

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we are pleased to baptize Sadie Lynne Bruce, daughter of Patrick and Blake Bruce.

Deacons' Fund Offering. In addition to our regular tithes and offerings to the General Fund, the once monthly collection will be taken this morning for our Deacons' Fund. Prayerfully consider contributing to aid those in need in our church and community. Please mark on your check that it is for the Deacons' Fund. More info about APC's Mercy Ministries is on the APC website.

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". Sign up by September 29 through the link on the APC website and email.

Women's Event on October 7: It's Personal: How God Woos us to Himself through the Spiritual Disciplines. Please 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 and email by October 4.

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, 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.

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. Be on the lookout for more details.

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.

<p>APC Visitor Form</p> 	<p>Give to APC</p> 	<p>Women's Event Sign up</p> 	<p>Men's Breakfast Sign up</p> 
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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
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:* Janice Nichols, Lynette Vanderschaaf, Florence Yanin
Next Week's Coffee Set Up: Allison Bolling, Prather family

Nursery *This Week's 9am Service:* Laura and Alex Erickson, Deborah Lockett, Jenny and Abby McGahey, Christina and Abby Renenger, Doug Shipley
This Week's 11am Service: Laura, Emily, and Elyse Coit, Joey and Bailey Rolland, Sam, Jessica, Collin and Charlie White
Next Week's 9am Service: Christine and Kaitlyn Brittle, Rob Coit, Emily Kinch, Tom Mood, Carmen Rives, Angel Tinev
Next Week's 11am Service: Caitlin Jolly, Amanda Leamer, Drew and Sally Lindsay, KayCee Poole

Children's Church *This Week:* Owen and Lina Gentry (9am); Denise McMullen and Linda Willows (11am)
This Week's Service: Chris Blackburn, Megan Malone, Pete Olsen

A/V Team *For September:* Femi Adeniji, Andy, Kira, & Granville Allison, Adam Barr

Ushers 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 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

■ gathering song

O Worship the King *Trinity Hymnal #2 (vv. 1, 2, 4-6)*

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing His pow’r and His love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in You do we trust, nor find You to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn You above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall lisp to Your praise.

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

Psalm 111:2-4

²Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.

³Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ song of praise

By Faith

By faith, we see the hand of God
in the light of creation’s grand design,
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith, our fathers roamed the earth
with the power of His promise in their hearts
of a holy city built by God’s own hand—
A place where peace and justice reign.

*We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul’s reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
we’ll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith, the prophets saw a day
when the longed-for Messiah would appear,
with the power to break the chains of sin and death
and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith, the church was called to go
in the power of the Spirit to the lost,
to deliver captives and to preach good news,
in every corner of the earth.

By faith, this mountain shall be moved,
and the power of the gospel shall prevail,
for we know in Christ all things are possible
for all who call upon His name.

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | Will Marks (9am); Mike Mazek (11am)

Genesis 1:26-31

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

²⁷So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

GOD’S PEOPLE CONFESS & RECEIVE ASSURANCE

■ confession of sin (Please read in unison.)

All: Holy Father, we acknowledge that our Lord was holy, harmless and undefiled, and separate from sinners. Yet we have often become entangled in worldly pursuits. We have allowed unholy desires to captivate us. We have stolen your power and called it our own. As a result, we have become increasingly burdened and have therefore burdened others. Please free our hearts and cleanse us from all impurity and weight of sin. We thank You for washing us in the sin-removing fountain, and trust now in Your mercy offered to us in Christ. Amen.

■ assurance of pardon (Please read responsively.)

Psalm 66:16-20

Leader: ¹⁶Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

¹⁷I cried to him with my mouth,
and high praise was on my tongue.

All: ¹⁸**If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.**

Leader: ¹⁹But truly God has listened;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

All: ²⁰**Blessed be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me!**

■ song of praise

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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■ sacrament of baptism (9am)

■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | Sue Edwards (9am); Sara Eppright (11am)

■ presentation of tithes and offerings | Adult Choir

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer’s ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole
and calms the troubled breast;
‘tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary, rest.

O Jesus, Shepherd, Guardian, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.

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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

1 Corinthians 10:31

³¹So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions

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

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ song of response

Let Your Kingdom Come

Your glorious cause, O God, engages our hearts
May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are
We ask not for ourselves, but for Your renown
The cross has saved us, so we pray, “Your kingdom come!”

*Let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done
So that everyone might know Your Name
Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth
Till Your sovereign work on earth is done
Let Your kingdom come!*

Give us Your strength, O God, and courage to speak
Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak
Lord, use us as You want, whatever the test
By grace we’ll preach Your gospel till our dying breath

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■ deacons’ fund offering

■ 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 | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor