

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 over hot cider, donuts, and pie! Please sign up to bring pie and/or donuts through the link in the APC email.

Children are encouraged to join their parents for this service, however a class for Kindergartners and 1st graders will be available in addition to nursery. If you are available and willing to volunteer, please contact Erin at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org.

APC's Sewing Group - Next Meeting. Our new group name is Sisters in Stitches (SIS), putting our focus on joy and laughter as we gather for fellowship and sewing! The next meeting will be Saturday, November 19 at 9am sharp, until no later than 12pm, meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Lynn Streett will provide instruction on making holiday pillowcases, so being on time to learn how it is done will be important. Please RSVP to Sue Edwards at sue.quilts6@gmail.com, and you will be added to our mail group and receive the Supply List - very important to have in advance. All levels of experience are welcome, as well as friends who enjoy sewing. RSVPing will help us know if we have enough sewing machines for all to participate.

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 are between Sunday services from 10:20-10:50 in Room 201. This is the last week to join! Contact Serenity at serenity.novak@alexandriapres.org with any questions.

Adult and Teen Choir for Advent. We invite joyful singers to join the Adult Choir for Lessons and Carols on December 17, as well as the four Sundays of Advent beginning on November 27! As we are not offering a dedicated teen choir this year, this is a great opportunity for teenagers as well as others who may not be able to commit to the choir regularly. Rehearsals occur on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30 pm. If you're interested or would like more information, contact Ben at ben.elliott@alexandriapres.org.

Christmas Mart and Cookie Swap: Saturday, December 3 from 9-11am in the Fellowship Hall. Come "shop" our gently used Christmas decorations. Bring some cookies and go home with some cookies! Drop off your "still wonderful but no longer a part of your Christmas" decorations anytime during office hours on Wednesday November 30 or Thursday December 1. If you would like to participate in the cookie swap, please bring two dozen cookies to share. We will be collecting items for Casa Chirilagua that morning. Come join the festivities! RSVP through the link in the APC email.

Children's Nativity Pageant at Lincolnian—APC will be hosting a Children's Nativity Pageant at Lincolnian on Saturday, December 10th from 1-3pm. Children and parents, please join us for this special time! We will sing Christmas carols, hear a message from Pastor Tom, and distribute the gifts that have been collected for the seniors. Contact Jessica White at jessica@samwhite.com with questions.

Thank you to all who signed up so quickly to fulfill the Christmas wish list for our seniors! Please remember to bring in wrapped gifts by December 4.

Join us for worship this Christmas season as we await the dawn of Christ's coming!

Advent Services: November 27, December 4, 11, and 18

Lessons and Carols Service: December 17 at 5pm. Our special Christmas service, "Behold Our King" will take place on Saturday, December 17 at 5pm (prelude begins at 4:45pm). Join us as we await the coming of Christ and behold His beauty.

Christmas Eve Service: December 24 at 5pm

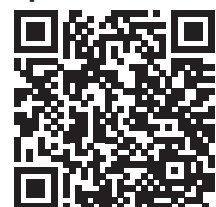
Christmas Day Service: December 25 at 5pm

Congregational Care and Safety Renewals. Many people are in need of renewing their Congregational Care and Safety requirements. If you have received an email, please complete the necessary requirements! Contact Erin at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org with any questions.

FURTHER OUT DATES

Week of Prayer	January 8, 11, 14
Newcomer Dinner	January 21
Inquirers Class	February 3 & 4
Women's Event with Abby Hutto via Zoom	February 10
All Church Dinner	February 25
Missions Dinner	March 25
All Church Retreat	May 5-7

APC Visitor Form	Give to APC	Thanksgiving Reception Pie/Donuts	All-Church Retreat Registration
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SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality	This Week's Coffee Set Up: Allison Bolling, Emily Kerski, Reb Maylum Next Week's Coffee Set Up: Owen and Lina Gentry, Emily Kerski This Week's 9am Service: Megan Barr, Tina Brady, Evelyn Heil, Stephanie, Abbie, and Ellie Olsen, Jenny McGahey, Kimberly Parker, KayCee Poole This Week's 11am Service: Rob Coit, Emily Kinch, Dan and Kathryn Johnson, Megan Malone Next Week's 9am Service: Didier Balagizi, Sarah Huntington, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Tom Mood, Carmen Rives, Traci Youngquist Next Week's 11am Service: Christine and Kaitlyn Brittle, Joey and Bailey Rolland, Angel Tinev
Nursery	Mark and Kari Adams (9am); Mark Adams and Athena Selim (11am)
Children's Church	This Week's Service: Ethan Novak, Amanda Petelik, Carolina Shon For November: Femi Adeniji, Andy, Kira, and Granville Allison, Adam Barr, William Marks, Sam White
A/V Team	Bruce Barham, Mike Mazek
Ushers	
Deacons on Duty	

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, Upper Level Adult Classroom (New location: Room 201). 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: Discovering Christ in 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.

