

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.

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.

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 9, 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.

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!

Women's Thursday Bible study begins September 7. The theme for the coming year for the Thursday Bible study is HOPE. We will begin the year studying Nancy Guthrie's *The Promised One* from her *Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament* series. As Sarah Lloyd Jones says, "Every story whispers His name!" Come and see how, from the very beginning, God made sure that sin would not have the last word! The Thursday group meets weekly, beginning September 7, from 9:45-11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Nursery is provided. Please RSVP to Lynn Streett at lynn.streett79@gmail.com if you will need the nursery. A Thursday evening option via Zoom will also be offered, pending interest. Please RSVP to Lynn Streett at lynn.streett79@gmail.com to receive the link.

Women's Friday Bible Study begins September 22. Ladies, join us for 7 alternating Fridays from 9:45-11:30am beginning September 22 and meeting every other week at the church. We will use Nancy Guthrie's *The Wisdom of God: Seeing Jesus in the Psalms and Wisdom Books*. Childcare is available. Please order your book ahead of time. Free copies will also be available for those who need one. Contact Ruth Fisher at ruth.fisher@hotmail.com or Amy Weld haddadamy@yahoo.com to let us know you are coming and if you need childcare.

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.

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 Flores family
Next Week's Coffee Set Up: Allison Bolling, Emily Kerski
- Nursery** *This Week's 9am Service:* Laura and Alex Erickson, Lina Gentry, Jackie McCauley, Chris Nelms, Stephanie, Abbie, and Ellie Olsen
This Week's 11am Service: Rick, Sara, and Lydia Eppright, Cami Kinder, Tom Mood, Mary Mitchell Todd
Next Week's 9am Service: Jamie Connelly, Sue Edwards, Ann Howley, Matti Jamison, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Tommy and Emily Ribaric
Next Week's 11am Service: Cindy Cai, Dan and Kathryn Johnson, Eleanor Nagy, Staci Root, Athena Selim
- Children's Church A/V Team** *This Week:* No Children's Church on the 5th Sunday of the month
- Greeters** *This Week's 9am Service:* Mary Baird, Ryan Furgerson, Lynn Streett, Chris and Amy Weld
This Week's 11am Service: Matt Coombs, the Allen family
- 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.

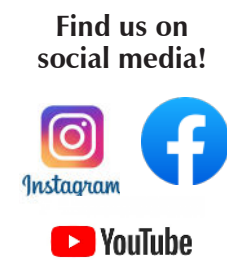
Covenant Fellowship Groups (CFG). This is our small group ministry. APC offers a variety of CFGs which meet for study, prayer, fellowship, accountability and growth. A list of locations, times and contact info can be found online or by contacting Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life, at josh.diack@alexandriapres.org.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



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

■ call to worship | *Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate*

1 Peter 1:3,13

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

All: Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ, our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer’s blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what will we sing? “Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!”
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | *Tracy Powell (9am); Femi Adeniji (11am)*

Philippians 4:1-9

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.

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 PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Still, My Soul, Be Still

Still, my soul, be still, and do not fear,
though winds of change may rage tomorrow.
God is at your side; no longer dread
the fires of unexpected sorrow.

*God, You are my God,
and I will trust in You and not be shaken.
Lord of peace, renew
a steadfast spirit within me to rest in You alone.*

Still, my soul, be still; do not be moved
by lesser lights and fleeting shadows.
Hold onto His ways, with shield of faith
against temptation’s flaming arrows.

Still, my soul, be still; do not forsake
the truth you learned in the beginning.
Wait upon the Lord, and hope will rise
as stars appear when day is dimming.

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■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | *Sue Edwards (9am); Jessica White (11am)*

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ song of preparation

Turn Your Eyes

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in His wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of His glory and grace.

Turn your eyes to the hillside
where justice and mercy embraced;
there the Son of God gave His life for us
and our measureless debt was erased.

*Jesus, to You we lift our eyes—
Jesus, our glory and our prize.
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true,
O Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.*

Turn your eyes to the morning
and see Christ the Lion awake.
What a glorious dawn; fear of death is gone,
for we carry His life in our veins.

Turn your eyes to the heavens—
our King will return for His own;
every knee will bow, every tongue will shout,
"All glory to Jesus alone!"

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Children's Church is not meeting today. On a month that has a 5th Sunday, our curriculum allows for the children to put into practice what they are learning about the different aspects of worship by remaining in the service.

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ children’s message

■ sermon scripture reading

Psalms 42 (pg. 439)

¹As a deer pants for flowing streams,
so pants my soul for you, O God.

²My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.

When shall I come and appear before God?

³My tears have been my food
day and night,

while they say to me all the day long,
“Where is your God?”

⁴These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:

how I would go with the throng
and lead them in procession to the house of God
with glad shouts and songs of praise,
a multitude keeping festival.

⁵Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation ⁶and my God.

My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you

from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.

⁷Deep calls to deep
at the roar of your waterfalls;
all your breakers and your waves
have gone over me.

⁸By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

⁹I say to God, my rock:

“Why have you forgotten me?

Why do I go mourning
because of the oppression of the enemy?”

¹⁰As with a deadly wound in my bones,
my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me all the day long,
“Where is your God?”

¹¹Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | *Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate*

“Hope in God”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

It Is Well with My Soul (Trinity Hymnal #691)

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

My sin— O, the bliss of this glorious thought—
my sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul.

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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*