

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**This morning we are pleased to welcome Reverend Cyril Chavis to the pulpit!** After graduating from Reformed Theological Seminary in 2017 and leading RUF at Jackson State for four years, Cyril and his wife, Jenell, moved to DC to start an RUF at Howard University. When Cyril is not at work in ministry, you can find him hanging out with Jenell, goofing off with his kids (Aria, Elise, and Kyrie), or laughing way too hard with friends and family!

**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. This Wednesday will be our last meeting. RSVP to Andrea Jones at andreamoorejones@gmail.com or Lynn Streett at lynn.streett79@gmail.com.

**Register for Youth Choir!** The APC Youth Choir (2nd-8th grade) meets Thursdays from 5:00-6:00. Registration for the fall semester is now open via the QR code. Please contact Ben and Serenity at music@alexandriapres.org with any questions.

**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 come together as an APC family with a hot dog and ice cream social in the church parking lot! **Volunteers needed.** Please sign-up using the QR code.

**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 Sally 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.

**APC Women, Please Save This Date:** Saturday, September 16th. From 9am-3pm, we will be hosting a conference entitled *Unwavering Hope*. Please reach out to Lynn Streett at lynn.streett79@gmail.com with any questions.

**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 amyhweld@gmail.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.

## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

**Hospitality** *This Week's Coffee Set Up:* Kari Adams, Allison Bolling, Andrew Hobold

*Next Week's Coffee Set Up:* The Flores family

**Nursery**

*This Week's 9am Service:* Tina Brady, Leslie Bridge, Matti Jamison, Becky Knapp, Tom Mood, Carmen Rives, Evan and Maureen Ward  
*This Week's 11am Service:* Sifa Balagizi, Juliet Edem, Athena Selim, Bryant and Lynn Streett

*Next Week's 9am Service:* Ryan and Amy Douglass, Julie Myers, Juliana Richardson, Katy Rogers, Tom Mood, Traci Youngquist

*Next Week's 11am Service:* Andrew, Rebecca, and Bethany Schad, Rob, Laura, and Elyse Coit

**Children's Church**

*This Week's 9am Service:* Daniel and Andrea Jones

*This Week's 11am Service:* Ryan and Erin Furgerson

**A/V Team**

*This Week:* Hensley Gollopp, Sam and Collin White

**Greeters**

*This Week's 9am Service:* Matt Coombs, Lindsay Hutter, Chevelle Tallman

*This Week's 11am Service:* Sara Eppright, Pierre Jolly, Cynthia Oviatt

**Ushers**

*This Week's 9am service:* Mark Adams, Sue Edwards, Alex and Heidi Gesch, Katty and Daniel Hoyle, Jonathon Osborne

*This Week's 11am service:* Christian and Connor Brittle, Mike Mazek, Rick Eppright

**Deacons on Duty**

Bill Ward, Angel Tinev, Bryan Wittmeyer

## 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.

## 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.

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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 | Elder Marc Allen

*Revelation 5:11-13*

Leader: <sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>saying with a loud voice,

**All: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”**

Leader: <sup>13</sup>And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

**All: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”**

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of praise

#### **Holy, Holy, Holy** (*Trinity Hymnal #100*)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,  
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee  
perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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### ■ prayer of adoration | Elder Marc Allen

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### ■ scripture reading | Kari Adams (9am); Cynthia Oviatt (11am)

*Psalms 113*

<sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord!  
Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
praise the name of the Lord!

<sup>2</sup>Blessed be the name of the Lord  
from this time forth and forevermore!

<sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the Lord is to be praised!

<sup>4</sup>The Lord is high above all nations,  
and his glory above the heavens!

<sup>5</sup>Who is like the Lord our God,  
who is seated on high,

<sup>6</sup>who looks far down  
on the heavens and the earth?

<sup>7</sup>He raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

<sup>8</sup>to make them sit with princes,  
with the princes of his people.

<sup>9</sup>He gives the barren woman a home,  
making her the joyous mother of children.

Praise the Lord!

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of praise

#### **The Lord Is My Salvation**

The grace of God has reached for me and pulled me from the raging sea,  
and I am safe on this solid ground: the Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls; His strength will help me scale these walls;  
I’ll see the dawn of the rising sun: the Lord is my salvation.

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love.  
My debt is paid and the vict’ry won: the Lord is my salvation.*

My hope is hidden in the Lord; He flow’rs each promise of His Word;  
when winter fades I know spring will come: the Lord is my salvation.

In times of waiting, times of need, when I know loss, when I am weak,  
I know His grace will renew these days: the Lord is my salvation.

And when I reach my final day He will not leave me in the grave,  
but I will rise; He will call me home: the Lord is my salvation.

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit; the Lord is our salvation!

