

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women’s Event: God For Us – An Evening with author Abby Ross Hutto. Join us via Zoom on Friday, February 10 from 7:45-9:15pm. Abby is the director of spiritual formation at Story Presbyterian Church in Westerville, Ohio, and works as a group leader and trainer for Parakaleo, a non-profit that comes alongside women in ministry. In her book “God For Us”, Abby shows us how our theology of God matters and determines whether we move toward Him or away from Him in hard times. The cost is \$10. Sign up through the APC website or scan the QR code.

Year-end giving statements were emailed last week. If you did not receive it, please email Rob Coit at rob.coit@alexandriapres.org. Please note that if you attended the Vision Banquet last year and paid \$15 per person online, that amount is showing up on your year-end statement. However, that amount is not tax deductible.

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.

Thank you to everyone who took home baby bottles in support of the Assist Pregnancy Center January Baby Bottle Campaign! Please return the filled bottles by February 12th.

All-Church Dinner—February 25, 6-8pm at APC. 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 info booth. Childcare will be provided for children 7 and under. Tickets are available for \$13/person or \$50/family. Sign-up during the fellowship time, or through the APC website or QR code.

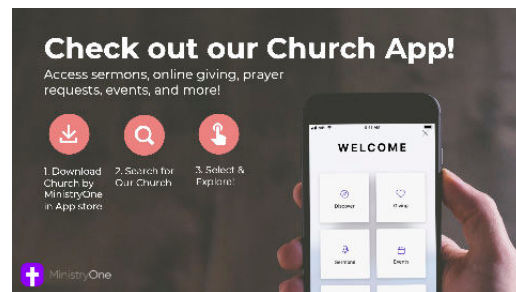
Bridge Beginner Class starting in February: A class for beginners to learn the basics of the card game Bridge will be offered starting February 7, running 6 consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30pm at APC. The class will be taught by our very own Lynette VanderSchaaf. If you want to participate in 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. Attendance at all 6 classes is expected, because the fundamentals of the game build on what has been previously taught.

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
- Good Friday Service April 7
- 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.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

- Hospitality** *This Week’s Coffee Set Up:* the Prather family
Next Week’s Coffee Set Up: Allison Bolling, John Connelly, Juan and Consuelo Rosas
- Nursery** *This Week’s 9am Service:* Leslie Bridge, Lisa and Celia Fleischaker, Lizzie Lenart, Stephanie, Abbie, and Ellie Olsen, Susanna Root, Rachel Sylvia, Justin Wells-Morgan
This Week’s 11am Service: Matti Jamison, Dan and Kathryn Johnson, Jennifer and Abby McGahey, Bryant and Lynn Streett
Next Week’s 9am Service: Sifa Balagizi, Megan Barr, Tina Brady, Sharon Holliday, Chet and Erin Hutchinson, Nathan Leamer, Jeremy Root, Bethany Tinev
Next Week’s 11am Service: Femi Adeniji, Matt and Carrie Brown, the White family
- Children’s Church** *This Week’s 9am Service:* Chris and Amy Weld
This Week’s 11am Service: Erin Furgerson
- A/V Team** *This Week’s Service:* Chris McGahey, Ethan Novak, Amanda Petelik
- Ushers** **For February:** Mark Adams, Sue Edwards, Alex and Heidi Gesch, Katty and Daniel Hoyle, Jim King, Jon Osborne
- Deacons on Duty** Adam Barr, Angel Tinev, Bill Ward

KEY EQUIPPING

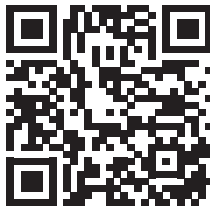





During our Key Equipping time on Sunday evenings from 5-7pm, ministries are designed to equip all ages, from toddlers to seniors, to be disciples. A disciple is a follower and worshiper of Jesus. This is a life-long process of learning how to become more like our Lord.

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.

<p>Give to APC</p> 	<p>APC Visitor Form</p> 	<p>PROTAS Winter Retreat</p> 
<p>Women’s Event with Abby Hutto</p> 	<p>All-Church Retreat Registration</p> 	<p>All-Church Dinner</p> 



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

■ choral introit | *Adult Choir*

Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all within me bless His holy Name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and forget not all His benefits.

He is gracious and plenteous in mercy.
As a father pitieth his children,
so the Lord pitieth them that love Him,
and remember His commandments to do them.

*Words adapted from Psalm 103; Music by Michail Ippolitoff-Ivanoff, arr. by Henry Clough-Leigher.
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■ call to worship | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

Psalm 34:17-19

¹⁷When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

¹⁸The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.

¹⁹Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ song of praise

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior; precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

*You are the One that we praise; You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost our way
Oh, we’ve hopelessly lost our way

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne
Oh, we’re falling before Your throne

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | *Lina Gentry (9am); Sally Lindsay (11am)*

Matthew 8:5-13

The Faith of a Centurion

⁵When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him,
⁶“Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.”⁷And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.”⁸But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed.”⁹For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”¹⁰When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith.”¹¹I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven,¹²while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”¹³And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ song of praise

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, Lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life’s storm is past;
safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless hang on Thee;
leave, O leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, here more than all I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name; I am all unrighteousness.
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art— let me take of Thee;
spring Thou up within my heart for all eternity.

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■ missions update | *Albert Veldhuyzen, Project Paraguay*

■ congregational prayer

■ sacrament of baptism (11am)

This morning we are pleased to baptize Max Jolly, covenant child of Pierre and Caitlin Jolly.

■ offertory prayer | *Rob Coit, Operations Manager*

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ song of preparation

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility;
test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow’r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us,
truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises,
and by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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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

Psalm 139

Search Me, O God, and Know My Heart *To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.*

¹O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

²You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

³You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

⁵You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.

⁷Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?

⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

⁹If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.

¹¹If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light about me be night,”

¹²even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is bright as the day,
for darkness is as light with you.

¹³For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother’s womb.

¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and
wonderfully made.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions*

“Seen by the Unseen God”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

■ song of response

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

Jesus, what a Friend for sinners! Jesus, Lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah, what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus, what a Strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him,
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing; He, my Strength, my vict’ry wins.

Jesus, what a Help in sorrow! While the billows o’er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking, He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus, I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.

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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 | *Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries*

Wonderful are your works;
my soul knows it very well.

¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶Your eyes saw my unformed substance;
in your book were written, every one of them,

the days that were formed for me,
when as yet there was none of them.

¹⁷How precious to me are your thoughts,
O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸If I would count them, they are more than
the sand.
I awake, and I am still with you.

¹⁹Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God!
O men of blood, depart from me!

²⁰They speak against you with malicious
intent;

your enemies take your name in vain.

²¹Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord?
And do I not loathe those who rise up
against you?

²²I hate them with complete hatred;
I count them my enemies.

²³Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!

²⁴And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!