

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray with A Shepherd after worship. After both services our shepherds will be waiting in the front of the Sanctuary to pray with anyone who would like prayer. They would be delighted to pray with you about any topic, big or small! Elder Shant Boyajian and Linda Willows will be available after the 9am service, and Deacon Bruce Barham and Linda Willows will be available after the 11am service.

Newcomer Reception in between today’s worship services. If you are new to APC, we would love the chance to get to know you and tell you more about APC. Join us in the Upper Level Adult Education Room for a time of food and meeting other newcomers to APC, as well as staff and pastors.

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, or through the QR scan below. Men who have either taken or are currently taking the Spiritual Leadership Training Class and eligible for nomination are: Mark Adams, 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.

Service Opportunities Fair in between worship services on Sunday, October 23. Join us in the Fellowship Hall to learn about various service opportunities at APC, and how you can jump in! Tables will be set up to represent different areas of service, and you will have the opportunity to meet leaders, ask questions, and sign-up. We believe each person is an important part of the church body, and uniquely equipped to use their gifts and minister to one another.

All women are invited to join the Thursday Women’s Bible studies as we begin a new study using the book “Seamless” by Angie Smith on Thursday, October 27. Come study the overarching story of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and see how, as the Children’s Storybook Bible says, “Every story whispers His name”. We meet in person in the Fellowship Hall from 9:45-11:30am (childcare available) and via Zoom from 7:30-9pm. If you will be attending the Thursday evening Zoom gathering, RSVP to Lynn Streett at lynn.streett79@gmail.com in order to receive the 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. Sign up to host a car or volunteer through the link in the APC email, or the QR scan below.

APC’s Women’s Ministry is considering the start of a Sewing Group to develop and grow the creative abilities of our members and friends, and enjoy fellowship together. Would you be interested in participating in an exploratory meeting to discuss what is of interest to you? Please come and bring your ideas on Saturday, November 5 from 9-10:30am. We would love to know your interest even if you are unable to attend this initial meeting. Please RSVP to Sue Edwards at sue.quilts6@gmail.com. It will be held at the church.

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.

FURTHER OUT DATES

Women’s Event	December 3
Lessons and Carols	December 17
Christmas Eve Service	December 24
Week of Prayer	January 8, 11, 14
Newcomer Dinner	January 21
Inquirers Class	February 3 & 4
All Church Dinner	February 25

APC Visitor Form



Give to APC



Trunk or Treat Sign up



Officer Nomination Form



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

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

- Hospitality** *This Week’s Coffee Set Up:* Allison Bolling, the Gentry family
Next Week’s Coffee Set Up: the Allen family
- Nursery** *This Week’s 9am Service:* Sarah Field, Abby Renenger, Stephanie, Abbie, and Ellie Olsen, Staci Root, Rachel Sylvia, Traci Youngquist
This Week’s 11am Service: Kari Adams, Chet Hutchinson, Megan Malone, Joe and Katie Mugg
Next Week’s 9am Service: Tom and Amanda Petelik, the Renenger family, Andrea Romyn, Justin Stephens
Next Week’s 11am Service: Cindy Cai, Owen and Lina Gentry, Dan and Kathryn Johnson, Jackie McCauley
- Children’s Church** *Next Week:* Nate and Cammy Kinder (9am and 11am)
- A/V Team** *This Week’s Service:* Maggie Coombs, Wayne Folta, Mike Mazek, Ethan Novak
- Ushers** *For October:* Mark Adams, Sue Edwards, Alex and Heidi Gesch, Katty and Daniel Hoyle, Jim King, Jon Osborne

KEY EQUIPPING *New adult classes begin tonight!*

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— “Biblical Theology”
Led by Pastor Tom Holliday and Elder Jim Taft, Lower Level Adult Classroom (Room 007)
 Did you know that the Bible is a story? Not just any story, but the best story ever told. Biblical Theology is looking at the Bible as God’s story of how He fulfilled His promise of bringing redemption to a lost world through His Son, Jesus. Did you know Jesus is in the Old Testament in every story, not just in the gospels? Every story points to Jesus. This class is designed to show us Jesus as the focus of both the Old and the New Testaments. Theologians call this the redemptive-historical approach to Scripture. It can literally change your life when you start seeing Jesus as the focus of every story in the Bible. You may find yourself understanding and enjoying the Old Testament like never before. Our textbook will be “The Unfolding Mystery of the Old Testament”, by Ed Clowney.