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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

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

■ prelude

■ gathering song

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

Psalms 96:1-6

¹Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!

²Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.

³Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

⁴For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.

⁵For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.

⁶Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ song of praise

Come Thou Almighty King *Trinity Hymnal #101*

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise.
Father all-glorious, o’er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword; our prayer attend.
Come and thy people bless, and give thy Word success, and let thy righteousness on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne’er from us depart, Spirit of pow’r.

To Thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | *Elder Mark and Kari Adams (9am); Rob and Shauna Pittman (11am)*

Psalms 27

The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation Of David.

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

⁴One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,

to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire in his temple.

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his
tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

⁶And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent

sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

⁷Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;

be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸You have said, “Seek my face.”

My heart says to you,
“Your face, Lord, do I seek.”

⁹Hide not your face from me.

Turn not your servant away in anger,

O you who have been my help.

Cast me not off; forsake me not,

O God of my salvation!

¹⁰For my father and my mother have
forsaken me,

but the Lord will take me in.

¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ song of praise

The Lord Is My Salvation

The grace of God has reached for me and pulled me from the raging sea,
and I am safe on this solid ground: the Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls; His strength will help me scale these walls;
I’ll see the dawn of the rising sun: the Lord is my salvation.

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the vict’ry won: the Lord is my salvation.*

My hope is hidden in the Lord; He flow’rs each promise of His Word;
when winter fades I know spring will come: the Lord is my salvation.

In times of waiting, times of need, when I know loss, when I am weak,
I know His grace will renew these days: the Lord is my salvation.

And when I reach my final day He will not leave me in the grave,
but I will rise; He will call me home: the Lord is my salvation.

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit; the Lord is our salvation!

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■ farewell

■ congregational prayer | *Elder Bryant Streett*

■ offertory prayer

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ musical offering | *Adult Choir*

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flow’r, sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine, flow’rs of earth and buds of heav’n,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

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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 7:36-50

³⁶One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee’s house and reclined at table. ³⁷And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. ³⁹Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner.” ⁴⁰And Jesus answering said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” And he answered, “Say it, Teacher.”

⁴²Give me not up to the will of my
adversaries;

for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.

¹³I believe that I shall look upon the

goodness of the Lord

in the land of the living!

¹⁴Wait for the Lord;

be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!

⁴¹“A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴²When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?” ⁴³Simon answered, “The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt.” And he said to him, “You have judged rightly.” ⁴⁴Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” ⁴⁸And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” ⁴⁹Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this, who even forgives sins?” ⁵⁰And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

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

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS TABLE

■ confession of sin

From the Valley of Vision

O my Saviour, I thank Thee from the depths of my being for Thy wondrous grace and love in bearing my sin in Thine own body on the tree. May Thy cross be to me as the tree that sweetens my bitter Marahs, as the rod that blossoms with life and beauty, as the brazen serpent that calls forth the look of faith. By Thy cross crucify my every sin; use it to increase my intimacy with Thyself. Make it the ground of all my comfort, the liveliness of all my duties, the sum of all thy gospel promises, the comfort of all my afflictions; the vigour of my love, thankfulness, graces; the very essence of my religion. And by it give me that rest without rest, the rest of ceaseless praise.

■ 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.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ communion song

The King in All His Beauty

O lift your eyes to Heaven, see the Holy One eternal;
behold the Lord of Majesty exalted in His temple.
As symphonies of angels’ praise now strain to sound His glory,
come worship, fall before His grace, the King in all His beauty.

*How worthy, how worthy, how worthy
the King in all His beauty.*

Now see the King who wears a crown, one made of shame and splinters;
the sacrifice for ruined man, the substitute for sinners.
As Earth is stained with royal blood, and quakes with love and fury,
He breathes His last and bows His head, the King in all His beauty.

Now see the Savior lifted up, the Lamb who reigns in splendor,
the hope of every tribe and tongue; His kingdom is forever!
Bring praise and honor to His courts, bring wisdom, power, blessing;
for endless ages we’ll adore the King in all His beauty.

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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 | *Rob Coit, Operations Manager (9am); Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries (11am)*