

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray with A Shepherd. After both services our shepherds will be waiting in the Main Level Conference Room to pray with anyone who would like prayer. They would be delighted to pray with you about any topic, big or small! Bryant Streett and Cindy Cai will be available after the 9am service, and Christian and Christine Brittle will be available after the 11am service.

CFG Meet and Greet today in between worship services. 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 today 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.

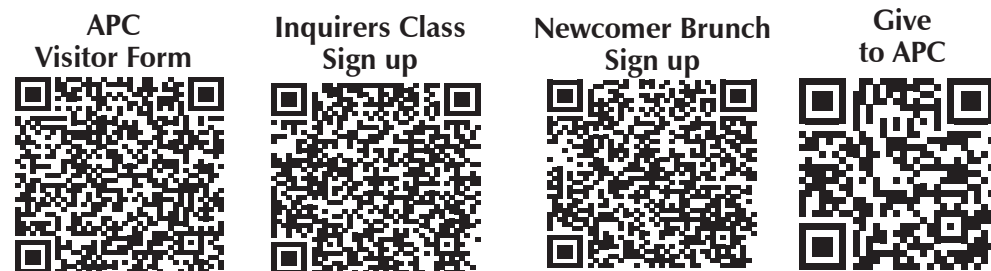
Newcomer Brunch today at 12:30pm. We would love for you to join, but if you have not yet RSVP'd, please let a staff member know after the service that you plan to attend. If you are new to APC, we would love the chance to get to know you over brunch at the home of Gary and Kathy McGee! You'll have a chance to meet church officers and staff, ask questions and learn more about the ministry God is building here.

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. 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.

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.

Men's Breakfast on Saturday, October 1 from 8-9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Men and high school aged boys of APC—join us for fellowship over breakfast from Chick-fil-A. Red McDaniel will be our speaker on the topic of "Christian Leadership During Challenging Times".



Giving at a Glance	YTD Giving (7/1/22-8/31/22)	\$279,708
	YTD Budget (7/1/22-8/31/22)	\$326,000
	Difference	-\$46,292 (86%)

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:* the Brittle family
Next Week's Coffee Set Up: Janice Nichols, Lynette Vanderschaaf, Florence Yanin

Nursery *This Week's 9am Service:* Megan Barr, Carrie and Millie Brown, Sue Edwards, Lizzie Lenart, Megan Malone, Stephanie, Abbie, and Ellie Olsen, Abby Renenger, Traci Younquist
This Week's 11am Service: Mark Adams, Matt Coombs, Matti Jamison, Laurie and Mella LeRoy, Catherine Marks, Jackie McCauley, Janice Nichols
Next Week's 9am Service: Laura and Alex Erickson, Deborah Lockett, Jenny and Abby McGahey, Christina and Abby Renenger, Doug Shipley
Next Week's 11am Service: Laura, Emily, and Elyse Coit, Joey and Bailey Rolland, Sam, Jessica, Collin and Charlie White

Children's Church A/V Team *Next Week:* Owen and Lina Gentry (9am); Linda Willows (11am)
This Week's Service: Pete Olsen, Ethan Novak, Megan Malone

Ushers **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.

unchanging truth. changing lives

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 Can I Keep from Singing

There is an endless song echoes in my soul
I hear the music ring
And though the storms may come, I am holding on
To the rock I cling

*How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough
How amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing*

I will lift my eyes in the darkest night
For I know my Savior lives
And I will walk with You, knowing You'll see me through
And sing the songs You give

I can sing in the troubled times, sing when I win
I can sing when I lose my step and fall down again
I can sing 'cause You pick me up, sing 'cause You're there
I can sing 'cause You hear me, Lord, when I call to You in prayer
I can sing with my last breath; sing, for I know
That I'll sing with the angels and the saints around the throne

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■ call to worship | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

John 4:23-24

²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the redeemed, washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | Denise McMullen (9am); Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregation Life (11am)

Ephesians 3:14-21

Prayer for Spiritual Strength

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)

I stand amazed in the presence
of Jesus the Nazarene,
and wonder how He could love me,
a sinner, condemned, unclean.

For me it was in the garden
He prayed, "Not My will, but Thine";
He had no tears for His own griefs,
but sweat drops of blood for mine.

*How marvelous! How wonderful—
and my song shall ever be—
How marvelous! How wonderful
is my Savior's love for me!*

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■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | Ruth Fisher (9am); Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor (11am)

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ sermon scripture reading

Psalms 63

My Soul Thirsts for You *A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.*

¹O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

²So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

³Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

⁴So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.

⁵My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,

⁶when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

⁷for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

⁸My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

⁹But those who seek to destroy my life
shall go down into the depths of the earth;

¹⁰they shall be given over to the power of the sword;
they shall be a portion for jackals.

¹¹But the king shall rejoice in God;
all who swear by him shall exult,
for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

“Worship to the Glory of God” *Sermon series: To the Glory of God*

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ confession of sin

Heavenly Father, we have attempted to atone for our sin in many ways. Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. We have deceived ourselves as well as others. We also come before You with hands full of offerings, but hearts empty of true devotion. Forgive us, O Lord, for thinking that the fruit of our body can make amends for the sin of our soul. We come to You now, beginning to name the ailments that plague us. We can do this only because You have promised to forgive our sins through the death of Your dear Son. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we will be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

■ assurance of faith

Psalms 130: 3-4

³If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?

⁴But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.

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.

9am service: Elders and deacons will distribute the elements to each pew.

11am service: 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:

“Jesus I Come”.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

*We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored.
“He has done great things,” we will say together,
We will feast and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire;
He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood—
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night before the dawn,
My soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, O how long?
O God of Jacob, be my strength!

Every vow we've broken and betrayed;
You are the Faithful One.
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring shalom.

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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 (9am); Bailey Rolland, Office Administrator (11am)