

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pray with a Shepherd after both worship services.** After each service, leaders of APC's shepherding prayer ministry will be waiting at the front of the Sanctuary. They would love to pray with you about any topic.

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

**The APC ministry year kicks off on August 27th!** During our Key Equipping time on Sunday evenings from 5-7pm, ministries are designed to equip all ages, from toddlers to seniors, to be disciples. A disciple is a follower and worshiper of Jesus. This is a life-long process of learning how to become more like our Lord. This semester, we will offer three tracks for adults (foundational, topical, and a book of the Bible). PROTAS and Covenant Kids Children's Ministries will also begin.

**20s and 30s of APC, please join us for a lunch after the second service on Sunday, August 27th!** We will plan on meeting at the Quarter Market, a food hall in Ballston, which is about 15 min. away from APC. For more information, please reach out to Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org.

**Register for Youth Choir!** The APC Youth Choir (2nd-8th grade) meets Thursdays from 5-6pm in the Fellowship Hall beginning September 7. Registration for the fall semester is now open via the QR code. Please contact Ben and Serenity at music@alexandriapres.org with any questions.

**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.** 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:** the Flores family  
**Next Week's Coffee Set Up:** the Schad family

### Nursery

**This Week's 9am Service:** Ryan and Amy Douglass, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Jackie McCauley, Julie Myers, Juliana Richardson, Katy Rogers, Tom Mood  
**This Week's 11am Service:** Rob, Laura, and Elyse Coit, Erin Furgerson, Andrew, Rebecca, and Bethany Schad  
**Next Week's 9am Service:** Maggie Coombs, John Connelly, Rob Fisher, Owen Gentry, Ann Howley, Susanna Root, Doug Shipley, Rachel Sylvia  
**Next Week's 11am Service:** Matt, Carrie, and Millie Brown, Caitlin Jolly, Athena Selim, Margaret Veenstra

### Children's Church

**This Week's 9am Service:** Mark and Kari Adams, Chase and Mary Lou Chesser, Bryant and Lynn Streett  
**This Week's 11am Service:** Leslie Bridge, Susannah Johnston  
**This Week:** Eli Kendrick, Pete Olsen, Sam White

### A/V Team

### Greeters

**This Week's 9am Service:** Tina Brady, Matt Coombs, Lindsay Hutter, Chevelle Tallman, Linda Willows, Bryan and Stacy Wittmeyer  
**This Week's 11am Service:** Becca Arango, Pierre Jolly, Jodie and Anna Kirk, Becky Knapp, Katy Rogers, Rachel Veenstra  
**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

### Ushers

### 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.

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Giving at a Glance	YTD Giving (7/1/23-7/31/23)	\$156,634
	YTD Budget (7/1/23-7/31/23)	\$166,000
	Difference	-\$9,366 (94%)

### APC Visitor Form



### Give to APC



### Youth Choir



### Newcomer Dinner



### Inquirers Class



### Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social



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 | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

*Psalm 34:4, 1-3*

Leader: I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.

**All: I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.

**All: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!**

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of praise

#### Psalm 34 (Taste and See)

I sought the Lord, and He answered me  
and delivered me from every fear.  
Those who look on Him are radiant;  
they'll never be ashamed, they'll never be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard me  
and saved me from my enemies.  
The Son of God surrounds His saints;  
He will deliver them, He will deliver them.

*Magnify the Lord with me; come exalt His name together!  
Glorify the Lord with me; come exalt His name forever!*

O taste and see that the Lord is good!  
O blessed is he who hides in Him!  
O fear the Lord, O all you saints;  
He'll give you everything, He'll give you everything.

Let us bless the Lord every day and night.  
Never ending praise— may our incense rise.

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CCLI Song # 7054932*

### ■ prayer of adoration

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### ■ scripture reading | *Elder Jim Taft (9am); Jocelyn Bravo (11am)*

*1 Timothy 1:12-17*

#### Christ Jesus Came to Save Sinners

<sup>12</sup>I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup>though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of praise

#### All I Have Is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way;  
the sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.  
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will,  
and if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,  
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross;  
and I beheld God's love displayed— You suffered in my place,  
You bore the wrath reserved for me— now all I know is grace.

*Hallelujah, all I have is Christ!  
Hallelujah, Jesus is my life!*

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone, and live so all might see  
the strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.  
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose,  
and let my song forever be— my only boast is You.

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### ■ congregational prayer

### ■ offertory prayer | *Christina Renenger (9am); Bob Metheny (11am)*

### ■ presentation of tithes and offerings

### ■ song of preparation

#### Pass Me Not

Pass me not, O gentle Savior; hear my humble cry:  
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Let me at Thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief,  
kneeling there in deep contrition; help my unbelief.

*Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry:  
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.*

Trusting only in Thy merit would I seek Thy face;  
heal my wounded, broken spirit; save me by Thy grace.

Thou the Spring of all my comfort— more than life to me.  
Whom have I on earth beside Thee? Whom in heav'n but Thee?

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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

*Psalm 34*

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.

<sup>3</sup>Oh, magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

<sup>4</sup>I sought the Lord, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.

<sup>5</sup>Those who look to him are radiant,  
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup>This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him  
and saved him out of all his troubles.

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the Lord encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

<sup>8</sup>Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

<sup>9</sup>Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints,  
for those who fear him have no lack!

<sup>10</sup>The young lions suffer want and hunger;  
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

<sup>11</sup>Come, O children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

<sup>12</sup>What man is there who desires life  
and loves many days, that he may see good?

<sup>13</sup>Keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.

<sup>14</sup>Turn away from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it.

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous  
and his ears toward their cry.

<sup>16</sup>The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,  
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

<sup>17</sup>When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup>The Lord is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit.

<sup>19</sup>Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

<sup>20</sup>He keeps all his bones;  
not one of them is broken.

<sup>21</sup>Affliction will slay the wicked,  
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

<sup>22</sup>The Lord redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

### ■ prayer for illumination

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

**“Taste and See”**

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS TABLE

### ■ sacrament of the lord’s supper

#### *Explanation, Invitation, Participation*

*All baptized Christians who are members in good standing of a church that proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ are invited to participate. Children who have been admitted into the church as communicant members are invited to participate as well. If you have any questions, please ask one of our pastors or elders.*

**9am service:** Elders and deacons will distribute the elements to each row.

**11am service:** Members will be invited to come forward to receive the bread and the cup. You will receive the elements from the pastors and elders standing up front in your section of the Sanctuary, and then take the bread and cup back to your seat. We will take the elements together as prompted by the pastor.

### ■ communion song

#### Rock of Ages (Trinity Hymnal #499)

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;  
let the water and the blood from Thy riven side which flowed  
be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to Thy cross I cling;  
naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

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## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of response

#### Psalm 34 (Taste and See)

### ■ 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 | *Elder Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries*