

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Short-Term Missions Trip to Paraguay July 20-31, 2023: are you interested in helping young churches in Paraguay reach out to their neighbors? Experiencing the gospel at work in a South American country? Exploring what missions is like? Project Paraguay partners with Paraguayans to plant Christ-focused churches and provide material aid, education, counseling and loving evangelism to suffering communities. This year's mission trip will be from July 20-31, 2023. Costs are approximately \$1700 per person including airfare. Contact Eleanor Nagy at eleanornagy@gmail.com to receive an email of information and a link to an informational zoom meeting on March 27 at 7pm.

Children's Choir is back for Easter! The choir is open to children in 1st-6th grades. We will be rehearsing between Sunday services (10:20-10:50) on March 5, 12, 19, 26, and April 2, and singing at both services on Easter Sunday, April 9. To sign up, please visit the QR code to fill out the Google form. Contact Serenity (serenity.novak@alexandriapres.org) with any questions.

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.

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!

Thursday Women's Bible studies. The Thursday Women's Bible studies are reading "God for Us" by Abby Ross Hutto. As we continue with our theme "Who Is This King Of Glory", we will work our way through the Gospel of John focusing on 13 different stories which Jesus uses to show us who God is. Please join us in person on Thursday mornings from 9:45-11:30am and via Zoom from 7:30-9pm. Contact Lynn Streett at lynn.streett79@gmail.com to sign up for the morning class and Megan Malone at megan.malone06@gmail.com for sign up for the evening class and to receive the Zoom link.

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.

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.

Hosts needed for Easter Egg Hunts on April 1. The Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunts last year were a big hit, and we are bringing them back this year! Separate egg hunts will be hosted by APC families in their backyards or local parks, but we need families willing to host! The eggs and snacks will be provided by the church. We hope to offer a handful of different hunts at various times and locations. If you are interested in hosting an egg hunt, please contact Stacey Diack at stacey.diack@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.

FURTHER OUT DATES

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

Nursery

This Week's 9am Service: Nathan Leamer, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Tommy and Emily Ribaric, Juliana Richardson, Jennifer Richter, Staci Root
This Week's 11am Service: Hillary Capper, Matt Coombs, Laura and Alex Erickson, Tom Mood, Chris Nelms
Next Week's 9am Service: Lisa and Celia Fleischaker, Jenny and Abby McGahey, Stephanie, Abbie, and Ellie Olsen, Daniel and Kimberly Parker, Rachel Sylvia
Next Week's 11am Service: Ann Howley, Nate and Cammy Kinder, Tom Mood, Chris and Amy Weld

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: Chris Blackburn, Maggie Coombs, Ben Crowley

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, Bruce Barham, Angel Tinev, Bill Ward

Deacons on Duty

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.

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

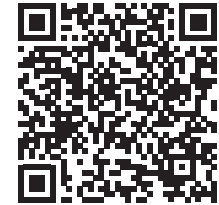
This class is only open to those who registered.



Children's Choir Registration



Church Resources Survey



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

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing *Trinity Hymnal #164*

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Jesus, the Name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
‘tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow’r of reigning sin, He sets the pris’ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list’ning to His voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

See all your sins on Jesus laid; the Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an offering made for every soul of man.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv’n;
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav’n.

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■ call to worship | Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries

Please read responsively from Psalm 30:1-5.

Leader: ¹I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

²O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

**All: ³O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

Leader: ⁴Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.

**All: ⁵For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Glorious Christ

The radiance of the Father before the dawn of time
You spoke and all creation came to be
The molecules and planets reveal Your great design
And every one was made so we could see—So we could see

*You are the glorious Christ, the greatest of all delights
Your power is unequalled, Your love beyond all heights
No greater sacrifice than when You laid down Your life
We join the song of angels who praise You day and night—Glorious Christ*

You left the air of heaven to breathe the dust of earth
And dwell among the outcast and the poor
You came to be forsaken and died to take our curse
So You could be our joy forevermore—Forevermore

You’re seated now in heaven, enthroned at God’s right hand
You’ve shattered death and freed us from our fears
And though we cannot see You, You’re coming back again
And all will be made right when You appear—And all will be made right when You appear

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | Annie Boyajian (9am); John Kinch (11am)

Exodus 17:8-16

Israel Defeats Amalek

⁸Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. ⁹So Moses said to Joshua, “Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.” ¹⁰So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. ¹¹Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. ¹²But Moses’ hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. ¹³And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.

¹⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, “Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.” ¹⁵And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, The Lord Is My Banner, ¹⁶saying, “A hand upon the throne of the Lord! The Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

The Lord Is My Salvation

The grace of God has reached for me, and pulled me from the raging sea,
and I am safe on this solid ground: the Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls; His strength will help me scale these walls;
I’ll see the dawn of the rising sun: the Lord is my salvation.

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the vict’ry won: the Lord is my salvation.*

My hope is hidden in the Lord; He flow’rs each promise of His Word;
when winter fades I know spring will come: the Lord is my salvation.

In times of waiting, times of need, when I know loss, when I am weak,
I know His grace will renew these days: the Lord is my salvation.

And when I reach my final day, He will not leave me in the grave,
but I will rise; He will call me home: the Lord is my salvation.

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit; the Lord is our salvation!

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■ missions update | Henry Watts, Engineering Ministries International

■ sacrament of baptism

*This morning we are pleased to baptize the following covenant children: John Allen Douglass,
son of Ryan and Amy Douglass; Max Freeman Jolly, son of Pierre and Caitlin Jolly;
Nathan James Sylvia, son of Stephen and Rachel Sylvia; and Zachary Zephraim Ward, son of
Evan and Maureen Ward.*

■ congregational prayer | Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions

■ offertory prayer | Bethany Tinev (9am); Rob Pittman (11am)

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ musical offering | Adult Choir

Hear My Prayer

O Lord, please hear my prayer in the morning when I rise.
It’s Your servant bound for glory; O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

O Lord, please hear my prayer; keep me safe within Your arms.
It’s Your servant bound for glory; O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

When my work on earth is done, and You come to take me home,
Just to know I’m bound for glory, and to hear You say, “Well done.”

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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

Acts 4:23-31

The Believers Pray for Boldness

²³When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, ²⁵who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,

“‘Why did the Gentiles rage,
and the peoples plot in vain?

²⁶The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers were gathered together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed’—

²⁷for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. ²⁹And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” ³¹And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor “Corporate Prayer in Revival”

Sermon Series: Signs of Revival

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me, give me faith for what I cannot see,
give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do—
Love enough to cover every sin, in each thought and deed and attitude,
kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace; breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth, giving life to all that God has made,
show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

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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 (9am); Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor (11am)

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