

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Women’s Event on October 7: It’s Personal: How God Woos us to Himself through the Spiritual Disciplines.** Join us from 7-9pm in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of fun and testimonies! The testimonies include Megan Malone: The Word; Dorothy Taft: Solitude; Laura Erickson: Prayer; and Community: Together. RSVP through the link on the APC website or QR scan below by October 4.

**Koinonia hike on October 9 at 2pm.** Join us at Great Falls to enjoy a hike in this beautiful fall weather! We will be meeting outside the Visitor Center. Koinonia (coin-o-nea) is a ministry geared toward those in their 20s through to their 30s, designed to create connections between APC members and attendees who are at a similar stage of life. They meet monthly for a variety of social activities, including game nights and lunches after church. Koinonia also has a GroupMe (a free app that can be downloaded to your phone), which allows the members to connect with each other and invite others to hang out. If you would like to be added to the Koinonia GroupMe or official email list, please contact Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org.

**In light of Columbus Day weekend, no evening activities will take place on Sunday, October 9.**

**Nominations for the Office of Elder and Deacon.** You must 1) be a member to nominate, 2) ascertain the willingness of the individual to serve prior to submitting a nomination, and 3) nominate a man who has taken the required training class. Nomination forms are available at the table as you enter the building and may be submitted to any current elder or to Pastor Tom Holliday until October 23. Men who have either taken or are currently taking the Spiritual Leadership Training Class and eligible for nomination are: Matt Brown, Rob Fisher, Owen Gentry, Mike Mazek, Pete Olsen, Christian Poole, Angel Tinev, Bryan Wittmeyer, Ben Youngquist. For re-election to the office of elder: Shant Boyajian and Ryan Furgerson.

**The Congregational Meeting** to elect officers and vote to update our church address for our bylaws will be Sunday, October 30 at 10:15am in between worship services.

**All women are invited to join the Thursday Bible study.** We are 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 the Fellowship Hall. Childcare is available. The Thursday evening study meets via Zoom from 8-9:30pm. Please RSVP to Lynn Streett at lynn.streett79@gmail.com.

**Trunk or Treat on October 29 from 3:30-5pm.** Come enjoy trunk or treating in the APC parking lot! If you aren’t familiar with trunk or treating, think trick or treating from car to car with friends from APC. Feel free to bring your friends and invite your neighbors. This was a great outreach event to the community last year. Come with the kids in costume and bring a bag of candy to share from your car. Regardless of whether or not you have kids, we would love for you to come join the fun. Sign up to host a car or volunteer through the link in the APC email, or the QR scan below.

**Thanksgiving Praise Service and Reception on Sunday, November 20 at 5pm.** Everyone is invited to gather for a unique service of thanksgiving and praise, where individuals will have the opportunity to publicly give testimony to God’s goodness throughout the year, or share a favorite passage with the congregation. This service has been an APC favorite for many years. Immediately following the service, we will enjoy a time of fellowship.

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Women’s Event  
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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.

CORPORATE PRAYER IN 2022

**Every Sunday, 8:15am—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**

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.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality	<i><b>This Week’s Coffee Set Up:</b></i> Allison Bolling, Prather family <i><b>Next Week’s Coffee Set Up:</b></i> Reb Maylum, more volunteers needed <i><b>This Week’s 9am Service:</b></i> Christine and Kaitlyn Brittle, Rob Coit, Sarah Huntington, Tom Mood, Carmen Rives, Stephen Sylvia, Angel Tinev <i><b>This Week’s 11am Service:</b></i> Caitlin Jolly, Amanda Leamer, Drew and Sally Lindsay, KayCee Poole, Stephen Sylvia <i><b>Next Week’s 9am Service:</b></i> Megan Barr, Tina Brady, Matt Brown, John Connelly, Evelyn Heil, Deborah Lockett <i><b>Next Week’s 11am Service:</b></i> Hillary Capper, Sara Eppright, Sarah Field, Jenny and Abby McGahey, Allison Rivera
Nursery	
Children’s Church	<i><b>Next Week:</b></i> Josh and Stacey Diack (9am and 11am)
A/V Team	<i><b>This Week’s Service:</b></i> Pete Olsen, Amanda Petelik, Carolina Shon, Brian Yoon
Ushers	<i><b>For October:</b></i> Mark Adams, Sue Edwards, Alex and Heidi Gesch, Katty and Daniel Hoyle, Jim King, Jon Osborne

