is about to begin rehearsing on Wednesday evenings and joining Sunday services in September! The purpose of the choir is to magnify God's greatness by modeling and encouraging Gospel-motivated, Spirit-reliant congregational worship, and by enriching our gatherings with well-crafted, Gospel-proclaiming music. If you love to sing and praise God, please consider lending your heart and your voice to serve your church family! Interested parties should contact Ben Elliott at ben.elliott@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

Second Saturday of the month, 9am—Main Level Adult Education Room

Third Saturday of the month, 11am—Main Level Adult Education Room

Fourth Sunday of the month, 5pm—Main Level Adult Education Room

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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

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

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■ call to worship | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

Matthew 11:28-30

²⁸“Come 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.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where’er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on His love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where’er He reigns;
the pris’ner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen!

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | Elder Marc and Shannon Allen

John 5:1-17

The Healing at the Pool on the Sabbath

¹After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

²Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. ³In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” ⁷The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” ⁸Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” ⁹And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

Now that day was the Sabbath. ¹⁰So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.” ¹¹But he answered them, “The man who healed me, that man said to me, ‘Take up your bed, and walk.’” ¹²They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk?’” ¹³Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. ¹⁴Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.” ¹⁵The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. ¹⁶And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. ¹⁷But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ confession of faith

Heidelberg Catechism #103

Question: What is God’s will for you in the fourth commandment?

Answer. First, that the gospel ministry and education for it be maintained, and that, especially on the festive day of rest, I regularly attend the assembly of God’s people to learn what God’s Word teaches, to participate in the sacraments, to pray to God publicly, and to bring Christian offerings for the poor. Second, that every day of my life I rest from my evil ways, let the Lord work in me through His Spirit, and so begin already in this life the eternal Sabbath.

■ song of praise

Lord I Need You

Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You’re the one that guides my heart

*Lord, I need You, O, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
O God, how I need You*

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand, I’ll fall on You
Jesus, You’re my hope and stay

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■ missions update | Dorothy Taft, Market Project

■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | Elder Bryant Streett

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

Come to Jesus (Rest in Him)

Are you weary, heavy laden?
Come and lay your burdens down
Jesus calls you, Jesus draws you; rest in Him.
He is gentle, He is lowly
He delights to bring us peace
Tender shepherd, mighty Savior, rest in Him.

*How sure His compassion for us
O how deep is His love,
So come, come to Jesus, and rest in Him*

Are you hopeless, are you guilty,
Caught in shame for all your sin?
He pursues you, to forgive you; rest in Him.
He has paid for every failure,
Mercy flows in endless streams;
Come and follow, freedom calls you: rest in Him.

Are you waiting in your sorrows
For this broken world to heal?
He is coming, soon returning; rest in Him.
We will see Him, we will know Him,
O what heights of grace revealed:
From His kindness, every promise then fulfilled;
Trust in Jesus, He will keep us to the end.

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GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ sermon scripture reading

Mark 2:23-28

Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath

²³One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴And the Pharisees were saying to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?” ²⁵And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: ²⁶how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?” ²⁷And he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

“Taking Back the Lord’s Day”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Come to Jesus (Rest in Him) *see lyrics above

■ 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