Key Equipping is on break for the summer, however we look forward to staying connected as a church family through various studies and events listed below! Please also note that we will continue to offer both 9am and 11am worship services throughout summer.

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 love to pray with you about any topic.

Newcomer Receptions today after both worship services. If you have recently started attending APC, we invite you to join us after either worship service for a time of refreshments and meeting the pastors, staff, and other APCers. We would love the chance to get to know you, help get you connected, and answer any question you may have about APC!

Installation Service and Reception for Pastor Joel this evening at 5pm. As we welcome Joel Acevedo as APC's Pastor of International Outreach and Mercy, please join us for a special installation service and reception!

Nursery volunteers: Thank you for serving in the nursery as we teach and show Jesus to our little ones. Please check your email for the sign up link and volunteer for the next quarter of nursery. Open enrollment has begun and closes Sunday, July 23rd.

Summer Women's Bible Study begins this Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall! Women of APC, please join us as we study the book of Ruth this summer. We will meet every Wednesday from 7-8:30pm, July 19 - August 16. RSVP to Andrea Jones at andreamoorejones@gmail.com or Lynn Streett at lynn.streett79@gmail.com. *Please note: due to the large response, the Bible study will now be held in the Fellowship Hall at church!*

Men of APC, mark your calendars for a lunch together on July 22. High school boys are also very welcome and encouraged to attend.

Location: Home of Marc and Shannon Allen (details to be provided to all registrants)
Date and Time: Saturday, July 22; 11:30am-3pm

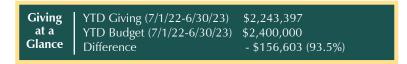
Event Details: Please join us for a time of fellowship, sharing, and barbecue (!) from Rockland's Barbecue Co. There is no cost, but **please sign up by July 18 for food planning purposes.**

Sisters in Stitches on Saturday, July 29 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.

Covenant Fellowship Groups (CFGs). At APC, we see CFGs as a key vehicle for promoting Gospel-centered community. CFGs are small groups that meet regularly in various locations for teaching, prayer, and fellowship. Many groups are on summer break, however the fall is a great time to join. On September 10, we will have a CFG Meet and Greet between worship services where you will have the opportunity to meet CFG leaders and be provided with all the current details. If you have any questions in the meantime, contact Pastor Josh Diack at josh.diack@alexandriapres.org.

We are in need of additional CFG leaders and hosts. CFG leaders are required to either have taken or be currently taking the Leadership Training class, which will be offered in the fall on Tuesday evenings. Contact Pastor Josh if you are interested!

Projection Team. We need 2-3 more people to join the monthly rotation of helping with one of the simplest and most significant ways to serve at APC! By managing the projection of lyrics and scripture on our video screens, projection volunteers keep everyone aware of what's happening in each service, help to facilitate the leadership of APC's pastors and musicians, and literally place the words of the gospel in view of God's people each week. You do not have to be savvy with technology or media design to serve in this capacity. Contact Bailey Rolland, Office Administrator, at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org.



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, Emily Kerski

Next Week's Coffee Set Up: TBD

Nursery This Week's 9am Service: Sifa Balagizi, Sarah Field, Andrew Hobold,

Tommy and Emily Ribaric, Angel Tinev, Bryan Wittmeyer

This Week's 11am Service: Marc and Shannon Allen, Hillary Capper,

Bailey and Joey Rolland, Athena Selim

Next Week's 9am Service: Maggie Coombs, Ryan and Amy Douglass,

Owen Gentry, Emily Kinch, Matti Jamison

Next Week's 11am Service: Jodie and Anna Kirk, Drew and Sally Lindsay,

Tom Mood, Athena Selim

Children's Church This Week's 9am Service: Elan Liang, Stacy Wittmeyer

This Week's 11am Service: Erin Furgerson

A/V Team This Week: Hensley Gollopp, Sam and Collin White Greeters This Week's 9am Service: Ryan Furgerson, Tina Brady,

Bryant and Lynn Streett, Chevelle Tallman

This Week's 11am Service: Pierre Jolly, Sara Eppright, Chris Nelms,

Chris and Amy Weld

Ushers This Week's 9am service: Femi Adeniji, Andy, Kira, and Granville Allison,

Will Marks, Janice Nichols, Sam and Collin White

This Week's 11am service: JW Jung, Jodie and Seth Kirk,

Christian and Jack Poole, Rachel Veenstra **Deacons on Duty**Bruce Barham, Pete Olsen, Bryan Wittmeyer

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Email Distribution List. Weekly e-announcements keep the APC family informed of ministries, events, and prayer requests. To subscribe, please contact the church office at admin@ alexandriapres.org.

