

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 (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 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.

The next baptism is February 26. If you would like to have your child or children baptized, please reach out to Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org.

FURTHER OUT DATES

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:* John Connelly, Reb Maylum, Consuelo Rosas
Next Week's Coffee Set Up: Allison Bolling, Emily Kerski

Nursery *This Week's 9am Service:* Carrie and Millie Brown, John Connelly, Sue Edwards, Evelyn Heil, Cami Kinder, Jackie McCauley, Katie and Jordan Mugg
This Week's 11am Service: Shannon Allen, Liz Crowley, Owen and Lina Gentry, Joey and Bailey Rolland
Next Week's 9am Service: Megan Barr, Tina Brady, Tom Mood, Stephanie, Abbie and Ellie Olsen, Carmen Rives, Rachel Sylvia
Next Week's 11am Service: Kari Adams, Cindy Cai, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Jenny and Abby McGahey, Staci Root

Children's Church *This Week's 9am Service:* Nathan and Lisa Fleischaker
This Week's 11am Service: Erin Furgerson
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Next Week's 11am Service: Erin Furgerson

A/V Team *This Week's Service:* Megan Malone, Ethan Novak, Pete Olsen

Ushers **For January:** Femi Adeniji, Andy Allison, Kira Allison, Granville Allison, Adam Barr, William Marks, Sam White

Deacons on Duty Owen Gentry, Bill Ward, 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.

CORPORATE PRAYER IN 2023

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.

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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.

Give to APC



APC Visitor Form



Walking in the Spirit



Newcomer Fellowship Dinner



Inquirers Class



All-Church Retreat Registration



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

■ gathering song

Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

You made the starry hosts
You traced the mountain peaks
You paint the evening sky with wonders
The earth, it is Your throne
From desert to the sea
All nature testifies Your splendor

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Sing His greatness, all creation!
Praise the Lord! Raise your voice,
You heights and all you depths
from furthest east to west
Let everything that has breath
praise the Lord!*

You reached into the dust
In love Your Spirit breathed
You formed us in Your very likeness
To know Your wondrous works
To tell Your mighty deeds
To join the everlasting chorus

Let symphonies resound
Let drums and choirs ring out
All heaven hear the sound of worship
Let every nation bring its honors to the King
A roar of harmonies eternal

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Sing His greatness, all creation!
Praise the Lord! Raise your voice,
You heights and all you depths
From furthest east to west
You distant burning stars,
all creatures near and far
From sky to sea to shore,
sing out forevermore
Let everything that has breath
praise the Lord!*

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■ call to worship | Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate

Isaiah 41:10

¹⁰ fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ song of praise

How Firm A Foundation

How firm a foundation,
you saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word
What more can He say
than to you He has said
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed
For I am your God and will still give you aid
I'll strengthen you, help you,
and cause you to stand
Upheld by My righteous omnipotent hand

When through the deep waters
I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless
And sanctify to you your deepest distress

When through fiery trials
your pathway shall lie,
My grace all-sufficient shall be your supply
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume
and your gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to his foes
That soul, though all hell
should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake

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(1787); music published in Joseph Funk's A
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■ prayer of adoration

■ confession of sin

God of grace, You love us, but we have not loved You. You are the Faithful One, but we are fickle and wandering. We do not listen to Your voice as You call us to follow Your paths. We walk away from our neighbors in need, consumed by our own concerns. Even in our best efforts of righteousness, our actions and attitudes reveal that we are praising what You condemn. Show us our unfaithfulness, and help us to repent and turn to You. Thank you for the steadfast mercy and forgiveness of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | Stephanie Olsen (9am); Chet Hutchinson (11am)

Philippians 3:12-21

Straining Toward the Goal

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶ Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ song of praise

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart—
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night;
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom,
and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
Thou mine inheritance, now and always,
Thou and Thou only first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

*O God, be my everything, be my delight;
be Jesus my glory, my soul satisfied.*

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | Nate Kinder (9am), Sarah Field (11am)

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ offertory

A Christian's Daily Prayer

As morning dawns and day awakes,
To You I bring my need
O gracious God, my source of strength,
In You I live and breathe
Each hour is Yours by wisdom planned,
Each deed empowered by sovereign hands
Renew my spirit, help me stand;
Be glorified today

As day unfolds, I seek Your will
In all of life's demands
And though the tempter tries me still,
I cling to Your commands
Let every effort of my life
Display the matchless worth of Christ
Make me a living sacrifice;
Be glorified today

As sun gives way to darkest night
Your Spirit still is here
And though my strength fades like the light
New mercies will appear
I rest in You; abide with me
Until our trials and suffering
Give way to final victory
Be glorified today; be glorified, I pray

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GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ sermon scripture reading

Ephesians 1:15-22

Thanksgiving and Prayer

¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate

“Moving Forward On Our Knees”

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ song of response

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer;
there is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy,
my righteousness and freedom,
my steadfast love,
my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: My hope is only Jesus,
for my life is wholly bound to His.
O, how strange and divine; I can sing,
“All is mine!”
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
for by my side the Savior He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
for in my need His power is displayed.
To this I hold: My Shepherd will defend me;
through the deepest valley He will lead.
O, the night has been won,
and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread; I know I am forgiven—
the future sure, the price it has been paid;
for Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
and He was raised to overthrow the grave!
To this I hold: My sin has been defeated;
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
O, the chains are released; I can sing,

“I am free!”
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
for He has said that He will bring me home;
and day by day I know He will renew me
until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: My hope is only Jesus;
all the glory evermore to Him!
When the race is complete,
still my lips shall repeat,
“Yet not I, but through Christ in me!”

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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