

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**Koinonia “DC Day”—April 1st.** 20s and 30s of APC, join us for a day of exploring the city! We will meet on the mall near the metro stop at 9:30am.

**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.

**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!

**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

<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:* Allison Bolling, Sharon Holliday  
*Next Week’s Coffee Set Up:* Allison Bolling, Emily Kerski, Andrea Romyn  
**Nursery** *This Week’s 9am Service:* Sifa Balagizi, Stacey Diack, Rob Fisher, Jordan and Katie Mugg, Tommy and Emily Ribaric, Susanna Root  
*This Week’s 11am Service:* Femi Adeniji, Christine and Kaitlyn Brittle, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Amy Weld  
*Next Week’s 9am Service:* Megan Barr, Tina Brady, Mary Lou Chesser, Stephanie, Abbie, and Ellie Olsen  
*Next Week’s 11am Service:* Sifa Balagizi, Lee and Hillary Capper, Stacey Diack, KayCee Poole, Katy Rogers  
**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:* Maggie Coombs, Ben Crowley, Wayne Folta, Bailey Rolland  
**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** Adam Barr, 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.



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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 | *Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries*

*Hebrews 12:18-24*

Leader: <sup>18</sup>For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”

**All: <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.**

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of praise

#### Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior’s name:  
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame;  
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord Who bought us, pitied us when enemies,  
called us by His grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:  
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation, threatens hard to bear us down,  
for the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror’s crown:  
He Who washed us with His blood, He Who washed us with His blood,  
He Who washed us with His blood soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy’s store;  
when through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles, and asks no more:  
He Who washed us with His blood, He Who washed us with His blood,  
He Who washed us with His blood has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;  
here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky:  
“Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood; Thou art worthy, Lamb of God!”

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### ■ prayer of adoration

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### ■ scripture reading | *Andrew Hobold (9am); Becky Knapp (11am)*

*Ephesians 1:15-23*

#### Thanksgiving and Prayer

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup>having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of praise

#### Turn Your Eyes

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

Turn your eyes to the hillside where justice and mercy embraced;  
there the Son of God gave His life for us and our measureless debt was erased.

*Jesus, to You we lift our eyes—Jesus, our glory and our prize.  
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true, O Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.*

Turn your eyes to the morning and see Christ the Lion awake.  
What a glorious dawn; fear of death is gone, for we carry His life in our veins.

Turn your eyes to the heavens—our King will return for His own;  
every knee will bow, every tongue will shout, “All glory to Jesus alone!”

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### ■ congregational prayer

### ■ offertory prayer | *Juliet Edem (9am); Tom Tarrant (11am)*

### ■ presentation of tithes and offerings

### ■ offertory | *Adult Choir (9am)*

#### O for a Heart to Praise My God

O for a heart to praise my God, a heart from sin set free;  
a heart that’s sprinkled with the blood so freely shed for me.

A heart in every thought renewed, and full of love divine;  
perfect and right and pure and good—a copy, Lord, of Thine.

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart, come quickly from above;  
write Thy new name upon my heart, Thy new best name of Love.

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### ■ song of preparation

#### Show Us Christ

Prepare our hearts, O God; help us to receive;  
break the hard and stony ground; help our unbelief.  
Plant Your Word down deep in us, cause it to bear fruit;  
open up our ears to hear; lead us in Your truth.

*Show us Christ, show us Christ;  
O God, reveal Your glory through the preaching of Your Word  
until every heart confesses, “Christ is Lord!”*

Your Word is living light upon our darkened eyes;  
guards us through temptations; makes the simple wise.  
Your Word is food for famished ones, freedom for the slave,  
riches for the needy soul—come speak to us today.

Where else can we go, Lord? Where else can we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.

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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

*1 Thessalonians 2:1-16*

#### Paul’s Ministry to the Thessalonians

<sup>1</sup>For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. <sup>2</sup>But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. <sup>3</sup>For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, <sup>4</sup>but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. <sup>5</sup>For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. <sup>6</sup>Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. <sup>7</sup>But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. <sup>8</sup>So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

<sup>9</sup>For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. <sup>10</sup>You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. <sup>11</sup>For you know how, like a father with his children, <sup>12</sup>we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

<sup>13</sup>And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. <sup>14</sup>For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea. For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews, <sup>15</sup>who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and displease God and oppose all mankind <sup>16</sup>by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they might be saved—so as always to fill up the measure of their sins. But wrath has come upon them at last!

### ■ prayer for illumination

### ■ sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor* “The Holy Spirit Working Through the Holy Word”

*Sermon Series: Signs of Revival*

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of response

#### Christ Our Treasure

Lord, our feet have wandered all the earth unsatisfied  
Drinking from a sea of emptiness has left us dry  
So we turn our eyes to

*Christ our Treasure, there is none like You  
Precious Jesus, there is none like You*

Living Water, Word of Life, You are forever true  
Every blessing, joy abounding here in knowing You  
So we fix our eyes on

Grace for the guilty, help for the needy—Jesus, You satisfy our souls  
Strength for the weary, hope for the grieving—Jesus, You satisfy our souls  
Healer of sickness, fountain of goodness—Jesus, You satisfy our souls  
Faithful Provider, gracious Redeemer—Jesus, You satisfy our souls  
Mighty in power, awesome in splendor—Jesus, You satisfy our souls  
Author, Perfecter, Keeper, Sustainer—Jesus, You satisfy our souls

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### ■ deacons’ fund offering | *Deacon Adam Barr*

### ■ 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*