

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Service Opportunities Fair in between today's worship services. Join us in the Fellowship Hall from 10:15-10:45am 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.

Nominations for the Office of Elder and Deacon. Today is the last day to submit a nomination. 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. 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. **The Congregational Meeting** to elect officers and vote to update our church address for our bylaws will be Sunday, October 30 in the Sanctuary following the 9am worship service.

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. Invite your friends and neighbors to this fun event. 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, hot cider, and donuts!

FURTHER OUT DATES

Women's Event	December 3
Special Christmas Service	December 17
Christmas Eve Service	December 24
Christmas Day Service	December 25, 5pm only
Week of Prayer	January 8, 11, 14
Newcomer Dinner	January 21
Inquirers Class	February 3 & 4
All Church Dinner	February 25

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Visitor Form



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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: the Allen family

Next Week's Coffee Set Up: Allison Bolling, Sue Edwards, Sharon Holliday

Nursery

This Week's 9am Service: Tom and Amanda Petelik, the Renenger family, Andrea Romyn, Justin Stephens

This Week's 11am Service: Cindy Cai, Owen and Lina Gentry, Dan and Kathryn Johnson, Jackie McCauley

Next Week's 9am Service: Adam Barr, Matt Brown, Maggie Coombs, Josh Diack, Erin Hutchinson, Daniel and Kimberly Parker

Next Week's 11am Service: Marc, Shannon, James, and Lauren Allen, Joey and Bailey Rolland, Bryant Streett

Children's Church

This Week: Leslie Bridge and Amanda Leamer (9am)

A/V Team

This Week's Service: Maggie Coombs, Chris McGahey, Ethan Novak, Collin White

Ushers

For October: 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— "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

Your Great Name We Praise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Your great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
not wanting or wasting, You rule us in might;
Your justice like mountains high soaring above,
Your clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

*Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Your great Name we praise.*

All life comes from You, Lord, to both great and small;
in all life You live, Lord, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish, but quickly grow frail;
we wither and perish, but You never fail.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Your angels adore You, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O Father of grace,
till one day in splendor we see face to face.

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■ call to worship | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

Psalm 103:20-22

²⁰Bless the Lord, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!

²¹Bless the Lord, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!

²²Bless the Lord, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ song of praise

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven *(Trinity Hymnal #76)*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, His praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
praise Him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows;
in His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, widely as His mercy goes.

Frail as summer’s flow’r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore Him; you behold Him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space,
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise with us the God of grace.

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | Staci Root (9am); Deacon Bruce Barham (11am)

Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

¹³Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN COMMITMENT

■ induction of new members

■ sacrament of baptism | Reverend Lee Capper (11am)

This morning we are pleased to baptize Adaline Lauren Capper, daughter of Lee and Hillary Capper.

■ song of praise

All I Have Is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way;
the sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will,
and if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross;
and I beheld God’s love displayed—You suffered in my place,
You bore the wrath reserved for me—now all I know is grace.

Hallelujah, all I have is Christ! Hallelujah, Jesus is my life!

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
the strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose,
and let my song forever be my only boast is You.

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■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | Pete Olsen (9am); Laura Erickson (11am)

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ offertory | Adult Choir

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee.
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths
its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follows all my way, I yield my flick’ring torch to Thee.
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine’s blaze
its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee.
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee.
I lay in dust, life’s glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red,
life that shall endless be.

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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

Luke 7:11-17

Jesus Raises a Widow’s Son

¹¹Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹²As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” ¹⁴Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” ¹⁵And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” ¹⁷And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

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

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ song of response

O Wondrous Love

O wondrous love that will not let me go,
I cling to You with all my strength and soul;
yet if my hold should ever fail,
this wondrous love will never let me go.

O wondrous love that’s come to dwell in me;
Lord, who am I that I should come to know
Your tender voice assuring me?
This wondrous love will never let me go.

*I’m resting in the everlasting arms,
in the ever faithful heart, the Shepherd of my life.
You’ll carry me on Your mighty wings of grace,
keeping me until the day I look into Your eyes.*

O wondrous love that sings of Calvary,
the sweetest sound this sinner’s ever known,
the song of Your redeeming Son
Whose wondrous love will never let me go.

O wondrous love that rushes over me,
I can’t escape this river’s glorious flow;
You overwhelm my days with good;
Your wondrous love will never let me go.

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■ deacons’ fund offering | Deacon Bill Ward

■ 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