

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray with a Shepherd. After each service, we will have shepherds waiting at the front of the Sanctuary. They would be delighted to pray with you about any topic!

Koinonia Scavenger Hunt today after the second service. 20s and 30s of APC, join us for a scavenger hunt at Pentagon City Mall! We will meet in the food court at the mall today after the second service (12:30-12:45pm).

Key Equipping Schedule. As a reminder, Key Equipping will not meet this evening in light of President’s Day weekend.

The APC deacons have released a short survey to learn about the wide range of professional and vocational skills in our congregation. By participating in the survey, you become a vibrant part of a broad support network beyond the diaconate and committees...and your skills might fit a unique need requiring specialized support. Please scan the QR code and join us in serving our city and our world in the name of Christ!

Urgent need for childcare workers/volunteers for the All Church Dinner on February 25. This is a paid opportunity. Dinner included! Contact erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org.

We have reached capacity for our upcoming All-Church Dinner, and a waiting list has been started. If you would like to be added to the waiting list, please email the church office at admin@alexandriapres.org.

Training for New Audio Techs—Saturday, Feb. 25, 10am-12pm. If you have an interest in supporting worship services through mixing and monitoring live audio equipment, please join us in the Sanctuary as we cover the basics of our system. Prior experience, while helpful, is not required, and teens are welcome in addition to adults! Please RSVP by Wednesday, Feb. 22 by emailing our music ministry staff (Ben and Serenity) at music@alexandriapres.org.

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.

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.

APC Mission’s Banquet, March 25. Come join us for an evening of “tasting and seeing” God’s heart for the world. The theme this year is “To the Ends of the Earth, for the Glory of God”. We will have music, videos, and delicious food to engage the hearts of all ages. Stay tuned for more information including the exact time and how to sign up in the coming weeks.

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.

Holy Week and Easter at APC. Join us for worship at these special services:

Palm Sunday—April 2 at 9am and 11am.

Good Friday, “Love Beyond Degree”—April 7, 7:30pm. Join us as we remember Christ’s death through reading the words He spoke from the cross, coming to His communion table, and sharing in silence and darkness. Childcare will be available for ages four and under.

Easter Sunday Worship—April 9 at 9am and 11am.

FURTHER OUT DATES

All-Church Dinner	February 25
Easter Egg Hunts	April 1
All Church Retreat	May 5-7
Newcomer Dinner	May 20
Inquirers Class	June 2-3
Vacation Bible School	June 19-23

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.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

- Hospitality** *This Week’s Coffee Set Up:* Allison Bolling, Emily Kerski
Next Week’s Coffee Set Up: the Brittle family
- Nursery** *This Week’s 9am Service:* Juliet Edem, Sarah Huntington, Deborah Lockett, Catherine Marks, Megan Malone, Jackie McCauley, Doug Shipley, Traci Youngquist
This Week’s 11am Service: Kari Adams, Josh Diack, Evelyn Heil, Ann Howley, Jodie Kirk, Matti Jamison
Next Week’s 9am Service: Nathan Leamer, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Tommy and Emily Ribaric, Juliana Richardson, Jennifer Richter, Staci Root
Next Week’s 11am Service: Hillary Capper, Matt Coombs, Laura Erickson, Tom Mood, Chris Nelms
- Children’s Church** *This Week’s 9am Service:* Ryan and Erin Furgerson
This Week’s 11am Service: Stacy Wittmeyer
- A/V Team** *This Week’s Service:* Liz Crowley, Lee Huntington, Carolina Shon, Joshua Youngquist
- 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, Angel Tinev, Bill Ward

KEY EQUIPPING

Key Equipping is not meeting Sunday, February 19.

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.




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. 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.

<p>Give to APC</p> 	<p>APC Visitor Form</p> 	<p>Church Resources Survey</p> 	<p>All-Church Retreat Registration</p> 
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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

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

Joel 2:13

“...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.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Come Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able; He is willing, doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome, God’s free bounty glorify:
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;
if you tarry till you’re better, you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness He requires is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you, ‘tis the Spirit’s rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God ascended pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him, venture wholly; let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.

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■ prayer of adoration

■ confession of sin

Father, You alone are high and lifted up, yet we have exalted ourselves. Son, You alone can save, yet we have acted like our own Savior. Spirit, You alone can reveal the Father and Son, yet we have fashioned our own gods. We confess freely to You, as You have promised grace freely to us.

■ song of confession

Jesus I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night; Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light; Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health; out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss; Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross; Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth’s sorrows into Thy balm; out of life’s storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride; Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide; Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love; out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb; Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home; Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold; into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

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GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading

Isaiah 57:14-19

Comfort for the Contrite

¹⁴And it shall be said,
“Build up, build up, prepare the way,
remove every obstruction from my people’s way.”

¹⁵For thus says the One who is high and lifted up,
who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:

“I dwell in the high and holy place,
and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,
to revive the spirit of the lowly,
and to revive the heart of the contrite.

¹⁶For I will not contend forever,
nor will I always be angry;
for the spirit would grow faint before me,
and the breath of life that I made.

¹⁷Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain I was angry,
I struck him; I hid my face and was angry,
but he went on backsliding in the way of his own heart.

¹⁸I have seen his ways, but I will heal him;
I will lead him and restore comfort to him and his mourners,
¹⁹creating the fruit of the lips.

Peace, peace, to the far and to the near,” says the Lord,
“and I will heal him.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of assurance

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea—
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart,
I know that while in heav’n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free,
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die;
My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | *Shannon Allen (9am); Cynthia Oviatt (11am)*

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ musical offering

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

1 Peter 1:1-12

Greeting

¹Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ²according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:

May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

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, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who 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, ⁷so 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. ⁸Though 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, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

¹⁰Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, ¹¹inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. ¹²It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

“Inexpressible Joy”

Sermon Series: Signs of Revival

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us, how high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written: Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven; the King of Kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I’m Yours forever: Jesus Christ, my living hope

*Hallelujah! Praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain, there’s salvation in Your name:
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise; Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, Yours is the victory

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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*

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