

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

Nursery volunteers: Today is the last day for nursery volunteers to sign up for the next quarter. As of tomorrow, please consider Sign Up Genius closed while Erin assigns remaining spots. Thank you to all of our nursery volunteers!

Summer Women's Bible Study on Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall! Women of APC, please join us as we study the book of Ruth this summer. We meet every Wednesday from 7-8:30pm, until 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 is being held in the Fellowship Hall at church.**

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 (10:20-10:50am) 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!

Ministry Fair in between worship services on August 20. Join us in the Fellowship Hall from 10:20-10:50am on August 20 to learn about the ministries at APC. You will have the opportunity to meet leaders, ask questions, and sign-up for ministry opportunities.

Save the Date for a Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social, Sunday, September 3, 5pm. We are excited to kick-off fall as an APC family with a hot dog and ice cream social in the church parking lot!

Spiritual Leadership Training Class begins Tuesday, September 5, 7:30pm. If you are interested in studying the subject of leadership in the church, we invite you to attend this 7-week class. It is open to all adults who desire to serve in a leadership capacity working with children, youth, CFGs, men's and women's ministries, missions, etc. This class is also required for any man willing to consider being nominated in the future for the office of elder or deacon. While taking the class is a prerequisite for becoming an elder or deacon, it does not obligate you to stand for election. The class is also required for any woman considering appointment as a deaconess. Email Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org if you wish to attend.

Newcomer Fellowship Dinner on Saturday, September 16, 6pm. 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 September 29 and 30. 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.

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:* Rebecca Maylum, Andrea Romyn, Tressa Wilson
Next Week's Coffee Set Up: the Flores family
- Nursery** *This Week's 9am Service:* Maggie, Gus, and Woordrow Coombs, Ryan and Amy Douglass, Owen Gentry, Emily Kinch, Matti Jamison
This Week's 11am Service: Jodie and Anna Kirk, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Tom Mood, Athena Selim
Next Week's 9am Service: Laura and Alex Erickson, Lina Gentry, Jackie McCauley, Chris Nelms, Stephanie, Abbie, and Ellie Olsen
Next Week's 11am Service: Maggie Coombs, Laura and Alex Erickson, Rick, Sara, and Lydia Eppright, Cami Kinder, Tom Mood
- Children's Church** *This Week's 9am Service:* Elan Liang, Stacy Wittmeyer
This Week's 11am Service: Erin Furgerson
- A/V Team** *This Week:* Ben and Liz Crowley, Eli Kendrick, Joshua Youngquist
- Greeters** *This Week's 9am Service:* Ryan Furgerson, Lynn Streett, Chevelle Tallman
This Week's 11am Service: Pierre Jolly, Chris Nelms
- 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, Stephen Sylvia

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

APC Visitor Form



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Newcomer Dinner



Inquirers Class



unchanging truth. changing lives

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.

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** | *Worship Team*

■ **call to worship** | *Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries*

Isaiah 43:1

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of praise**

O 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.

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.

*O my soul, arise! Behold the risen Christ,
your great High Priest, your spotless Sacrifice.
O my soul, arise! God owns you as His child.
Shake off your guilty fears, my soul, arise!*

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,
“don’t 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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■ **prayer of adoration** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **scripture reading** | *Elder Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries (9am);
Shauna Pittman (11am)*

Hebrews 10:11-23

¹¹And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws on their hearts,
and write them on their minds,”

¹⁷then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

The Full Assurance of Faith

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,
²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his
flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true
heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our
bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,
for he who promised is faithful.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **confession of sin**

All: Lord God, how can I approach You when my conscience assaults me with reminders of how I have polluted my body and soul— the very temple Your blood bought? In my weak faith, my sin often appears bigger than Your Son’s single, long-ago sacrifice on the cross.

Yet I confess that I can put my uttermost hope there: in Jesus, the great and perfect High Priest who came to call and sanctify an imperfect people for Himself. The sacrifice of His flesh was complete and fully sufficient to wipe clean the slate of my sins. Even now, He sits at Your right hand pleading on my behalf. There is now no curtain, no barrier, to hinder me from enjoying the fullness of satisfaction and benefits that You offer to me as my loving heavenly Father.

Jesus, please enable me to shake off my guilty fears and draw near to You. How can I go on living with a troubled conscience when I see, with eyes of faith, all that You have done to save me, and all that You are now doing to intercede for me? Arise, O my soul! Even though I have sinned against the sovereign Lord, He has owned me as His child because of You, Jesus Christ, in whose Name I pray. Amen.

■ **assurance of pardon**

Isaiah 1:18

Leader: “Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.”

■ **song of assurance**

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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■ **song of praise**

Worthy Is the Lamb

Thank You for the cross, Lord; thank You for the price You paid.
Bearing all my sin and shame, in love You came and gave amazing grace.
Thank You for this love, Lord, thank You for the nail-pierced hands.
Washed me in Your cleansing flow, now all I know is Your forgiveness and embrace.

*Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne!
We crown You now with many crowns, You reign victorious!
High and lifted up, Jesus, Son of God,
the Treasure of heaven crucified—
Worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb!*

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■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer** | *Traci Youngquist (9am); Tom Tarrants (11am)*

■ **presentation of tithes and offerings**

■ **musical offering**

*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 17:20-26 (pg. 849)

²⁰“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,
²¹that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may
be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have
given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³I in them and
you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent
me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that they also, whom you have
given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you
loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵O righteous Father, even though the world
does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made known to
them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have
loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

■ **prayer for illumination**

■ **sermon** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

“A Prayer for Unity” *Sermon series: The Lord’s Prayer*

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me,
give me faith for what I cannot see,
give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;
may Your joy be seen in all I do—
Love enough to cover every sin
in each thought and deed and attitude,
kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace;
breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show Your power once again on earth,
cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.

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■ **deacons’ fund offering** | *Deacon Stephen Sylvia*

■ **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**