

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 7-8:30pm. Contact Ben at ben.elliott@alexandriapres.org for more info.

Christmas Mart and Cookie Swap: Saturday, December 3 from 9-11am in the Fellowship Hall. Ladies, 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. RSVP through the link in the APC email.

Children’s Nativity Pageant at Lincolnia—APC is hosting a Children’s Nativity Pageant at Lincolnia on Saturday, December 10 from 1-3pm. Children and parents, 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.**

On December 10 at 2pm, Koinonia is hosting a Christmas Party in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a white elephant gift exchange, a gingerbread house decorating competition and an ugly sweater contest as well as other themed contests! Prizes will be available for the winners of all the competitions. Contact Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org with any questions.

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

Call to Prayer— January 2022. As we embark on a New Year, the elders invite you to join them in APC-wide prayer opportunities: Sunday, January 8 at 5pm, Wednesday, January 11 at 7:30pm; and Saturday, January 14 at 9am.

Walking in the Spirit (WitS) begins January 15 from 5-7pm. APC is offering a discipleship ministry called Walking in the Spirit (WitS), which will be led by Pastor Tom and Sharon Holliday. This is a 10 week in-depth study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit, which begins Sunday, January 15 and runs through April 2, with a break on February 19. The last week is a special banquet to end the course. Each class will consist of an hour of teaching followed by an hour of small group interaction, as well as reflection and homework during the week. Since each week builds upon the previous week, we ask that you commit to being present in at least 8 of the 10 weeks. Sign up through the link in the APC email or website or through the QR code available in the bulletin.

Newcomer Fellowship Dinner, Saturday, January 21, 6-8pm. If you’ve been attending APC for one week or several months, please join us for food and fellowship. You’ll have a chance to meet church officers and staff, ask questions and learn more about the ministry God is building here. Sign up through the link in the APC email or website or scan the QR code in the bulletin. Location details will be forthcoming.

The next Inquirers Class is February 3 and 4. If you are interested in membership or in gaining a deeper understanding of APC, we invite you to attend this class. You will receive an introduction to Christianity, the PCA, and the specific vision/mission and philosophy of ministry at APC. It’s also a great opportunity to meet other newcomers to the church, as well as pastors and staff! Membership is open to all who profess faith in Christ and believe the basic teachings of the Christian faith. Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church. Sign up through the link in the APC email or website or scan the QR code in the bulletin. Questions: contact inquirers@alexandriapres.org.

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

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.

FURTHER OUT DATES

Baptisms	February 5
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

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality	This Week’s Coffee Set Up: Allen family Next Week’s Coffee Set Up: Brittle family
Nursery	This Week’s 9am Service: Maggie Coombs, Sharon Holliday, Matti Jamison, Nate Kinder, Jennifer Richter, Katy Rogers, Bryan and Stacy Wittmeyer This Week’s 11am Service: Matt Coombs, Rob Fisher, Sharon Holliday, Tom Mood, Sam and Jessica White Next Week’s 9am Service: Stephanie, Abbie and Ellie Olsen, Doug Shipley, Andrea Romyn, Staci Root, Justin and Emmett Stephens Next Week’s 11am Service: Shannon Allen, Sara Eppright, Laura and Alex Erickson, Dan and Kathryn Johnson
Children’s Church	This Week’s 9am Service: Mark and Kari Adams (9am); This Week’s 11am Service: Eli Kendrick and Athena Selim (11am)
A/V Team	This Week’s Service: Megan Malone, Pete Olsen, Collin White
Ushers	For November: Femi Adeniji, Andy, Kira, and Granville Allison, Adam Barr, William Marks, Sam White
Deacons on Duty	Mike Mazek, Bruce Barham

KEY EQUIPPING

Key Equipping is not meeting November 27 for Thanksgiving weekend.

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.

GIVING TUESDAY AND YEAR-END GIVING

Giving Tuesday and Year-End gifts to APC. As GivingTuesday approaches on November 29, many people are considering specific ways to give. We appreciate your prayerful consideration of APC and including us as part of your giving on this day! Additionally, as you plan a year-end gift to APC, keep in mind that the church office will be closed December 24-January 2, and the last worship service of the year is December 25 at 5pm. Gifts received in the mail the first week of January—if dated and postmarked in 2022—will be included in your 2022 year-end giving statement. You may also make your year-end gifts through APC’s online giving portal thru December 31, 2022. In addition, if you would like to donate securities or stocks to APC’s general fund, please contact Kathy Sens at kathy.sens@alexandriapres.org, and she can give you the information needed to make a transfer. If you would like to donate a special year end gift, simply indicate this on your check and mail it to the APC office or put it in the offering box. You may also make your donation online. Thank you for considering APC in your GivingTuesday and year-end planning.

Give to APC



APC Visitor Form



Women’s Christmas Mart



Walking in the Spirit



Newcomer Fellowship Dinner



Inquirers Class



All-Church Retreat Registration



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November 27, 2022

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

The Solid Rock (My Hope is Built)

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found;
dressed in His righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.

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■ call to worship | Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate

John 1:9-13

⁹The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ song of praise

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
and cause Thy light on us to rise;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death’s dark shadows put to flight.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come, true prophet of the Lord,
and turn the key to heaven’s door;
be Thou our comforter and guide,
and lead us to the Father’s side.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall by His word our darkness dispel.*

O come, our great High Priest, and
intercede;
Thy sacrifice, our only plea.

The judgment we no longer fear;
Thy precious blood has brought us near.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
has banished every fear of hell.*

O Come, Thou King of nations, bring
an end to all our suffering;
bid every pain and sorrow cease
and reign now as our Prince of Peace.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come again with us to dwell.*

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ advent reading | Mugg family (9am); Field family (11am)

Isaiah 11:1-10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor

and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder’s den.

⁹They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ song of praise

Immanuel

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.

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.

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■ congregational prayer

■ farewell Pinguli family (9am)

■ offertory prayer Amanda Leamer (9am); Cathy Rosander (11am)

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ offertory Adult Choir (9am); Worship Team (11am)

He Who Is Mighty

Please see lyrics on the next page.

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

Matthew 1:1-17

The Genealogy of Jesus Christ

¹The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

²Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, ⁴and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, ⁷and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, ⁸and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, ⁹and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, ¹¹and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

¹²And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, ¹³and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, ¹⁵and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, ¹⁶and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

¹⁷So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate

“From Heaven to Earth”

Series: Christmas Through the Eyes of Matthew

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ song of response

He Who Is Mighty

O the mercy our God has shown
to those who sit in death’s shadow.
The sun on high pierced the night;
born was the Cornerstone.
Unto us a Son is given, unto us a Child is born.

*He Who is mighty has done a great thing;
taken on flesh, conquered death’s sting,
shattered the darkness and lifted our shame.
Holy is His name.*

O the freedom our Savior won;
the yoke of sin has been broken.
Once a slave, now by grace
no more condemnation.
Unto us a Son is given, unto us a Child is born.

Now my soul magnifies the Lord;
I rejoice in the God Who saves,
I will trust His unfailing love,
I will sing His praises all my days.

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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 | Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries (9am);

Bailey Rolland, Church Administrator (11am)