Key Equipping Schedule. As a reminder, we will be holding Key Equipping this evening! Key Equipping will not meet next Sunday, February 19, in light of President's Day weekend.

PROTAS Winter Retreat: February 18-20. After a three year hiatus, the PROTAS Winter Retreat is back for 6th-12th graders at Red Oak Lodge. To find out more information and register, scan the QR code or visit the link in the APC email. For questions, contact adam.leroy@alexandriapres.org.

Koinonoia Scavenger Hunt on Sunday, February 19. 20s and 30s of APC, join us next Sunday for a scavenger hunt at Pentagon City Mall! We will meet in the food court at the mall after the second service (12:30-12:45pm). Contact Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org with questions or to coordinate carpooling.

All-Church Dinner—February 25, 6-8pm at APC. Space is limited, sign up today in the Fellowship Hall! APC Goes West this year! Join us for a western-themed evening of food, music, and fellowship with your APC church family. Bring your cowboy hat, blue jeans, and spurs as the best western costume wins a prize. If you'd like to enter the dessert pie contest, you can sign up at the table in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be provided for children 7 and under. Tickets are available for \$13/person or \$50/family.

The Adult Choir is back for the spring semester! If you have a heart to serve and encourage the church with singing, now is a great time to join us! The group rehearses on Wednesday evenings and sings at the 9am service most Sundays and at the 11am service periodically. Please contact Ben Elliott and Serenity Novak at music@alexandriapres.org if you would like to learn more.

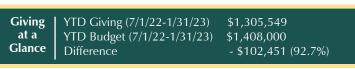
Sisters in Stitches—Saturday, February 18, 9am -12pm at APC. Join us for this monthly meeting as we learn new sewing techniques and have a wonderful time of fellowship. Friends are welcome! Contact Sue Edwards at sue.quilts6@gmail.com with any questions.

Next Baptism is Sunday, February 26. If you would like to have your child or children baptized, please send an email to Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org.

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. Register through the QR code or on the APC website.

Do you have the Church by MinistryOne **App?** It's a great way to easily access the church directory and online giving, listen to sermons, register for upcoming events, submit prayer requests, and contact the church. Email Stacey Diack at stacey.diack@ alexandriapres.org with any questions!





FURTHER OUT DATES

Missions Dinner March 25 **Easter Egg Hunts** April 1 April 7 **Good Friday Service Easter Sunday** April 9 **All Church Retreat** May 5-7

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

SIMULCAST OPPORTUNITIES

We love families and are so glad you are here! If you need to leave the Sanctuary for any reason, a simulcast is 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.

The Nursing Mothers Room is downstairs in Room 009, and 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.

Hospitality This Week's Coffee Set Up: Allison Bolling, John Connelly,

Juan and Consuelo Rosas

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

Nursery This Week's 9am Service: Sifa Balagizi, Megan Barr, Tina Brady,

Sharon Holliday, Chet and Erin Hutchinson, Nathan Leamer, Jeremy Root,

Bethany Tinev

This Week's 11am Service: Femi Adeniji, Matt and Carrie Brown,

the White family

Next Week's 9am Service: Juliet Edem, Sarah Huntington, Deborah Lockett,

Catherine Marks, Megan Malone, Jackie McCauley, Doug Shipley,

Traci Youngquist

Next Week's 11am Service: Kari Adams, Josh Diack, Evelyn Heil,

Ann Howley, Jodie Kirk, Matti Jamison

Children's Church This Week's 9am Service: Chris and Amy Weld

This Week's 11am Service: Erin Furgerson

This Week's Service: Wayne Folta, Megan Malone, Pete Olsen A/V Team

Ushers 9am Service: Mark Adams, Sue Edwards, Brian Field, Alex and Heidi Gesch,

Katty and Daniel Hoyle, Jon Osborne

11am Service: Christian and Connor Brittle, Mike Mazek, Rick Eppright

Deacons on Duty Bruce Barham, Adam Barr, Angel Tinev

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.

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. This class is open to all adults.

Walking in the Spirit

This class is only open to those who registered.

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.

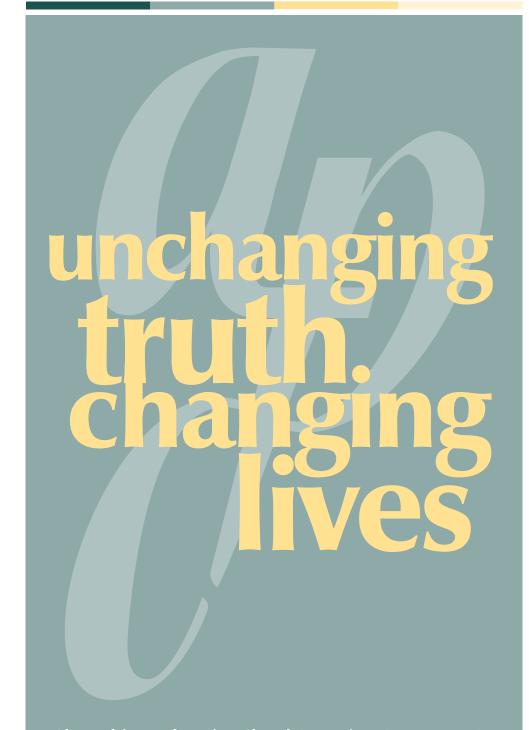








All-Church Retreat



Alexandria Presbyterian Church is a welcoming community God and world. We long to taste the glory of God in such an 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

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, ye martyrs of your God who from His altar call; extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown Him Lord of all; extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall, hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all; hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all; to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall; we'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all; we'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

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call to worship | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

Please read responsively from Psalm 24:7-10.

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

All: Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle! Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

All: Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory!

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

song of praise

All I Have Is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way; the sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will, and if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost, You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross; and I beheld God's love displayed— You suffered in my place, You bore the wrath reserved for me— now all I know is grace.

Hallelujah, all I have is Christ! Hallelujah, Jesus is my life!

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see the strength to follow Your commands could never come from me. O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose, and let my song forever be— my only boast is You.

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading | Kimberly Parker (9am); Erin Hutchinson (11am)

³For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. ⁴But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

congregational prayer | Elder Matt Coombs

offertory prayer | Femi Adeniji (9am); Sara Eppright (11am)

presentation of tithes and offerings

offertory

Give Me Jesus

In the morning when I rise; in the morning when I rise, In the morning when I rise; give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus; give me Jesus. You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.

And when I am alone; O, and when I am alone,

And when I am alone; give me Jesus.

And when I come to die; O, and when I come to die,

And when I come to die; give me Jesus.

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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

Joel 2:12-17

Return to the Lord

12"Yet even now," declares the Lord,
 "return to me with all your heart,
 with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
 13 and rend your hearts and not your garments."
 Return to the Lord your God,

for he is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

14Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him,

a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly;

¹⁶gather the people.

Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders;

gather the children, even nursing infants.

Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber.

¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep and say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations.
Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

prayer for illumination

sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

"Return to the Lord Your God"

Sermon Series: Signs of Revival

confession of sin and assurance of pardon

From the Heidelberg Catechism

Question 81: Who are to come to the Lord's table?

Answer: Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their continuing weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life. Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however, eat and drink judgment on themselves.

Silent reflection

judgment.

Question 56: What do you believe concerning "the forgiveness of sins"?

Answer: I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life.

Rather, in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from

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.

9am service: Elders and deacons will distribute the elements to each row.

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.

During the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper you are invited to sing or meditate on the following song:

communion song | Worship Team

Sons of disgrace are righteous made.

Lord Have Mercy

O God, we come before Your throne, and in our weakness we confess: We go astray and sin each day; we cast ourselves upon Your grace. O Lord, have mercy on us— sinners in need of grace. Forgive us our transgressions and lead us in Your righteous ways. God, lead us in Your righteous ways.

The blood You shed has paid our debt; Jesus, You've washed our sins away. We trust Your grace, believe by faith; in You we have all righteousness. O Lord, You've shown us mercy— sinners are washed as saints. You've shown Your loving-kindness; sons of disgrace are righteous made.

We fix our eyes on You, our prize: Jesus, the Author of our faith. Till You return or bring us home, You strengthen us to run the race. O Lord, forever faithful; all glory to Your Name! We have no other Savior, our great Redeemer, God and King. Jesus—Redeemer, God and King.

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GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

song of response

Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us—and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you—eat and remember the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you—drink and remember He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond—and to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth. As we share in His suffering, we proclaim: Christ will come again! And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

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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 | Bailey Rolland, Administrator (9am);

Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries (11am)

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