KEY EQUIPPING

*During our Key Equipping time on Sunday evenings from 5-7pm, ministries are designed to equip all ages, from toddlers to seniors, to be disciples. A disciple is a follower and worshiper of Jesus. This is a life-long process of learning how to become more like our Lord.*

**Covenant Kids Ministry: Children 2 years old - 5th grade, Lower Level (Nursery for 1 & under)**  
We welcome children to learn foundational truths about God and the Gospel story. We experience what it looks like to love God and love others in community with our worship, small groups, teaching, games, fellowship, and dinner! Contact: Erin Furgerson at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org.

**PROTAS Youth Ministry: Teens 6th-12th grade, Upper Level**  
Connect each week in community with your peers — the schedule includes games, worship, small group discussions, a short devotion at a teen level, and dinner. Contact: Adam LeRoy at adam.leroy@alexandriapres.org.

**Foundational Track— “The Unfolding Story”**  
**Led by Pastor Josh Diack, Main Level Adult Classroom (Room 007)**  
If God is the master playwright in the grand cosmic drama, and if we play a part in that drama, how would you communicate that story to someone? What would be the central theme tying it all together? Our ability to formulate a biblical worldview is largely dependent on a knowledge of God’s plans and purposes; namely: how it began, what led to create tension, how was the tension brought to a climax, and where the story ends. During this 4-week class, we will trace the narrative of Scripture using the 4 key building blocks: creation, fall, redemption, and consummation. This helps provide an overview of our God’s master plan and understand our place within His-story.

**Topical Track—“The Yearning for Meaning”**  
**Led by Elder Aaron Renenger, Lower Level Adult Classroom (Room 112)**  
The teacher in Ecclesiastes proclaims “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.” More recently, Stephen Hawking said “the human race is just a chemical scum on a moderate-sized planet, orbiting around a very average star in the outer suburb of one among a hundred billion galaxies.” Statements like this tend to make us uncomfortable, to raise existential doubts. Our hearts yearn for significance and protest that we have inherent dignity. In this discussion-based course, we will explore mankind’s quest for dignity, and our propensity to try to give our lives meaning, or to at least find fulfillment, through things like achievement, popularity, beauty, money or political power. We will then look at the Bible’s answers to these questions, affirming our identity as image-bearers of God, and our ultimate purpose as followers of Christ.

**Book of the Bible—“Joshua and God’s Conquest of the Promised Land”**  
**Led by Elder Bryant Streett, Conference Room (Room 114)**  
Joshua, leading the Israelites into the Promised Land, is often compared to Jesus saving us. Come hear more about how Joshua led God’s people and how that mirrors Jesus’ work on the cross for us – leading us into the “Promised Land”. This four-week discussion-based class, based on the book of Joshua, is packed full of surprising parallels and practical applications. It may also provide insights into God’s saving plan for the Jewish people that may be particularly relevant to our generation. He is faithful, and His promises stand.

**Spiritual Leadership Training, Led by Pastor Tom Holliday**  
**Sundays: Upstairs Adult Classroom (Room 201); Tuesdays: Conference Room (Room 114)**  
This class will focus on the essentials of a gospel leader. A gospel leader leads out of a gospel life of faith and repentance and gospel character. A gospel leader pays close attention to their heart and mind. We will address the renewing of our minds through our study of reformed theology and the devotion of our heart through readings that address the impact of our theology in our relationships. This class is open to all men and women in our church who desire to grow in their effectiveness as gospel leaders and is a prerequisite for all CFG leaders and men who intend to stand for the office of elder or deacon.



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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

■ call to worship | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

Hebrews 12:22-24

<sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ song of praise

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder,  
let us praise the Savior’s name:  
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder,  
He has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame;  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord Who bought us,  
pitied us when enemies,  
called us by His grace, and taught us,  
gave us ears and gave us eyes:  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation  
threatens hard to bear us down,  
for the Lord, our strong salvation,  
holds in view the conqu’ror’s crown:  
He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood  
soon will bring us home to God.

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■ prayer of adoration

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | Elder Matt Coombs (9am); Mike Mazek (11am)

Genesis 3:6-13, 21

<sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>21</sup>And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

## GOD’S PEOPLE CONFESS & RECEIVE ASSURANCE

■ prayer of confession and pardon (Please read in unison.)

All: Oh Lord, little do we know how much effort we invest in trying to hide from You and even others. We confess that far too often we don’t know where our own hearts are. We don’t know what we’re trying to hide, or from what we are trying to run. You asked Adam, and You ask us, “Where are you?” Father, You have loved us with an everlasting love. With loving kindness You have pursued and drawn us out, and we feel the drawings now. Grant us refuge in Your heart of mercy. Thank You for providing for us all the covering we will ever need. We rejoice in knowing that Your shed blood is enough and with boldness would draw near to You and one another.

■ song of praise

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

My worth is not in what I own,  
not in the strength of flesh and bone,  
but in the costly wounds of love at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name,  
in win or lose, in pride or shame,  
but in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

I rejoice in my Redeemer,  
greatest Treasure, Wellspring of my soul;  
I will trust in Him, no other,  
my soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flowers we fade and die;  
fame, youth, and beauty hurry by;  
but life eternal calls to us at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might,  
or human wisdom’s fleeting light,  
but I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.

Two wonders here that I confess:  
my worth and my unworthiness;  
my value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross.

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■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | Cindy Cai (9am); Erin Hutchinson (11am)

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ offertory | Adult Choir (9am)

The Holy Heart

The holy heart was broken,  
sent from the Father’s side;  
the Son of God forsaken,  
the Holy Sacrifice.

For me He was forsaken,  
for me He died alone,  
my sin forever taken  
that I might be His own.

The holy Lamb was stricken,  
abandoned and alone,  
He bore the world’s affliction,  
He bore it as His own.

And when my heart is broken,  
Torn by my sin and pride,  
The Son of God now risen  
will draw me to His side.

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## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ sermon scripture reading

Matthew 9:9-13

Jesus Calls Matthew

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup>But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

“The Call of Jesus” Sermon series: Portraits of Jesus

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ songs of response

Christ Our Treasure

Lord, our feet have wandered all the earth unsatisfied  
Drinking from a sea of emptiness has left us dry  
So we turn our eyes to

Christ our Treasure, there is none like You  
Precious Jesus, there is none like You

Living Water, Word of Life, You are forever true  
Every blessing, joy abounding here in knowing You  
So we fix our eyes on

Grace for the guilty, help for the needy  
Jesus, You satisfy our souls  
Strength for the weary, hope for the grieving  
Jesus, You satisfy our souls  
Healer of sickness, fountain of goodness  
Jesus, You satisfy our souls  
Faithful provider, gracious redeemer  
Jesus, You satisfy our souls  
Mighty in power, awesome in splendor  
Jesus, You satisfy our souls  
Author, Perfecter, Keeper, Sustainer  
Jesus, You satisfy our souls

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Jesus What a Friend for Sinners

Jesus, what a Friend for sinners!  
Jesus, Lover of my soul;  
friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah, what a Savior!  
Hallelujah, what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.

Jesus, what a Strength in weakness!  
Let me hide myself in Him,  
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing;  
He, my Strength, my vict’ry wins.

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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 | Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries