

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Key Equipping will not be held this evening in light of Mother's Day.

Vacation Bible School registration is NOW OPEN! Join us June 19-23 from 9:15-11:30am for *Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity*. Registering your rising kindergarteners through rising 5th graders early is very helpful! Please sign up by June 11 through the QR code or on the APC website. Volunteers are also needed! Email Erin at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org.

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.

Sisters in Stitches—Saturday, May 20 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.

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 sign up through the QR code or email Phyllis Sergent at phyllis.sergent@gmail.com. A regular commitment is not required.

Come cheer on our APC softball team! All games are played at Hensley Field, 4200 Eisenhower Ave, Alexandria, VA 22303. Check out the schedule of remaining games for this season:

- Mon 05/15/2023 6:30pm
- Mon 05/22/2023 6:30pm
- Mon 06/05/2023 6:30pm
- Mon 06/19/2023 7:45pm

Giving at a Glance	YTD Giving (7/1/22-4/30/23)	\$1,911,067
	YTD Budget (7/1/22-4/30/23)	\$2,015,000
	Difference	- \$103,933 (94.8%)

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:* Juan and Consuelo Rosas, Reb Maylum
Next Week's Coffee Set Up: the Allen family
- Nursery** *This Week's 9am Service:* Rob Coit, Josh and Sam Diack, Rob Fisher, Ann Howley, Christian Poole, Juliana Richardson, Jeremy and Staci Root, Rachel Sylvia
This Week's 11am Service: Femi Adeniji, Flora Chipana, Laura and Elyse Coit, Drew and Sally Lindsay
Next Week's 9am Service: Tina Brady, Jamie Connelly, Sarah Field, Jackie McCauley, Susanna Root, Evan and Maureen Ward
Next Week's 11am Service: Mark Adams, Stacey Diack, Sharon Holliday, Dan and Kathryn Johnson, Mary Mitchell Todd
- Children's Church** *This Week's 9am Service:* Stacey Diack and Sarah Field
This Week's 11am Service: Erin Furgerson
- A/V Team** *This Week's Service:* Ethan Novak, Sam and Collin White
- Ushers for May** Femi Adeniji, Andy, Kira, and Granville Allison, Adam and Knox Barr, JW Jung, Jodie and Seth Kirk, Will Marks, Janice Nichols, Christian and Jack Poole, Rachel Veenstra, Sam and Collin White
- Deacons on Duty** Pete Olsen, Bill Ward, Bryan Wittmeyer

KEY EQUIPPING Not Meeting May 14

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.

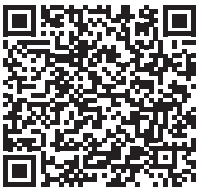





Covenant Kids Ministry: Children 2 years old - 5th grade, Lower Level (Nursery for 1 & under) We welcome children to learn foundational truths about God and the Gospel story. We experience what it looks like to love God and love others in community with our worship, small groups, teaching, games, fellowship, 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 114. “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 201. 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.

<p>APC Visitor Form</p> 	<p>Give to APC</p> 		
<p>Newcomer Dinner</p> 	<p>Inquirers Class</p> 	<p>VBS Registration</p> 	<p>Volunteer at Lincolnian</p> 



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

■ gathering song

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing; Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, sing of wondrous grace; Alleluia! Amen!
what love that took our place; Alleluia! Amen!
Jesus the Lamb was slain, bearing our sin and shame,
yet triumphed o'er the grave! Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!
life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
on heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

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■ call to worship | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

Hebrews 12:1-2

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting without hope, without light
Till from Heaven You came running; there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father, praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, Three in One
God of glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored
And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | Sharon Holliday (9am); Caitlin Jolly (11am)

Matthew 15:21-28

The Faith of a Canaanite Woman

²¹And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ confession of faith

Please read responsively the Heidelberg Catechism #21

Q: What is true faith?

A: True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.

■ song of praise

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

Jesus, what a Friend for sinners! Jesus, Lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Hallelujah, what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.*

Jesus, what a Strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him,
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing; He, my Strength, my vict'ry wins.

Jesus, what a Help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking, He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus, I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.

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■ farewell | Fleischaker family (9am)

■ congregational prayer | Elder Didier Balagizi

■ offertory prayer | Laurie LeRoy (9am); Laura Erickson (11am)

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ offertory | Adult Choir (9am)

Psalm 91

I will dwell in the shelter of the Most High God.
I will say of the Lord, "He is my Strength."
I will say, "He's my Refuge, my Fortress, my Shield."
I will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I can call on Him, and He will answer.
I can call on Him, and He'll be with me.
I can call on Him in time of trouble; He will deliver me.

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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

Matthew 13:31-33

The Mustard Seed and the Leaven

³¹He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. ³²It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

"Kingdom Growth from Small Measures" *Sermon series: Kingdom Parables*

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Yet Not I But Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer; there is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: My hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to His.
O, how strange and divine; I can sing, "All is mine!" Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side the Savior He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need His power is displayed.
To this I hold: My Shepherd will defend me; through the deepest valley He will lead.
O, the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread; I know I am forgiven—the future sure, the price it has been paid;
for Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave!
To this I hold: My sin has been defeated; Jesus now and ever is my plea.
O, the chains are released; I can sing, "I am free!" Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home;
and day by day I know He will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: My hope is only Jesus; all the glory evermore to Him!
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat, "Yet not I, but through Christ in me!"

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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 | Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries