

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Kinder family will be sharing today about their recent mission trip to Malawi. Join us at 10:20am (in between worship services) downstairs in Room 007.

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 TODAY in Room 201.** To register your child and/or indicate interest in assisting as a parent helper, please contact Serenity at serenity.novak@alexandriapres.org.

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.

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.

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 in the Sanctuary 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.

Get a Taste of Young Life Europe! Join us in the Fellowship Hall at APC on November 12 from 4:15-5:45pm. We invite you to get a taste of YL Europe with a mini YL club. What is club? Club is a fun community building time with a purpose. We'll have treats from across Europe, games, and a message of encouragement about all that God has done through YL in this post-Christian but influential continent. Scan the QR code below for more info.

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. Email Lynn Streett at lynn.streett79@gmail.com for the Thursday evening Zoom 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 over hot cider, donuts, and pie! Please sign up to bring pie and/or donuts through the link in the APC email.

Advent and Christmas at APC. 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

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
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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Young Life Event
Registration



All-Church Retreat
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SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality

This Week's Coffee Set Up: Allison Bolling, Emily Kerski

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Nursery

This Week's 9am Service: Lizzie Lenart, Stephanie, Abbie, and Ellie Olsen,

Christian Poole, Katy Rogers, Doug Shipley

This Week's 11am Service: Christine and Kaitlyn Brittle, Rick Eppright, Laurie and Mella LeRoy

Next Week's 9am Service: Megan Barr, Tina Brady, Evelyn Heil,

Amanda Leamer, Tom Mood, Kimberly Parker, KayCee Poole

Next Week's 11am Service: Rob Coit, Emily Kinch,

Dan and Kathryn Johnson, Megan Malone

Children's Church

November 13: Mark and Kari Adams (9am);

Mark Adams and Athena Selim (11am)

A/V Team

This Week's Service: Liz Crowley, Wayne Folta, Joshua Youngquist

Ushers

For November: Femi Adeniji, Andy, Kira, and Granville Allison, Adam Barr,

William Marks, Sam White

Deacons on Duty

Bruce Barham, Aaron McCauley

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.

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly fore'er we adore Him.

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

Psalms 98:1–6

¹Oh sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
²The Lord has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
⁴Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
⁵Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!
⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ song of praise

I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,
and wonder how He could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.

For me it was in the garden He prayed, “Not My will, but Thine”;
He had no tears for His own griefs, but sweat drops of blood for mine.

*How marvelous! How wonderful—and my song shall ever be
How marvelous! How wonderful is my Savior's love for me!*

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calv'ry, and suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see,
‘twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me.

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions*

1 Timothy 3:1-13

Qualifications for Overseers

¹The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ²Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? ⁶He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

Qualifications for Deacons

⁸Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹²Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

■ ordination & installation of officers

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ song of praise

O Church Arise

O church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;
an army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
and with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure,
and Christ will have the prize for which He died: an inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave,
this victory march continues till the day every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride; give grace for every hurdle,
that we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,
we hear their calls, and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in glory.

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■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | *Liz Crowley (9am); Maggie Cho (11am)*

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ sermon scripture reading

Matthew 25:1-13

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

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

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN CONFESSION & PRAISE

■ confession of sin

from The Valley of Vision, “Humiliation”.

**All: Thou dost not play in convincing me of sin,
Satan did not play in tempting me to it,
I do not play when I sink in deep mire,
for sin is no game, no toy, no bauble;
Let me never forget that the heinousness of sin lies
not so much in the nature of the sin committed,
as in the greatness of the Person sinned against.
When I am afraid of evils to come, comfort me,
by showing me that in myself I am a dying, condemned wretch,
but that in Christ I am reconciled, made alive, and satisfied;
that I am feeble and unable to do any good,
but that in him I can do all things;
that what I now have in Christ is mine in part,
but shortly I shall have it perfectly in heaven.**

■ song of assurance

It Is Well With My Soul *Trinity Hymnal #691*

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

*It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul.

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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*