

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nagy Memorial Service. The memorial service for Nick (Miklos) and Anne Nagy will be on December 28th at 10am. The family invites you to attend the service and join them for a reception afterwards. Gifts in Nick and Anne's memory can be made to The City Mission, 5310 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44103 or www.thecitymission.org.

Call to Prayer— January 2023. 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.

The Thursday Women's Bible studies invite our APC ladies to join us for a new study beginning Thursday, January 5th. In keeping with our theme "Who Is This King of Glory?", we will take a look at Jesus in each of the four Gospels using Dane Ortlund's book *Surprised by Jesus*. The morning class meets weekly from 9:45-11:30 AM in the fellowship hall. Please let Lynn Streett (lynn.streett79@gmail.com) know if you need nursery care for your little ones. The Thursday evening class meets weekly via Zoom from 7:30-9 PM. Please RSVP to Megan Malone at megan.malone06@gmail.com in order to receive a link to the class. We look forward to having you join us!

Communicants Class for Children and Teens ~ January '23: The class will likely be held on Thursdays from 4:30-5:30pm at APC and run for eight weeks starting January 19th. Parents, please talk with your child/teen and consider whether or not you think they are ready to join the church as a communicant member. To find out more information, preview the workbook, or sign up; please contact adam.leroy@alexandriapres.org.

Walking in the Spirit (WiS) begins January 15 from 5-7pm. APC is offering a discipleship ministry called Walking in the Spirit (WiS), 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 scan the QR code below.

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 below. 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 below. For questions, please contact inquirers@alexandriapres.org.

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Walking
in the Spirit



Newcomer
Fellowship Dinner



Inquirers
Class



All-Church Retreat
Registration



FURTHER OUT DATES

Women's Event with Abby Hutto via Zoom February 10
All Church Dinner February 25
Baptisms February 26
Missions Dinner March 25

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality *Next Week's Coffee Set Up:* John Connelly, Reb Maylum, Consuelo Rosas
Nursery *Next Week's 9am Service:* Carrie and Millie Brown, John Connelly, Sue Edwards, Evelyn Heil, Cami Kinder, Jackie McCauley, Katie and Jordan Mugg
Next Week's 11am Service: Shannon Allen, Liz Crowley, Owen and Lina Gentry, Joey and Bailey Rolland
Children's Church *Next Week's 9am Service:* Nathan and Lisa Fleischaker
Next Week's 11am Service: Erin Furgerson
A/V Team *This Week's Service:* Ben Crowley, Megan Malone, Collin White
Ushers *For December:* Mark Adams, Sue Edwards, Alex and Heidi Gesch, Katty and Daniel Hoyle, Jon Osborne
Deacons on Duty Stephen Sylvia, Bryan Wittmeyer

KEY EQUIPPING

Key Equipping is not meeting until January 15th.

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.

YEAR-END GIVING

Year-End gifts to APC. 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 year-end planning.

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.

SPECIAL VOLUNTEER CALLS

Some of our Covenant Kids and PROTAS volunteers would like to take Walking in the Spirit on Sunday evenings. If you would be available to take their place for 10 weeks only, please reach out to Erin Furgerson at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org (Covenant Kids) or Adam LeRoy at adam.leroy@alexandriapres.org (PROTAS).

We are in need of more communion volunteers. Prepping and set-up for communion is a fairly simple process, but we need volunteers who are willing to assist in this way. If you are interested, please reach out to Andrea Romyn at andrea.romyn@alexandriapres.org.



ALEXANDRIA
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



December 25, 2022

Please, no food or drink other than water in the Sanctuary. Silence all cell phones and other electronic devices. There is a simulcast available in room 112.

A nursing mothers room is available downstairs in room 009 with a simulcast.

Holy Worship Service

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

■ prelude

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

Galatians 4:4-5

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ song of praise

O Come All Ye Faithful (Trinity Hymnal #208)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold Him born the King of angels;

*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

God of God, Light of Light;
lo, He abhors not the virgin’s womb;
very God, begotten, not created;

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav’n above;
glory to God in the highest;

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning:
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv’n;
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing;

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ lighting the advent wreath | *Feischaker family*

■ advent reading

Colossians 1:15-20

The Preeminence of Christ

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ song of praise

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All;
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save,
till on that cross, as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied,
for every sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
sin’s curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am His and He is mine—
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life’s first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I’ll stand.

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■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | *Traci Youngquist*

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ musical offering

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ sermon scripture reading

John 1:1-18

The Word Became Flesh

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹ The 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. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

“The Word Became Flesh”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ song of response

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting
without hope, without light
Till from Heaven You came running;
there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets,
to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
to a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father, praise the Son,
Praise the Spirit, Three in One
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming,
and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation,
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering,
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus,
for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose,
all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good,
for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs,
and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who’d come
to the Father are restored
And the Church of Christ was born,
then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name,
in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

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■ deacons’ fund

■ 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

■ extinguishing the advent wreath

■ announcements | *Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries*