

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Koinonia lunch at Taqueria Poblano after today's second worship service. The restaurant is just about 5 minutes from APC! 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.

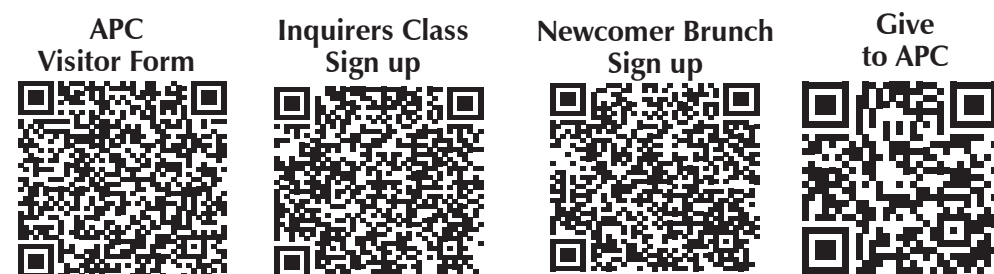
All women are invited to join the Thursday Bible study which will begin on September 15. We will be studying *Delighting in the Trinity* by Michael Reeves. (Please purchase your own book.) The Thursday morning study meets in person weekly from 9:45 -11:30am in Room 112. Childcare is available. The Thursday 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.

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
Fourth Sunday of the month, 5pm—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

This Week's Coffee Set Up: Kari Adams, Shannon Allen, Allison Bolling, Laura Coit, Sue Edwards, Jon & Laura Erickson, Reb Maylum, Rodney Veenstra
Next Week's Coffee Set Up: the Brittle family

Nursery

This Week's 9am Service: John Connelly, Rick and Sara Eppright, Ryan Furgerson, Rob Fisher, Daniel and Kimberly Parker, Jennifer Richter, Chris and Amy Weld
This Week's 11am Service: Christine & Kaitlyn Brittle, Caitlin Jolly, Bryant & Lynn Streett, Allison Rivera, Evan & Maureen Ward, Bryan Wittmeyer
Next Week's 9am Service: Sue Edwards, Lizzie Lenart, Megan Malone, Stephanie, Abbie, and Ellie Olsen, Traci Younquist
Next Week's 11am Service: Mark Adams, Matt Coombs, Matti Jamison, Catherine Marks, Jackie McCauley, Janice Nichols
This Week: Erin Furgerson
This Week's Service: Maggie Coombs, Lee Huntington, Ethan Novak
For September: Femi Adeniji, Andy, Kira, & Granville Allison, Adam Barr, William Marks, Sam White

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 112)**

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 007)**

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

■ gathering song

Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

You made the starry hosts
You traced the mountain peaks
You paint the evening sky with wonders
The earth, it is Your throne
From desert to the sea
All nature testifies Your splendor

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Sing His greatness, all creation!
Praise the Lord! Raise your voice,
You heights and all you depths
From furthest east to west
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!*

You reached into the dust
In love Your Spirit breathed
You formed us in Your very likeness
To know Your wondrous works
To tell Your mighty deeds
To join the everlasting chorus

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■ call to worship | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

Please read responsively from Psalm 65:1-4

Leader: Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion, and to You shall vows be performed.

All: O You who hear prayer, to You shall all flesh come. When iniquities prevail against me, You atone for our transgressions.

Leader: Blessed is the one You choose and bring near, to dwell in Your courts!

All: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, the holiness of Your temple!

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

O God Beyond All Praising (Trinity Hymnal #660)

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift You send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word,
we honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve You as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:
to marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | Carrie Brown (9am); Sharon Holliday (11am)

Luke 5:27-32

Jesus Calls Levi

²⁷After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, “Follow me.” ²⁸And leaving everything, he rose and followed him.

²⁹And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. ³⁰And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” ³¹And Jesus answered them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ³²I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer;
there is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: My hope is only Jesus,
for my life is wholly bound to His.
O, how strange and divine; I can sing, “All is mine!”
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
for by my side the Savior He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
for in my need His power is displayed.
To this I hold: My Shepherd will defend me;
through the deepest valley He will lead.
O, the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread; I know I am forgiven—
the future sure, the price it has been paid;
for Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
and He was raised to overthrow the grave!
To this I hold: My sin has been defeated;
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
O, the chains are released; I can sing, “I am free!”
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
for He has said that He will bring me home;
and day by day I know He will renew me
until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: My hope is only Jesus;
all the glory evermore to Him!
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat,
“Yet not I, but through Christ in me!”

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■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | Elder Shant Boyajian (9am); Elder Aaron Renenger (11am)

■ presentation of tithes and offerings | Adult Choir

Sanctuary of Praise

God opens wide the door; O come, and enter in,
for when His church is filled with praise, His glory dwells within.
Proclaim His excellence, extol His faithfulness;
for He has placed His seal on us that no one can erase.
A dwelling place for God, a temple of His grace—
O come and enter in our sanctuary of praise.

The Cornerstone is Christ, and sacred in our sight;
His sure foundation, built with gold, shall stand the fiery fight!
The foe shall ne’er prevail; he strikes the church in vain;
the workmanship is Christ’s alone; His kingdom shall remain.

God’s faithfulness abounds, His mercy knows no end
and all the promises in Christ are yes and sure amens!
We are His dwelling place, a temple of the Lord;
The bedrock of the church is formed on prophets’ holy words.
A dwelling place for God, a temple of His grace—
O come and enter in our sanctuary of praise.

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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

Matthew 28:16-20

The Great Commission

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

“Making Disciples of Jesus”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ songs of response

Take My Life (Trinity Hymnal #585)

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing,
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

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Behold our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice;
All creation rises to rejoice.

*Behold our God, seated on His throne,
Come let us adore Him!
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
Come let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His Words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave;
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth!)

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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 | Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries