

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.

Congregational Meeting this evening at 5pm. Please plan to join us for this important meeting. We will review the completion of this year's budget and announce the budget for the new fiscal year, which started July 1. Plan to stay afterward for ice cream and fellowship!

Newcomer Receptions on July 16 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 on July 16 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! We look forward to Joel and his wife Gladys joining us in July.

Summer Women's Bible Study. Women of APC, please join us at the home of Abigail Jessee (6032 Morgan Court, Alexandria) 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.

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.

Save the Date for 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.

Camping with Koinonia (20s and 30s of APC). A lot of people have expressed interest in a Koinonia Camping trip! Let Bailey Rolland know if this is something you would be interested in.

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.

Consider volunteering for Children's Church! We are delighted with the growing number of 5 year olds through 2nd graders who participate weekly in Children's Church and experience worship on their level. Because of this growing number, we need 12 more couples/pairs in the rotation, and the summer is a great time to join! Reach out to Children's Ministry Director Erin Furgerson at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org or Elder Mark Adams at mark.philip.adams@gmail.com with any questions or to sign up.

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 Rosas family; Next Week's Coffee Set Up: Allison Bolling, Emily Kerski; Nursery: This Week's 9am Service: Tina Brady, Gus Coombs, Amy Douglass, Lizzie Lenart, Juliana Richardson, Staci Root, Doug Shipley, Traci Youngquist; This Week's 11am Service: Femi Adeniji, Will and Mary Mitchell Todd, Sam, Jessica, Collin, and Charlie White; Children's Church: This Week's 9am Service: Romyedy and Amy Murr; A/V Team: This Week: Ben Crowley, Wayne Folta, Bailey Rolland; Greeters: This Week's 9am Service: Ryan Furgerson, Mary Baird, Lindsay Hutter; Ushers: This Week's 9am service: Femi Adeniji, Andy, Kira, and Granville Allison; 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.

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



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 | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

*Isaiah 42:10-13*

<sup>10</sup>Sing to the Lord a new song,  
his praise from the end of the earth,  
you who go down to the sea, and all that fills it,  
the coastlands and their inhabitants.

<sup>11</sup>Let the desert and its cities lift up their voice,  
the villages that Kedar inhabits;  
let the habitants of Sela sing for joy,  
let them shout from the top of the mountains.

<sup>12</sup>Let them give glory to the Lord,  
and declare his praise in the coastlands.

<sup>13</sup>The Lord goes out like a mighty man,  
like a man of war he stirs up his zeal;  
he cries out, he shouts aloud,  
he shows himself mighty against his foes.

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of praise

**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God** (*Trinity Hymnal #92*)

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and pow’r are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
were not the right man on our side, the Man of God’s own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,  
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same; and He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow’rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill— God’s truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

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### ■ prayer of adoration

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### ■ scripture reading | *Jo Porwoll (9am); Brian Knapp (11am)*

*Isaiah 42:1-9*

**The Lord’s Chosen Servant**

<sup>1</sup>Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;

<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.

<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the Lord,  
who created the heavens and stretched  
them out, who spread out the earth and  
what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people on it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup>“I am the Lord; I have called you in  
righteousness;

I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
a light for the nations,

<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup>I am the Lord; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to carved idols.

<sup>9</sup>Behold, the former things have come to  
pass, and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
I tell you of them.”

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ confession of faith

*Heidelberg 31*

Leader: Why is He called Christ, that is, Anointed?

**All: Because He has been ordained by God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, to be**

**our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption;**

**our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of His body has redeemed us, and who continually intercedes for us before the Father;**

**and our eternal King, who governs us by His Word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.**

### ■ song of praise

**Hail to the Lord’s Anointed**

*Hail to the Lord’s anointed, great David’s greater Son!*

*Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun, His reign on earth begun!*

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light  
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;  
love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth.

The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;  
His Name shall stand forever—that Name to us is Love.

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### ■ welcome and prayer | *Pastor Joel and Gladys Acevedo*

### ■ missions partner update | *Tim Mountfort, Mission to the World (MTW)*

### ■ congregational prayer | *Elder Bryant Streett*

### ■ offertory prayer | *Will Marks (9am); Denise McMullen (11am)*

### ■ presentation of tithes and offerings

### ■ song of preparation

**Jesus Lover of My Soul**

Jesus, Lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly  
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past;  
safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless hang on Thee;  
leave, O leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;  
cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, here more than all I find:  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy Name; I am all unrighteousness.  
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art— let me take of Thee;  
spring Thou up within my heart for all eternity.

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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 17:1-5*

**The High Priestly Prayer**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.”

### ■ prayer for illumination

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

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

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of response

**Glorious Christ**

The radiance of the Father before the dawn of time,  
You spoke and all creation came to be.  
The molecules and planets reveal Your great design,  
and every one was made so we could see—so we could see

*You are the glorious Christ, the greatest of all delights;  
Your power is unequalled, Your love beyond all heights.  
No greater sacrifice than when You laid down Your life;  
we join the song of angels who praise You day and night— glorious Christ!*

You left the air of heaven to breathe the dust of earth  
and dwell among the outcast and the poor;  
You came to be forsaken, and died to take our curse  
so You could be our joy forevermore— forevermore.

You’re seated now in heaven, enthroned at God’s right hand;  
You’ve shattered death and freed us from our fears,  
and though we cannot see You, You’re coming back again,  
and all will be made right when You appear,  
and all will be made right when You appear.

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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