

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.

Walking in the Spirit (WiTS) begins January 15 from 5-7pm. Last Call - Sign-ups close today! 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.

The Thursday Women's Bible studies invite our APC ladies to join us for a new study that started 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.

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.

Bridge Beginner Class starting in February: Do you want to learn how to play the card game Bridge, but are not sure how to get started? A class for beginners to learn the basics of Bridge will be offered starting February 8th, running 6 consecutive Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the church. The class will be taught by our very own Lynette VanderSchaaf. If you want to participate in the class, please contact Sue Edwards at sue.quilts6@gmail.com. You do not have to have a partner. This is open to friends you want to introduce to our church. The class will focus on the basics, so it is not meant for experienced bridge players. It will be limited to 24 people (6 tables of four each). Attendance at all 6 classes is expected, because the fundamentals of the game build on what has been previously taught. After the class is completed, organized bridge nights will be planned, open to all levels of experience.

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.

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.

SIMULCAST OPPORTUNITIES

We love families and are so glad you are here! If you need to leave the Sanctuary for any reason, we have a simulcast available in room 112 on the main level. We also have speakers in the lobby, so you will be able to see and hear the service from there.

There is a nursing mothers room downstairs in room 009 that also has a simulcast. To find room 009, please go down the stairs by the elevator and turn left at the bottom of the stairs. Room 009 is off the downstairs lobby.

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:* Allison Bolling, Emily Kerski
Next Week's Coffee Set Up: John Connelly, Prather family

Nursery *This Week's 9am Service:* Megan Barr, Tina Brady, Tom Mood, Stephanie, Abbie and Ellie Olsen, Carmen Rives, Rachel Sylvia
This Week's 11am Service: Kari Adams, Cindy Cai, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Jenny and Abby McGahey, Staci Root
Next Week's 9am Service: Femi Adeniji, Sifa Balagizi, Daniel and Kimberly Parker, Renenger family
Next Week's 11am Service: Cindy Cai, Hillary Capper, Laurie and Mella LeRoy, Tom Mood, Athena Selim

Children's Church *This Week's 9am Service:* Nathan and Lisa Fleischaker
This Week's 11am Service: Erin Furgerson
Next Week's 9am Service: Amanda Leamer, Denise McMullen
Next Week's 11am Service: Erin Furgerson

A/V Team *This Week's Service:* Lee Huntington, Bailey Rolland, Brian Yoon

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. This a time set aside on Sunday evenings from 5-7pm to equip disciples of Jesus of all ages.

Covenant Kids: 0-5th grade; includes dinner

PROTAS: 6th-12th grade; includes dinner

Adult Classes:

Book of the Bible -- "God's Mercy and Faithfulness: A Study of the Book of Exodus" (Elder Shant Boyajian, Room 112)

The theologian Philip Graham Ryken describes Exodus as a "triumphant adventure" that brings us closer to God and his Son. The depiction of God's mercy and faithfulness to sinners throughout the book of Exodus presents a condensed picture of the gospel. This eleven-week discussion will examine God's holiness and covenantal love for his people. Please pray that the Spirit will lead our discussion and truly bring us closer to the God of the exodus and our Savior Jesus Christ through this study.

Walking in the Spirit

Find this information under "Weekly Announcements".

Give to APC



APC Visitor Form



Walking in the Spirit



Newcomer Fellowship Dinner



Inquirers Class



All-Church Retreat Registration



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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 His Name (Psalm 148)

Reaches of heaven, starry heights
Lights of the evening, dancing in silent skies
Brilliance of morning, breaking day
O let them praise Him, praise His name

*O praise His name, O praise His name
Let all His wondrous works declare His praise*

Mightiest mountains, peaceful plains
Snowfall and fire, thundering ocean waves
Kings and their kingdoms, age to age
O let them praise Him, praise His name

King enthroned in majesty,
all things made by His decree

Hear creation’s melody,
“Praise Him! Praise Him!”
Everything with life and breath,
everywhere from east to west
Every heart raised from the dead,
praise Him, praise Him
Angels echo the refrain,
“Jesus, Lamb for sinners slain!”
Name above all other names, praise Him

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■ call to worship | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

Psalm 105:1-4

¹Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

²Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!

³Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

⁴Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ song of praise

Holy Spirit

There’s nothing worth more,
that will ever come close
No thing can compare,
You’re our living Hope
Your presence, Lord

I’ve tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free
and my shame is undone
Your presence, Lord

*Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place*

and fill the atmosphere

*Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord*

Let us become more aware of Your presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | Vell Rives (9am); Becky Mason (11am)

1 Peter 1:3-9

Born Again to a Living Hope

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ song of praise

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Mine are days that God has numbered; I was made to walk with Him,
yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of Kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer though I fall, His love is sure,
for Christ has paid for every failing: I am His forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood;
through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good.
But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted; Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way;
one with Christ, I will encounter harm and hatred for His name.
But mine is armor for this battle strong enough to last the war,
and He has said He will deliver safely to the golden shore.
And mine are keys to Zion’s city, where beside the King I walk,
for there my heart has found its treasure: Christ is mine forevermore.

Come rejoice now, O my soul,
for His love is my reward;
fear is gone and hope is sure:
Christ is mine forevermore!

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■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | Dorothy Taft (9am); Matt Coombs (11am)

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ offertory

Children ages 5 - 2nd grade are dismissed for Children’s Church. Please exit the Sanctuary using the doors to the left of the stage.

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ sermon scripture reading

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses’ Intercession

¹² Moses said to the Lord, “See, you say to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ ¹³ Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” ¹⁴ And he said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” ¹⁵ And he said to him, “If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. ¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?”

¹⁷ And the Lord said to Moses, “This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” ¹⁸ Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” ¹⁹ And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The Lord.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰ But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.” ²¹ And the Lord said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, ²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

“A Personal Vision for the Glory of God”

Series: To the Glory of God

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN CONFESSION

■ confession of sin | Worship Team

“Regeneration” from the Valley of Vision

O God of the highest heaven,
occupy the throne of my heart,
take full possession and reign supreme,
lay low every rebel lust,
let no vile passion resist thy holy war;
manifest thy mighty power,
and make me thine forever.

Thou art worthy to be
praised with my every breath,
loved with my every faculty of soul,
served with my every act of life.
Thou hast loved me, espoused me,
received me,
purchased, washed, favored, clothed,
adorned me,
when I was worthless,
vile, soiled, polluted.

I was dead in iniquities,
having no eyes to see thee,
no ears to hear thee,
no taste to relish thy joys,
no intelligence to know thee;
But thy Spirit has quickened me,
has brought me into a new world
as a new creature,
has given me spiritual perception,

has opened to me thy Word as light,
guide, solace, joy.

Thy presence is to me a treasure of
unending peace;
No provocation can part me from
thy sympathy,
for thou hast drawn me with cords of
love,
and dost forgive me daily, hourly.
O help me then to walk worthy of thy love,
of my hopes, and my vocation.
Keep me, for I cannot keep myself;
Protect me that no evil befall me;
Let me lay aside every sin admired of many;
Help me to walk by thy side,
lean on thy arm,
hold converse with thee,
That henceforth I may be salt of the earth
and a blessing to all.

■ song of response

O Great God

O great God of highest heav’n, occupy my lowly heart,
own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow’r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war;
You have loved and purchased me; make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven’s joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me,
through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that’s dependent on Your grace;
keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed;
O great God of highest heav’n, glorify Your Name through me.

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GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS TABLE

■ 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.

At the 9am service, the elements will be passed down the rows. Please wait to take the elements until prompted by the pastor. At the 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.

■ 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 | Adam LeRoy, Director of Youth Ministries (9am); Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries (11am)