Topical Track— “Responding to Christ’s Call”
Led by Elder Aaron Renenger, Main Level Adult Classroom (Room 112)
 What is Jesus calling you to? The answer is not primarily about what we will do for a living, who we will marry or where we will live. Rather, he is calling you to Himself. It is a totalizing call, an “unyielding command,” according to Jack Miller, that “requires complete surrender to God of all that I am and have.” In this course, based on Os Guinness’s book, “The Call,” we will explore what it means to live an integrated life responsive to Christ’s call. Answering the call, explains Mr. Guinness, “will engage your loftiest thoughts, your most dedicated exertions, your deepest emotions, [and] all your abilities and resources, to the last step you take and the last breath you breathe.”

Book of the Bible—“A Study on the Book of Galatians”
Led by Elder Marc Allen, Conference Room (Room 114)
 Commenting on Galatians, Martin Luther says: “The Gospel supplies the world with the salvation of Jesus Christ, peace of conscience, and every blessing. Just for that the world abhors the Gospel.” Over seven weeks we will study Galatians’ singular message of justification by faith in Christ Jesus alone. Bring your questions and your open heart. We can expect to be changed as we meet God’s powerful Word in this epistle.

Spiritual Leadership Training, Led by Pastor Tom Holliday
Sundays through October 23: Upstairs Adult Classroom (Room 201);
Tuesdays through October 18: 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

Immanuel (From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable)

From the squalor of a borrowed stable,
by the Spirit and a virgin’s faith,
to the anguish and the shame of scandal
came the Savior of the human race.
But the skies were filled
with the praise of heav’n;
shepherds listen as the angels tell
of the Gift of God come down to man
at the dawning of Immanuel.

King of heaven, now the Friend of sinners,
humble servant in the Father’s hands,
filled with power and the Holy Spirit,
filled with mercy for the broken man.
Yes, He walked my road, and He felt my pain,
joys and sorrows that I know so well;
yet His righteous steps give me hope again–
I will follow my Immanuel.

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

Psalm 136:1-3; 26

¹Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

²Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

³Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

²⁶Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Through the kisses of a friend’s betrayal
He was lifted on a cruel cross;
He was punished for a world’s transgressions,
He was suffering to save the lost.
He fights for breath, He fights for me,
loosing sinners from the claims of hell;
and with a shout our souls are free–
death defeated by Immanuel.

Now He’s standing in the place of honor,
crowned with glory on the highest throne,
interceding for His own beloved
till His Father calls to bring them home.
Then the skies will part, as the trumpet sounds
hope of heaven or the fear of hell;
but the bride will run to her Lover’s arms,
giving glory to Immanuel.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ song of praise

Come, Christians, Join to Sing *Trinity Hymnal #302*

Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen!
let all, with heart and voice,
before His throne rejoice;
praise is His gracious choice.
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!
let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
to us He’ll condescend;
His love shall never end.
Alleluia! Amen!

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | Becky and Maelee Mason (9am); Katty and Danny Hoyle (11am)

Luke 18:9-17

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

⁹He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Let the Children Come to Me

¹⁵Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

GOD’S PEOPLE CONFESS AND RECEIVE ASSURANCE

■ confession of sin

Please read in unison from Psalm 25:6-7; 11.

All: ‘Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

¹¹For your name’s sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

■ silent confession

■ assurance of pardon

Psalm 25:8-10

⁸Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ song of praise

Come Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,
full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able;
He is willing, doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome,
God’s free bounty glorify:
true belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money
come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
bruised and broken by the fall;
if you tarry till you’re better,
you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous;
sinners Jesus came to call.

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■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | Bryan Wittmeyer (9am); Tom Tarrants (11am)

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ offertory | Adult Choir

What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul,
for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;
and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on.
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
and through eternity I’ll sing on.

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GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ sermon scripture reading

Luke 22:24-30

Who Is the Greatest?

²⁴A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵And he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. ²⁷For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

²⁸“You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, ²⁹and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, ³⁰that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

■ prayer for illumination

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

“The Humility of Jesus” *Sermon series: Portraits of Jesus*

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ song of response

O Great God

O great God of highest heav’n,
occupy my lowly heart,
own it all and reign supreme,
conquer every rebel pow’r.
Let no vice or sin remain
that resists Your holy war;
You have loved and purchased me;
make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin,
had no ears to hear Your voice,
did not know Your love within,
had no taste for heaven’s joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life,
opened up Your Word to me,
through the gospel of Your Son
gave me endless hope and peace.

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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, Church Administrator (11am)