Pray with a Shepherd after both worship services. 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!

Update on Good News for Africa: Come hear an exciting update on what God is doing in the Christian orphanage in Congo founded by APC members Didier and Sifa Balagizi, and partially supported by APC. The update will be given between today's worship services from 10:20-10:45am in Room 201.

Vacation Bible School registration is OPEN! Sign up today during fellowship time downstairs! 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, on the APC website, or downstairs during our time of fellowship. Volunteers are also needed! Email Erin at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org.

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.

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

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: the Brittle family

This Week's 9am Service: Tina Brady, Jamie Connelly, Sarah Field, Nursery

Jackie McCauley, Susanna Root, Evan and Maureen Ward

This Week's 11am Service: Mark Adams, Stacey Diack, Sharon Holliday, Dan and Kathryn Johnson, Mary Mitchell Todd

Next Week's 9am Service: Sifa Balagizi, Chase and Mary Lou Chesser, Catherine Marks, Stephanie, Abbie, and Ellie Olsen, Bethany Tinev Next Week's 11am Service: Marc, Shannon, James, and Sarah Allen,

Hillary Capper, Ann Howley

This Week's 9am Service: Shant and Annie Boyajian Children's Church

This Week's 11am Service: Cami Kinder

A/V Team This Week's Service: Lee Huntington, Bailey Rolland, Brian Yoon **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, Stephen Sylvia, 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

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

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.



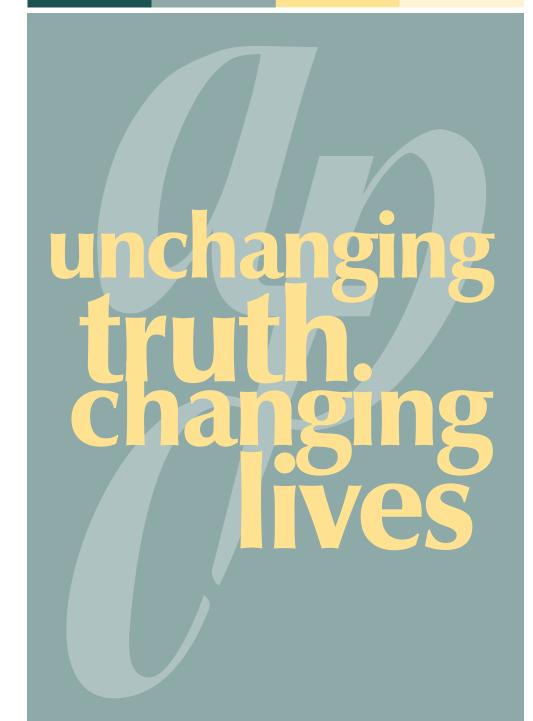








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Holy Worship Service GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

prelude

call to worship | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

Hebrews 1:1-4

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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 through 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 giv'n 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 | Steve and Becky Mason (9am); Sam and Jessica White (11am) Luke 7:36-50

A Sinful Woman Forgiven

³⁶One of the Pharisee's asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. ³⁷And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. ³⁹Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." ⁴⁰And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

⁴¹"A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴²When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." ⁴⁸And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise

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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farewell the Mugg and Parker families (9am)

congregational prayer

offertory prayer | Brian Field (9am); Maggie Cho (11am)

presentation of tithes and offerings

offertory | Adult Choir

Creation Hymn

His praise appears in all I see; the stars declare His hands to be; creation speaks in sky and sea and shore, proclaiming forth their sovereign Maker, "Lord." High mountains, rising to the sky, bow down before their Author's eye; sea depths now echoing the land's refrain, their vast expanse too small to hold His name: He is Lord.

But though I see, my heart cries out, "So great a God—cares He for me?"

Yes, He Who rules the hosts above surrendered, yet, His life in love, embraced me on a mountain full of pain, released me from an ocean's debt of shame: He is Lord.

"Yes, now I see," my heart cries out, "So great a God, He cares for me!"

And thus, a new creation made, I see Him more and more each day; with all the wonders that His hands have laid, I rise to glory in the Son, and say: "He's my Lord!"

Words by Brian Chapell, based on Ps. 19:1-16 and 2 Cor. 5:17; Music by Craig Courtney; © 1995 Beckenhorst Press, Inc.

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 13:44-46

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

The Parable of the Pearl of Great Value

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

prayer for illumination

sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

"Selling Everything for Great Treasure" Sermon series: Kingdom Parables

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.

communion song

Nothing But the Blood *Trinity Hymnal #307* What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

O, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow; no other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing, this I see— nothing but the blood of Jesus. For my pardon, this my plea— nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus; naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace—nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my righteousness—nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of response

Take My Life

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee, swift and beautiful for Thee.

Here am I, all of me; Take my life, it's all for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee, filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every pow'r as Thou shalt choose, every pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne, it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store. Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee, ever, only, all for Thee.

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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); Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate (11am)