

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we welcome Dr. Paul Ford to the pulpit. In addition to being a regular APC attender, Paul is a leadership and team building specialist committed to helping Christian leaders discover and fulfill who they are in Christ. His ministry focuses on training and mentoring leaders in eight cultures. Paul has a B.A. in Journalism from Tarkio College, Missouri and an M.Div. and D.Min. from Fuller Theological Seminary. He is also an ordained pastor with 10+ years of experience in local church ministry. All that he shares in his seminars and writing come from field experience. Paul is currently writing his next book, a devotional entitled "Growing Deeper Together".

Pray with a Shepherd. After each service, leaders of APC's shepherding ministry will be waiting at the front of the Sanctuary. They would be delighted to pray with you about any topic!

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.

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.

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!

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:* the Coombs family
Next Week's Coffee Set Up: Allison Bolling, Sharon Holliday
Nursery *This Week's 9am Service:* Christine and Kaitlyn Brittle, Jackie McCauley, Jennifer Richter, Carmen Rives, Doug Shipley, Evan and Maureen Ward
This Week's 11am Service: Rick and Sara Eppright, Dan and Kathryn Johnson, Megan Malone, Bethany Tinev
Next Week's 9am Service: Sifa Balagizi, Stacey Diack, Rob Fisher, Jordan and Katie Mugg, Tommy and Emily Ribaric, Susanna Root
Next Week's 11am Service: Femi Adeniji, Christine and Kaitlyn Brittle, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Amy Weld
Children's Church *This Week's 9am Service:* Mark and Kari Adams
This Week's 11am Service: Erin Furgerson
A/V Team *This Week's Service:* Chris Blackburn, Liz Crowley, Ethan Novak, Joshua Youngquist
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 Mike Mazek, Aaron McCauley, 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.

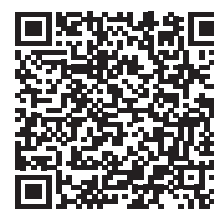
Adult Classes:
Book of the Bible -- "God's Mercy and Faithfulness: A Study of the Book of Exodus"
 (Elder Shant Boyajian, Room 112)
 The theologian Philip Graham Ryken describes Exodus as a "triumphant adventure" that brings us closer to God and his Son. The depiction of God's mercy and faithfulness 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.

Give to APC



APC Visitor Form



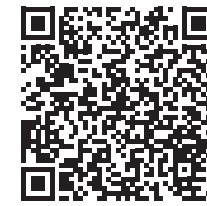
Easter Egg Hunts



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.

Holy Worship Service

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

■ prelude

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

Psalm 95:1-7

Let Us Sing Songs of Praise

¹Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

²Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

³For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

⁴In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.

⁵The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

⁶Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

⁷For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly fore’er we adore Him.

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | *Jon Paramore & Marissa Salgado (9am); Bob & Linda Metheny (11am)*

Isaiah 58

True and False Fasting

¹“Cry aloud; do not hold back;
lift up your voice like a trumpet;
declare to my people their transgression,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet they seek me daily
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that did
righteousness and did not forsake the
judgment of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;
they delight to draw near to God.

³Why have we fasted, and you see it not?
Why have we humbled ourselves, and
you take no knowledge of it?”

Behold, in the day of your fast you seek
your own pleasure, and oppress all your
workers.

⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to hit with a wicked fist.

Fasting like yours this day
will not make your voice to be heard on
high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose,
a day for a person to humble himself?
Is it to bow down his head like a reed,
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under
him?

Will you call this a fast,
and a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶“Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?”

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your
house;

when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own
flesh?

⁸Then shall your light break forth like the
dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear
guard.

⁹Then you shall call, and the Lord will
answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’
If you take away the yoke from your midst,
the pointing of the finger, and speaking
wickedness,

¹⁰if you pour yourself out for the hungry
and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,
then shall your light rise in the darkness
and your gloom be as the noonday.

¹¹And the Lord will guide you continually
and satisfy your desire in scorched places
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of confession

Heal Us

*Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are; we long to feel Thy touch.
Deep wounded souls to Thee we fly; O Savior, hear our cry.*

Our faith is feeble, we confess; we faintly trust Thy word.
But will You pity us the less? Be that far from You Lord!

Remember him who once applied with trembling for relief
“Lord, I believe,” with tears he cried, “O help my unbelief!”

She too, who touched You in the press and healing virtue stole
Was answered, “Daughter, go in peace; Thy faith has made thee whole.”

Like her, with hopes and fears we come to touch You if we may.
O send us not despairing home; send none unhealed away.

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■ confession of faith

Please read responsively from the Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1.

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

■ song of praise

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess Christ, our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer’s blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? “Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!”
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

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whose waters do not fail.
¹²And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of
many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the
breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in.

¹³“If you turn back your foot from the
Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my
holy day,
and call the Sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the Lord honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
or seeking your own pleasure, or talking
idly;

¹⁴then you shall take delight in the Lord,
and I will make you ride on the heights of
the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob
your father, for the mouth of the Lord has
spoken.”

■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ offertory | *Adult Choir (9am)*

Cast Your Burden on the Lord

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee.
He never will suffer the righteous to fall; He is at thy right hand.
Lord, Thy mercy is great and far above the heavens.
Let none be made ashamed that wait upon Thee.

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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

John 17:20-23

²⁰“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,
²¹that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | *Dr. Paul Ford, Team Building and Leadership Specialist with Novo* **“Build up, Restore, and Prepare the People (that’s us)”**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

O Church Arise

O church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we’ll stand against the devil’s lies;
an army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
and with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure,
and Christ will have the prize for which He died: an inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave,
this victory march continues till the day every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride; give grace for every hurdle,
that we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,
we hear their calls, and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in glory.

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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 | *Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate (9am); Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries (11am)*