

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Congregational Meeting to elect officers and vote to update our church address for our bylaws is today in the Sanctuary following the 9am worship service. The following men were examined by the elders and deemed eligible to stand for election or re-election as officers of APC: Mark Adams, Shant Boyajian, Matt Brown, Rob Fisher, Owen Gentry, Mike Mazek, Pete Olsen, Christian Poole, Angel Tinev, Bryan Wittmeyer.

Get a Taste of Young Life Europe! Join online TODAY at 3pm for a 45 minute time of fun, celebration and team building for the whole family. OR join us in person on November 12 from 4:15-5:45pm. Scan the QR code below for more info.

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.

Koinonia Friendsgiving on November 5 at 6pm. 20s and 30s of APC, we invite you to join us in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of food and fellowship! Check the emails and the GroupMe for more details and to sign up to bring a dish to share! If you have questions about Koinonia or would like to be added to the GroupMe or the official email list, please reach out to Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org.

Children's Choir for Advent. We are forming a Children's Choir to sing during Advent! This group is open to all children in 2nd through 6th grades. Rehearsals will be between Sunday services from 10:20-10:50, beginning on November 6th. To register your child and/or indicate interest in assisting as a parent helper, please contact Serenity at serenity.novak@alexandriapres.org.

APC member and flutist Becky Mason invites her APC family to "Lirica & Animada - Flute Music by Latin American Composers," a Benefit Recital for Polaris Project. Taking place on Saturday, November 12 at 3:30pm here at APC, this event seeks to raise awareness and funds for Polaris, a non-profit based in DC at the forefront of fighting human trafficking. Through an afternoon of Latin American music, with a dessert reception inspired by traditional Latin American sweets to follow, this concert will highlight the work Polaris is doing to research and support trafficking victims of Latin American descent. APC's own Ben Elliott will also be featured on this program on piano, as well as friend of APC, Irma Cripe, on cello. Donations are not required, but will be gladly accepted on behalf of Polaris.

All women are invited to join the Thursday Women's Bible studies as we study the book "Seamless" by Angie Smith. 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.

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!

Registration for the APC All-Church Retreat is Open! Mark your calendars and plan to join us May 5-7, 2023 at the beautiful NorthBay, in North East, MD! This will be a wonderful weekend of making memories as a church family over meals together, worship, games, and fun for all ages. Find more info about pricing, FAQs, and registration through the QR link below or on the APC website.

FURTHER OUT DATES

Women's Event	December 3
Lessons and Carols	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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SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality	This Week's Coffee Set Up: Allison Bolling, Sue Edwards, Sharon Holliday Next Week's Coffee Set Up: Allison Bolling, Emily Kerski
Nursery	This Week's 9am Service: Adam Barr, Matt Brown, Maggie Coombs, Josh Diack, Erin Hutchinson, Daniel and Kimberly Parker This Week's 11am Service: Marc, Shannon, James, and Lauren Allen, Joey and Bailey Rolland, Bryant Streett Next Week's 9am Service: Lizzie Lenart, Stephanie, Abbie, and Ellie Olsen, Christian Poole, Katy Rogers, Doug Shipley Next Week's 11am Service: Christine and Kaitlyn Brittle, Rick Eppright, Laurie and Mella LeRoy
Children's Church	November 13: Mark and Kari Adams (9am); Mark Adams and Athena Selim (11am)
A/V Team	This Week's Service: Chris Blackburn, Ben Crowley, Megan Malone
Ushers	For October: Mark Adams, Sue Edwards, Alex and Heidi Gesch, Katty and Daniel Hoyle, Jim King, Jon Osborne
Deacons on Duty	Bill Ward, 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— "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.

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

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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: Reformation Sunday

Today is Reformation Sunday, when we remember the great Protestant reformers, like Martin Luther, John Huss, John Calvin and John Knox, who reclaimed the truth of God’s Word.

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

■ prelude

■ choral introit | *Adult Choir*

I Will Sing to the Lord

I will sing to the Lord and give praises, I will sing with my whole heart,
I will sing to the Lord and bless His holy Name.

I will exalt His righteousness, Holy and just are His ways;
Mighty in power, Creator of all, His works show forth His praise.

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■ call to worship | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

Psalm 18:1-3

¹I love you, O Lord, my strength.

²The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

³I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ song of praise

A Mighty Fortress

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and pow’r are great; and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side, the Man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same, and He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow’rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God’s truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | *Elder Rob Fisher (9am); Tom Mood (11am)*

Romans 3:21-31

The Righteousness of God Through Faith

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. ²⁹Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, ³⁰since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. ³¹Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

■ confession of faith

Please stand and read in response from Martin Luther’s commentary on Galatians.

Leader: True faith does not say: “What have I done? What do I deserve?” But it says: “What has Christ done? What does He deserve?”

All: Therefore, we who apprehend Christ by faith may be bold to glory that we are righteous. How? Even by that precious jewel, Christ Jesus, Whom we possess by faith.

■ song of confession

Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication.
If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
(Men:) O who shall stand before Thee?
(Women: Who shall stand before Thee?)
O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth.
No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might
and live alone by mercy, (live alone by mercy,)
and live alone by mercy. (live alone by mercy.)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
on Him my soul shall rest; His Word upholds my fainting spirit.
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience, (wait for it with patience,)
I wait for it with patience. (wait for it with patience.)

What though I wait the live-long night, and till the dawn appeareth,
my heart still trusteth in His might; it doubteth not nor feareth;
do thus, O ye of Israel’s seed, ye of the Spirit born indeed,
and wait till God appeareth, (wait till God appeareth,)
and wait till God appeareth. (wait till God appeareth.)

Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd, good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free
from all their sin and sorrow, (all their sin and sorrow,)
from all their sin and sorrow. (all their sin and sorrow.)

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■ assurance of pardon

Romans 3:23-25

²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN FAITH

■ missions update | *the Kinder family*

■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | *Lynn Streett (9am); Jodie Kirk (11am)*

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ children’s message

■ sermon scripture reading

John 14:1-7

I Am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life

¹“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

“The Truth-Telling Jesus” *Sermon series: Portraits of Jesus*

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ song of response

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to him belong.

Who holds our days within his hand?

What comes, apart from his command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ, our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?

God is good, God is good.

Where is his grace and goodness known?

In our great Redeemer’s blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh

unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?

“Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!”

And what reward will heaven bring?

Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord,

then sin and death will be destroyed,

and we will feast in endless joy,

when Christ is ours forevermore.

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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 | *Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate*