

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**APC Missions Banquet, March 25 from 5-7:30pm. Space is limited, so please sign up today to ensure a spot!** 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. Sign up downstairs in the Fellowship Hall, or through the APC website, email, or QR code. Childcare will be available for ages 3 and under.

**Step Up to the Plate and Join APC’s Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball Team! The deadline to sign up is March 15.** Ten games will be played on Monday evenings at Hensley Park beginning April 3. There is a player fee, and price will be dependent on the number of teams and players. Players must be 12 or older to play. Email Bailey Rolland as soon as possible at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org if you are interested so that we can determine whether we have enough players for one or more APC teams.

**Family Easter Egg Hunt Signups are Open—April 1 at 11am and 3:30pm!** Got some excited Easter egg hunters in your household? Sign up to join one of our family-hosted egg hunts this year through the link in the APC email or the QR code.

**Sisters in Stitches—Saturday, April 1 at 9am 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.

**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.

**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 info and a link to an informational zoom meeting on March 27 at 7pm.

**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.

**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!

<b>Giving at a Glance</b>	YTD Giving (7/1/22-2/28/23)	\$1,475,138
	YTD Budget (7/1/22-2/28/23)	\$1,605,000
	Difference	- \$129,862 (92%)

## FURTHER OUT DATES

<b>Newcomer Dinner</b>	May 20
<b>Inquirers Class</b>	June 2-3
<b>Vacation Bible School</b>	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:* Kari Adams, Evan Ward  
*Next Week’s Coffee Set Up:* the Coombs family
- Nursery** *This Week’s 9am Service:* Megan Barr, Tina Brady, Sarah Huntington, Lizzie Lenart, Janice Nichols, Juliana Richardson, Jeremy and Staci Root, Stephen Sylvia  
*This Week’s 11am Service:* the Allen family, Tom Mood, Stephen Sylvia  
*Next Week’s 9am Service:* Christine and Kaitlyn Brittle, Jackie McCauley, Jennifer Richter, Carmen Rives, Doug Shipley, Evan and Maureen Ward  
*Next Week’s 11am Service:* Rick and Sara Eppright, Dan and Kathryn Johnson, Megan Malone, Bethany Tinev
- Children’s Church** *This Week’s 9am Service:* Eli Kendrick & Athena Selim  
*This Week’s 11am Service:* Erin Furgerson
- A/V Team** *This Week’s Service:* Wayne Folta, Lee Huntington, Megan Malone
- Ushers** **9am Service:** Femi Adeniji, Andy, Kira, and Granville Allison, Adam and Knox Barr, Will Marks, Janice Nichols, Sam and Collin White  
**11am Service:** JW Jung, Jodie and Seth Kirk, Christian and Jack Poole, Rachel Veenstra
- Deacons on Duty** Bruce Barham, Mike Mazek, Aaron McCauley

## 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.

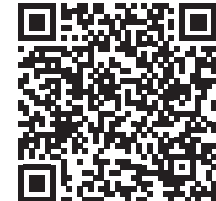
*Walking in the Spirit*  
 This class is only open to those who registered.



Easter Egg Hunts



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

#### Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
the joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue.  
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last  
hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
but, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive  
and He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,  
which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground  
and weep to the praise of the mercy I’ve found.

Thy mercy in Jesus exempts me from hell;  
its glories I’ll sing, and its wonders I’ll tell:  
‘Twas Jesus my all, as He hung on the tree  
and opened the channel of mercy for me.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,  
and the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;  
all praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine  
seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.

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

*Please read responsively from Psalm 103:15-19.*

Leader: As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field;  
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

**All: But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children’s children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.**

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of praise

#### Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! how the heav’nly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him Who died for thee,  
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side—  
rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o’er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;  
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,  
Who died—eternal life to bring, and lives, that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of Lords, Who over all doth reign,  
Who, once on earth th’incarnate Word for ransomed sinners slain,  
now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing  
their songs before Him day and night—their God, Redeemer, King.

Crown Him the Lord of heav’n, enthroned in worlds above;  
crown Him the King, to Whom is given the wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns, as thrones before Him fall;  
crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is King of all.

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### ■ prayer of adoration

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### ■ scripture reading | Andrea and Wilson Jones (9am); Jodie and Levi Kirk (11am)

*Ephesians 6:10-20*

#### The Whole Armor of God

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup>and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup>and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup>praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup>and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of praise

#### I Will Glory In My Redeemer

I will glory in my Redeemer Whose priceless blood has ransomed me.  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails and hung Him on that judgment tree.  
I will glory in my Redeemer Who crushed the power of sin and death,  
my only Savior before the holy Judge,  
the Lamb Who is my righteousness, the Lamb Who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer; my life He bought, my love He owns.  
I have no longings for another; I’m satisfied in Him alone.

I will glory in my Redeemer; His faithfulness my standing place.

Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,  
my feet are firm, held by His grace, my feet are firm, held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer Who carries me on eagle’s wings.  
He crowns my life with lovingkindness; His triumph song I’ll ever sing.  
I will glory in my Redeemer Who waits for me at gates of gold,  
and when He calls me, it will be paradise,  
His face forever to behold, His face forever to behold.

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### ■ congregational prayer | Elder Matt Brown

### ■ offertory prayer | Leslie Bridge (9am); Christian Brittle (11am)

### ■ presentation of tithes and offerings

*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

*Judges 6:11-27*

#### The Call of Gideon

<sup>11</sup>Now the angel of the Lord came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites. <sup>12</sup>And the angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, “The Lord is with you, O mighty man of valor.” <sup>13</sup>And Gideon said to him, “Please, my lord, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, ‘Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?’ But now the Lord has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian.” <sup>14</sup>And the Lord turned to him and said, “Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to him, “Please, Lord, how can I save Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father’s house.” <sup>16</sup>And the Lord said to him, “But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man.” <sup>17</sup>And he said to him, “If now I have found favor in your eyes, then show me a sign that it is you who speak with me. <sup>18</sup>Please do not depart from here until I come to you and bring out my present and set it before you.” And he said, “I will stay till you return.”

<sup>19</sup>So Gideon went into his house and prepared a young goat and unleavened cakes from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and the broth he put in a pot, and brought them to him under the terebinth and presented them. <sup>20</sup>And the angel of God said to him, “Take the meat and the unleavened cakes, and put them on this rock, and pour the broth over them.” And he did so. <sup>21</sup>Then the angel of the Lord reached out the tip of the staff that

was in his hand and touched the meat and the unleavened cakes. And fire sprang up from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened cakes. And the angel of the Lord vanished from his sight. <sup>22</sup>Then Gideon perceived that he was the angel of the Lord. And Gideon said, “Alas, O Lord God! For now I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face.” <sup>23</sup>But the Lord said to him, “Peace be to you. Do not fear; you shall not die.” <sup>24</sup>Then Gideon built an altar there to the Lord and called it, The Lord Is Peace. To this day it still stands at Ophrah, which belongs to the Abiezrites.

<sup>25</sup>That night the Lord said to him, “Take your father’s bull, and the second bull seven years old, and pull down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the Asherah that is beside it <sup>26</sup>and build an altar to the Lord your God on the top of the stronghold here, with stones laid in due order. Then take the second bull and offer it as a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah that you shall cut down.” <sup>27</sup>So Gideon took ten men of his servants and did as the Lord had told him. But because he was too afraid of his family and the men of the town to do it by day, he did it by night.

### ■ prayer for illumination

### ■ sermon | Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Misisons “Responsiveness to God’s Presence” Sermon Series: Signs of Revival

### ■ confession of sin

Lord, like Gideon, I don’t see myself as a person of valor. I can relate to Gideon’s struggle: “If the Lord is with us, why then, has all this happened to us?” There is much in my life that challenges my faith—battles I have run from, opportunities I have squandered, and times I simply have not trusted You. Just as You revealed Yourself to Gideon, and gave him faith and courage, please reveal Your presence to me this day and give me the grace to trust You in every situation.

## 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:*

**Pass Me Not** (lyrics on screen)

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of response

#### In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All;  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones He came to save,  
till on that cross, as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied,  
for every sin on Him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.

Then in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
then bursting forth in glorious day,  
up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
sin’s curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am His and He is mine—  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life’s first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
can ever pluck me from His hand;  
till He returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I’ll stand.

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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); Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries (11am)