Covenant Fellowship Groups (CFG). This is our small group ministry. APC offers a variety of CFGs which meet for study, prayer, fellowship, accountability and growth. A list of locations, times and contact info can be found online or by contacting Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life, at josh. diack@alexandriapres.org. The CFG list will be updated at the end of summer with new group info.

UNCHANGING TRUTH—CHANGING LIVES

APC is a church of sinners. It's that simple. But we are bound together by the Gospel that saves us and transforms us. The transformation is, however, a process. God isn't through with us yet. Everyone in this church is struggling with something. If you are currently struggling with greed, gossip, drugs, alcohol, sexual brokenness, eating disorders, anger, pride, etc—you are not alone. More importantly, God does not intend for you to struggle alone. That's why He made the Church. If you would like to learn how your brothers and sisters at APC might be able to encourage you, pray with you and struggle alongside you, contact Tom Holliday at the church office.

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

















July 16, 2023

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.

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Please, no food or drink other than water in the Sanctuary. Silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

Holy Worship Service GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP prelude

call to worship | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

Psalm 26:8,12

Leader: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.

All: My foot stands on level ground;

in the great assembly I will bless the Lord.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise

Come Praise and Glorify

Come praise and glorify our God, the Father of our Lord! In Christ He has in heav'nly realms His blessings on us poured; for pure and blameless in His sight He destined us to be, and now we've been adopted through His Son eternally.

To the praise of Your glory, to the praise of Your mercy and grace, to the praise of Your glory, You are the God who saves!

Come praise and glorify our God, Who gives His grace in Christ; in Him our sins are washed away, redeemed through sacrifice. In Him God has made known to us the myst'ry of His will: that Christ should be the Head of all, His purpose to fulfill.

Come praise and glorify our God, for we've believed the Word, and through our faith we have a seal, the Spirit of the Lord. The Spirit guarantees our hope until redemption's done, until we join in endless praise to God, the Three in One.

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading

Romans 8:26-39

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

God's Everlasting Love

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise

Here Is Love

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood, when the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood. Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise? He can never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide; through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide. Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above; heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

That same love beyond all measure, mocked and slain by hateful men, lives and reigns in resurrection and can never die again. Here is love for all the ages; radiant Sun of Heav'n, He stands calling home His Father's children, holding forth His wounded hands.

Here is love, vast as the heavens; countless as the stars above are the souls that He has ransomed—precious daughters, treasured sons. We are called to feast forever on a love beyond our time; glorious Father, Son, and Spirit now with man are intertwined.

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congregational prayer

offertory prayer | Gary McGee (9am); Maggie Cho (11am)

presentation of tithes and offerings

song of preparation

O Great God

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart, own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r. Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war; You have loved and purchased me; make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice, did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys. Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me, through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace; keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face. You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed; O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your Name through 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

John 17:6-19 (pg. 849)

⁶"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. 8For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

prayer for illumination

sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

"A Prayer for Disciples" Sermon series: The Lord's Prayer

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

prayer of commitment

Adapted from The Valley of Vision prayer, "The Throne"

O God of my delight,

Your throne of grace is the pleasure ground of my soul. Here I obtain mercy in time of need; here I see the smile of Your reconciled face; here joy pleads the name of Jesus. Help me to come to Him as the fountain of descending blessings, as a wide open floodgate of mercy.

I marvel at my folly— that with His enriching blessings within my reach, I am slow to extend a hand to take them. Have mercy upon my deadness for Your Name's sake, and strengthen me by the work of Your Spirit within me, that I might cling to You and walk humbly before You. May Christ be my full joy: the pulse of my heart, the spokesman of my lips, and the lamp of my feet. Amen.

song of response

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;

the bleeding sacrifice on my behalf appears.

Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands; my name is written on His hands.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise, arise, my soul, arise! Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise, arise, my soul, arise! Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,

His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead;

His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race, and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;

they pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.

"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,

"nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear.

He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear.

With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,

and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

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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