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### ■ missions update | Nate Kinder

### ■ ministry update | Reverend Cyril Chavis, RUF Howard University

### ■ congregational prayer | Elder Marc Allen

### ■ offertory prayer | Eleanor Nagy (9am); Maggie Cho (11am)

### ■ presentation of tithes and offerings

### ■ song of preparation

#### **Father, How Sweet**

Father, how sweet must be the pleasure You find in Your eternal Son;  
for long before You made the heavens, both You and He rejoiced as one;  
and long before You formed the angels, before You made the day and night,  
Jesus exulted in Your presence, and He was all of Your delight.

Father, what love You’ve shown to rebels, that You would send Your Son so dear  
into this world of grief and trouble to bring unworthy sinners near.  
We’ll never fathom how it pained You when You supplied the offering,  
to rescue those who had disdained You, to watch Your dear Son suffering.

Jesus, it fills our hearts with wonder, that You would leave Your heavenly place  
to take on flesh, to thirst and hunger, to save the ones who spurned Your grace.  
You came to forfeit every mercy, to die, that mercy we would find;  
and then You hung alone in darkness, so in our hearts Your grace would shine.

Jesus, in glory You’ve ascended, never again to leave Your throne;  
because of You, we are befriended, received and welcomed as God’s own.  
Father, how sweet now is Your pleasure in us, Your daughters and Your sons.  
We will delight in You forever; in Jesus, You have made us one.

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*Children ages 5 through 2nd grade are now invited to continue worship in 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

*Genesis 27:41, Genesis 28:10-22 (New Living Translation)*

#### **Jacob Flees to Paddan-Aram**

<sup>41</sup>From that time on, Esau hated Jacob because their father had given Jacob the blessing. And Esau began to scheme: “I will soon be mourning my father’s death. Then I will kill my brother, Jacob.”

#### **Jacob’s Dream at Bethel**

<sup>10</sup>Meanwhile, Jacob left Beersheba and traveled toward Haran. <sup>11</sup>At sundown he arrived at a good place to set up camp and stopped there for the night. Jacob found a stone to rest his head against and lay down to sleep. <sup>12</sup>As he slept, he dreamed of a stairway that reached from the earth up to heaven. And he saw the angels of God going up and down the stairway.

<sup>13</sup>At the top of the stairway stood the Lord, and he said, “I am the Lord, the God of your grandfather Abraham, and the God of your father, Isaac. The ground you are lying on belongs to you. I am giving it to you and your descendants. <sup>14</sup>Your descendants will be as numerous as the dust of the earth! They will spread out in all directions—to the west and the east, to the north and the south. And all the families of the earth will be blessed through you and your descendants. <sup>15</sup>What’s more, I am with you, and I will protect you wherever you go. One day I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have finished giving you everything I have promised you.”

<sup>16</sup>Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I wasn’t even aware of it!” <sup>17</sup>But he was also afraid and said, “What an awesome place this is! It is none other than the house of God, the very gateway to heaven!”

<sup>18</sup>The next morning Jacob got up very early. He took the stone he had rested his head against, and he set it upright as a memorial pillar. Then he poured olive oil over it. <sup>19</sup>He named that place Bethel (which means “house of God”), although it was previously called Luz.

<sup>20</sup>Then Jacob made this vow: “If God will indeed be with me and protect me on this journey, and if he will provide me with food and clothing, <sup>21</sup>and if I return safely to my father’s home, then the Lord will certainly be my God. <sup>22</sup>And this memorial pillar I have set up will become a place for worshiping God, and I will present to God a tenth of everything he gives me.”

### ■ prayer for illumination

### ■ sermon | Reverend Cyril Chavis, RUF Howard University

#### **“Where God Lives”**

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of response

#### **Yet Not I, but Through Christ In Me**

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer;  
there is no more for heaven now to give.

He is my joy,  
my righteousness and freedom,  
my steadfast love,  
my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold: My hope is only Jesus,  
for my life is wholly bound to His.  
O, how strange and divine; I can sing,  
“All is mine!”  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,  
for by my side the Savior He will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,  
for in my need His power is displayed.  
To this I hold: My Shepherd will defend me;  
through the deepest valley He will lead.  
O, the night has been won,  
and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread; I know I am forgiven—  
the future sure, the price it has been paid;

### ■ 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 | Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries

for Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
and He was raised to overthrow the grave!  
To this I hold: My sin has been defeated;  
Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
O, the chains are released; I can sing,  
“I am free!”  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,  
for He has said that He will bring me home;  
and day by day I know He will renew me  
until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold: My hope is only Jesus;  
all the glory evermore to Him!  
When the race is complete,  
still my lips shall repeat,  
“Yet not I, but through Christ in me!”

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