

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

For events, please sign up through the QR codes or on the APC website!

New adult classes for Key Equipping begin this evening! See class descriptions in the Key Equipping Section of this bulletin.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) info meeting today in between services in the Main Level Adult Education Room (112). VBS will be June 19th to 23rd for children who are rising kindergarteners through 5th grade! Nursery will be available for children of volunteers.

Nursery volunteers: open enrollment ends today. Thank you for serving in the nursery as we teach and show Jesus to our little ones. Today is the last day to sign yourself up for the next quarter of nursery. The link to sign up can be found in the APC Email or SignUp Genius.

Paraguay Summer Missions Trip: There is still time to join the summer missions trip to Paraguay July 20-31, 2023! Join brothers and sisters from Northern Virginia and Florida PCA churches to support 5 growing PCA churches in Paraguay. Activities will likely include construction at La Roca church, medical fairs, street evangelism, vacation Bible school, worship & fellowship, and a bit of sightseeing. **There will be a zoom call on Wednesday April 26 at 7pm to learn more about the trip and discuss planning details.** Cost is approximately \$1800, and some financial support is available from the APC Missions Committee. For questions and a zoom link, email Eleanor Nagy at eleanornagy@gmail.com.

Spring2ACTion Fundraiser on April 26! Giving links can be found in the APC email. Consider supporting Casa Chirilagua in their work of developing relationships with families to see the Chirilagua neighborhood transformed by Christ. The goal is to raise \$120,000 through this 24 hour fundraiser. Contact Jon Paramore at jon@casachirilagua.org with questions. Consider supporting YoungLife! Proceeds from this will help send Alexandria kids to camp this summer. Contact Thomas Wilson at thomasnoewilson@gmail.com with questions.

Come hear our own APC member talk about her earlier days as an author. Lisa Fleischaker wrote the memoir “Craving Grace” in her 20’s. She will be our featured author, and her book will be our discussion topic on May 1 at 7:45pm at Lina Gentry’s house at 8313 Greeley Blvd. Please RSVP to carolinesgentry@gmail.com.

One worship service will be held on May 7 at 11am for anyone not attending the church retreat.

Newcomer Fellowship Dinner on Saturday, May 20, 6-8pm at APC. If you’ve been attending APC for one week or several months, please join us for food and fellowship. You’ll have a chance to meet church officers and staff, ask questions and learn more about the ministry God is building here.

The next Inquirers Class is June 2 and 3. If you are interested in membership or in gaining a deeper understanding of APC, we invite you to attend this class. You will receive an introduction to Christianity, the PCA, and the specific vision/mission and philosophy of ministry at APC. It’s also a great opportunity to meet other newcomers to the church, as well as pastors and staff! Membership is open to all who profess faith in Christ and believe the basic teachings of the Christian faith. Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church.

Next Baptism is Sunday, June 18. If you would like to have your child or children baptized, please send an email to Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org.

Volunteer at Lincolnian! Did you know that between 15 and 20 Lincolnian Assisted Living residents attend a weekly devotional time with APC volunteers? Every Saturday at 10:30am we meet in the lobby for about an hour. Though only a few residents are able to attend our services in person, there are others who have participated with us at the Lincolnian for years. Many of you were able to join us this past Christmas. If you would like to visit again, or for the first time, please email Phyllis Sergent at phyllis.sergent@gmail.com. A regular commitment is not required. Please pray about volunteering, and please pray for salvations from this ministry.

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 Allen family
Next Week’s Coffee Set Up: Mary Lou Chesser, Rodney Veenstra
- Nursery** *This Week’s 9am Service:* Chet Hutchinson, Emily Kinch, Amanda Leamer, Daniel and Kimberly Parker, Margaret Veenstra, Evan and Maureen Ward
This Week’s 11am Service: Matt Brown, Jodie Kirk, Tom Mood, Joey and Bailey Rolland, Andrea Romyn, Athena Selim
Next Week’s 9am Service: Shannon Allen, Amanda Leamer, Carmen Rives, Andrea Romyn, Emmett Stephens, Angel Tinev, Bryan and Stacy Wittmeyer
Next Week’s 11am Service: Lee and Hillary Capper, Sarah Field, Sharon Holliday, Jackie McCauley, Chris Nelms
- Children’s Church** *This Week’s 9am Service:* Elan Liang, Amy Weld
This Week’s 11am Service: Erin Furgerson
- A/V Team** *This Week’s Service:* Maggie Coombs, Ethan Novak, Pete Olsen
- Ushers** **9am Service:** Mark Adams, Sue Edwards, Brian Field, Alex and Heidi Gesch, Katty and Daniel Hoyle, Jon Osborne
11am Service: Christian and Connor Brittle, Mike Mazek, Rick Eppright, Vynn Huh
- Deacons on Duty** Adam Barr, Stephen Sylvia, Angel Tinev

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
Topical—“God’s Glory in Missions”, Led by Elder Rob Fisher, Room 201. “Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exist because worship doesn’t.”—John Piper. Many of us have heard this quoted before. In this study of missions using Piper’s book, *Let the Nations be Glad! The Supremacy of God in Missions*, we will explore and seek to be transformed by God’s zeal for His own Glory as it is expressed in bringing people from every tribe, nation and tongue to extol His greatness. Copies of the book are available at no cost on a first come first served basis.

