

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Covenant Kids class locations for this evening.** The Walking in the Spirit class is having dinner together for their final class this evening in the Fellowship Hall. Please note the following arrangements for class locations:

Nursery classes are unchanged and meeting in the nursery.

The K-1st grade class is unchanged and meeting in their Room #14.

ALL 2nd-5th graders will be meeting upstairs in Room #201.

Please drop off and pick up your children from these locations.

Our dinner will include pizza from Domino's, carrots, and water. If your children have allergies, please send a meal with them.

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

**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.

**Easter Flower Orders.** If you would like to help decorate the Sanctuary for Easter by ordering a hydrangea plant, you may complete an order form and return it to the church office by Tuesday, April 4th. Plants may be removed from the Sanctuary and taken home any time after the second service is over on Easter Sunday. Contact Andrea Romyn at [andrea.romyn@alexandriapres.org](mailto:andrea.romyn@alexandriapres.org) for more information.

**Register today for the APC All-Church Retreat!** 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.

**Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be June 19th to 23rd for children who are rising kindergarteners through 5th grade!** Nursery will be available for children of volunteers. Save the date for a VBS interest meeting between worship services on April 23.

## FURTHER OUT DATES

**Newcomer Dinner**

May 20

**Inquirers Class**

June 2-3

**Vacation Bible School**

June 19-23 (Drop off at 9:15am; Pick up at 11:35am)

## 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.

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## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

**Hospitality**

**This Week's Coffee Set Up:** Allison Bolling, Emily Kerski, Andrea Romyn

**Next Week's Coffee Set Up:** Allison Bolling, Andrea Romyn, Justin Stephens

**Nursery**

**This Week's 9am Service:** Megan Barr, Tina Brady, Mary Lou Chesser, Stephanie, Abbie, and Ellie Olsen

**This Week's 11am Service:** Sifa Balagizi, Lee and Hillary Capper, Stacey Diack, KayCee Poole, Katy Rogers

**Next Week's 9am Service:** Gus and Woodrow Coombs, Erin Furgerson, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Aaron McCauley, Christian Poole, Angel Tinev

**Next Week's 11am Service:** Didier Balagizi, John Connelly, Juliet Edem, Stacey Stephens

**Children's Church**

**This Week's 9am Service:** Nathan and Lisa Fleischaker

**This Week's 11am Service:** Erin Furgerson

**A/V Team**

**This Week's Service:** Chris Blackburn, Chris McGahey, Sam White

**Ushers**

**9am Service:** Mark Adams, Sue Edwards, Brian Field, Alex and Heidi Gesch, Vynn Huh, Katty and Daniel Hoyle, Jonathon Osborne

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

**Deacons on Duty**

Stephen Sylvia, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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All-Church Retreat  
Registration



April 2, 2023

Palm  
Sunday



Alexandria  
Presbyterian Church

# Holy Worship Service

## GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

### ■ prelude

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

*Please read responsively from Psalms 11, 29, 31, and 118.*

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Children: *Hosanna in the highest!*

**People: The Lord is righteous; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face.**

Children: *Hosanna in the highest!*

Leader: The Lord is a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

Children: *Hosanna in the highest!*

**People: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

**All: *Hosanna in the highest!***

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of praise

#### All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing: O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou, burning sun with golden beam; thou, silver moon with softer gleam:

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless and worship Him in humbleness: O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the redeemed, washed by His blood, come and rejoice in His great love:

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Christ has defeated every sin; cast all your burdens now on Him.

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow’r to reign; heaven and earth will join to say: O praise Him! Alleluia!

Then who shall fall on bended knee? All creatures of our God and King:

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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### ■ prayer of adoration

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### ■ scripture reading | *Pastor Josh and Stacey Diack*

*Daniel 7:9-14*

#### The Ancient of Days Reigns

<sup>9</sup>“As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire.

<sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

<sup>11</sup>“I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire.

<sup>12</sup>As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

#### The Son of Man Is Given Dominion

<sup>13</sup>“I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

<sup>14</sup>And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him;

his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of praise

#### Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?

Kings and nations tremble at His voice; all creation rises to rejoice.

*Behold our God, seated on His throne, come let us adore Him!*

*Behold our King, nothing can compare, come let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His Words?

Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?

God eternal, humbled to the grave; Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth!)

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### ■ sacrament of baptism (11am)

*This moring we are pleased to baptize Anna Lynne Kirk, daughter of Scott and Jodie Kirk.*

### ■ reception of new communicant members

### ■ congregational prayer

### ■ offertory prayer | *Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate (9am); Sara Eppright (11am)*

### ■ presentation of tithes and offerings

### ■ offertory | *Adult Choir (9am)*

#### Christ Is King

*Christ is King! Let us draw near and worship Him.*

*Christ is King! Let us honor His name.*

*Christ is King! Let us bow down before Him, praise and adore our King.*

God’s own Son, Lord of Lords, and Rock of Salvation,

the Holy One, Righteous Branch to David the king,

Spotless Lamb, Prince of Peace, and Crown of Creation,

the Alpha and the Omega— to You we sing.

He Himself will tend us and feed us, gather us up and tenderly lead us

into pastures green with spring.

Find the lost and rescue the failing, bind up the injured, strengthen the ailing;

Jesus, gentle Shepherd, is Christ the King.

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### ■ song of preparation

#### Immanuel (From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable)

From the squalor of a borrowed stable, by the Spirit and a virgin’s faith, to the anguish and the shame of scandal came the Savior of the human race. But the skies were filled with the praise of heav’n; shepherds listen as the angels tell of the Gift of God come down to man at the dawning of Immanuel.

King of heaven, now the Friend of sinners, humble servant in the Father’s hands, filled with power and the Holy Spirit, filled with mercy for the broken man. Yes, He walked my road, and He felt my pain, joys and sorrows that I know so well; yet His righteous steps give me hope again—I will follow my Immanuel.

Through the kisses of a friend’s betrayal, He was lifted on a cruel cross; He was punished for a world’s transgressions, He was suffering to save the lost. He fights for breath, He fights for me, loosing sinners from the claims of hell; and with a shout our souls are free—death defeated by Immanuel.

Now He’s standing in the place of honor, crowned with glory on the highest throne, interceding for His own beloved till His Father calls to bring them home. Then the skies will part, as the trumpet sounds hope of heaven or the fear of hell; but the bride will run to her Lover’s arms, giving glory to Immanuel.

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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

*Mark 11:1-11*

#### The Triumphal Entry

<sup>1</sup>Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup>And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. <sup>5</sup>And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. <sup>7</sup>And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. <sup>9</sup>And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

<sup>11</sup>And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

### ■ prayer for illumination

### ■ sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

#### “The King Who Has Come and the Kingdom That Is Coming”

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of response

#### 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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### ■ 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 | *Rob Coit, Operations Manager (9am); Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries (11am)*