Foundational—“How to Read the Bible”, Led by Pastor Josh Diack, Room 112. The task of reading and understanding the Bible has and continues to be met with strong headwinds. The headwinds, rather than discouraging us, show us the value of the task—to know and study the Bible faithfully and dependently, and in so doing to “taste and see” Christ clothed in its pages.

Book of the Bible—“Ezra—Rebuilding the Temple and Recognizing God’s Voice in the Midst of Hardship, Opposition, and Disappointment”, Led by Elder Bryant Street, Room 114. This class will look at the return of the Jewish exiles from Babylon in its historical context and in the context of prophesy by Daniel, Haggai, and Zechariah.



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.

<p>APC Visitor Form</p> 	<p>Give to APC</p> 	<p>Inquirers Class</p> 	<p>Newcomer Dinner</p> 
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Holy Worship Service

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

■ prelude

■ gathering song

The Lord Is My Salvation

The grace of God has reached for me and pulled me from the raging sea, and I am safe on this solid ground: the Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls; His strength will help me scale these walls; I'll see the dawn of the rising sun: vthe Lord is my salvation.

Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love. My debt is paid and the vict'ry won: the Lord is my salvation.

My hope is hidden in the Lord; He flow'rs each promise of His Word; when winter fades I know spring will come: the Lord is my salvation.

In times of waiting, times of need, when I know loss, when I am weak, I know His grace will renew these days: the Lord is my salvation.

And when I reach my final day He will not leave me in the grave, but I will rise; He will call me home: the Lord is my salvation.

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit; the Lord is our salvation!

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■ call to worship | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

Romans 5:1-5

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure, that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss—the Father turns His face away as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross—my sin upon His shoulders—ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished. His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom. But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer, but this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | Deacon Bruce Barham

Psalms 30

Joy Comes with the Morning

A Psalm of David. A song at the dedication of the temple.

¹I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

²O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

³O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those

who go down to the pit.

⁴Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

⁵For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

⁶As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

⁷By your favor, O Lord, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

⁸To you, O Lord, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:

⁹"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit?"

Will the dust praise you?

Will it tell of your faithfulness?

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

God Be Merciful (Psalm 51)

God, be merciful to me; on Thy grace I rest my plea. Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now; wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress. I have sinned against Thy grace, and provoked Thee to Thy face. I confess Thy judgement just; speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within. Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart. Make me pure, Thy grace bestow; wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by Thy wrath and judgment just; let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear Thy voice. From my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true. Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me; Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to Thee. Savior, all my guilt remove and my tongue shall sing Thy love. Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

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■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | Stacy Wittmeyer (9am); Erin Hutchinson (11am)

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ offertory | Adult Choir (9am)

I Will Sing to the Lord

I will sing to the Lord and give praises, I will sing with my whole heart, I will sing to the Lord and bless His holy Name.

I will exalt His righteousness, Holy and just are His ways; Mighty in power, Creator of all, His works show forth His praise.

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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

Philippians 4

¹Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Exhortation, Encouragement, and Prayer

²I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. ³Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

¹⁰Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me! O Lord, be my helper!"

¹¹You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

¹²that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

God's Provision

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me.

You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

¹⁴Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Final Greetings

²¹Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. ²²All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

²³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

“Side-By-Side Gospel Ministry” *Sermon series: Ministries of Mercy*

■ prayer of consecration | Elder Marc Allen and Deacon Stephen Sylvia

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

A Christian's Daily Prayer

As morning dawns and day awakes, to You I bring my need: O gracious God, my source of strength, in You I live and breathe. Each hour is Yours by wisdom planned, each deed empowered by sovereign hands; renew my spirit, help me stand—be glorified today.

As day unfolds, I seek Your will in all of life's demands. And though the tempter tries me still, I cling to Your commands. Let every effort of my life display the matchless worth of Christ; make me a living sacrifice—be glorified today.

As sun gives way to darkest night, Your Spirit still is here. And though my strength fades like the light, new mercies will appear. I rest in You; abide with me until our trials and suffering give way to final victory—be glorified today; be glorified, I pray.

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■ deacons' fund offering | Deacon Angel Tinev

■ song of response

The Doxology #731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, you heav'nly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Words: Thomas Ken (1709); Music: Louis Bourgeois's Genevan Psalter

■ dismissal

Please read responsively (taken from Micah 6:8).

Leader: He has told you, oh man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

All: Lord, by Your Spirit's empowering, in response to Your merciful heart, we will do justice, we will love kindness, and we will walk humbly with You.

■ benediction

■ announcements | Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries (9am); Serenity Novak, Worship Assistant (11am)