

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

This morning we are pleased to welcome Reverend Nathan Newman to the pulpit! We are grateful to have Nathan and his wife Jessica, along with daughters Della and Pippa, as part of our APC family! Nathan serves as a minister to Members of Congress with Ministry to State (MTS). Prior to joining MTS, Nathan served on the pastoral staff of McLean Presbyterian Church for nearly a decade.

Ministry to State exists to minister to those serving in government. It seeks to achieve that mission through 5 objectives: Expose those in the government community to the transforming truths of the gospel through healthy relationships; Provide encouragement and support in the development of a Biblical world and life view for those in government who make a profession of faith; Strive to be instrumental in establishing and maintaining a Biblical conscience throughout the government community who both create and implement policy; Provide a healthy means to connect the church in a non-partisan manner with those in government; Promote and facilitate specific and intelligent prayer by the body of Christ for those serving in government.

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! If you are interested in volunteering, 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.

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 at 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: Allison Bolling, Emily Kerski Next Week's Coffee Set Up: Kari Adams, Allison Bolling, Andrew Hobold
Nursery	This Week's 9am Service: Jamie Connelly, Sue Edwards, Ann Howley, Matti Jamison, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Tommy and Emily Ribaric This Week's 11am Service: Cindy Cai, Dan and Kathryn Johnson, Eleanor Nagy, Staci Root, Athena Selim Next Week's 9am Service: Tina Brady, Leslie Bridge, Matti Jamison, Becky Knapp, Tom Mood, Carmen Rives, Evan and Maureen Ward Next Week's 11am Service: Sifa Balagizi, Juliet Edem, Athena Selim, Bryant and Lynn Streett
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: Chris and Abby McGahey, Wayne Folta, Bailey Rolland
Greeters	This Week's 9am Service: Jim and Jo Ann Kottkamp, Bryant and Lynn Streett, Chris and Amy Weld This Week's 11am Service: Maggie Cho, Jodie and Anna Kirk, Greg Thomas
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.

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

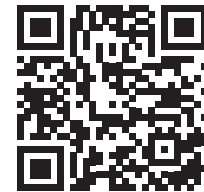
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Newcomer Dinner



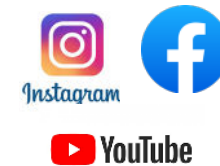
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Inquirers Class



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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 | *Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries*

Psalms 37:3-6

Leader: ³Trust in the Lord, and do good;

All: dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

Leader: ⁴Delight yourself in the Lord,

All: and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Leader: ⁵Commit your way to the Lord;

All: trust in him, and he will act. ⁶He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;

Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication.

If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,

Men: O who shall stand before Thee? (Women: Who shall stand before Thee?)

O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth.

No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might

and live alone by mercy, (live alone by mercy,) and live alone by mercy. (live alone by mercy.)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
on Him my soul shall rest; His Word upholds my fainting spirit.

His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my sweet support;

I wait for it with patience, (wait for it with patience,)

I wait for it with patience. (wait for it with patience.)

What though I wait the live-long night, and till the dawn appeareth,
my heart still trusteth in His might; it doubteth not nor feareth;
do thus, O ye of Israel’s seed, ye of the Spirit born indeed,
and wait till God appeareth, (wait till God appeareth,)
and wait till God appeareth. (wait till God appeareth.)

Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.

Our Shepherd, good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free

from all their sin and sorrow, (all their sin and sorrow,)

from all their sin and sorrow. (all their sin and sorrow.)

Words by Martin Luther, based on Psalm 130 (1523), trans. Richard Massie (1854) and Catherine Winkworth (1863); Music by Christopher Miner; © 1997 Christopher Miner Music; CCLI Song # 1863032

■ prayer of adoration | *Elder Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries*

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | *Daniel and Andrea Jones (9am); Greg and Mary Anna Thomas (11am)*

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

He Was Pierced for Our Transgressions

^{52:13}Behold, my servant shall act wisely;

he shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.

¹⁴As many were astonished at you—

his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,

and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

¹⁵so shall he sprinkle many nations.

Kings shall shut their mouths because of him,

for that which has not been told them they see,

and that which they have not heard they understand.

^{53:1}Who has believed what he has heard

from us?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord

been revealed?

²For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,

and no beauty that we should desire him.

³He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;

and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs

and carried our sorrows;

yet we esteemed him stricken,

smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions;

he was crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

and with his wounds we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;

we have turned—every one—to his own way;

and the Lord has laid on him

the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,

yet he opened not his mouth;

like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,

and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,

so he opened not his mouth.

⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away;

and as for his generation, who considered

that he was cut off out of the land of the living,

stricken for the transgression of my people?

⁹And they made his grave with the wicked

and with a rich man in his death,

although he had done no violence,

and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him;

he has put him to grief;

when his soul makes an offering for guilt,

he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong

his days;

the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see

and be satisfied;

by his knowledge shall the righteous one,

my servant,

make many to be accounted righteous,

and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,

and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,

because he poured out his soul to death

and was numbered with the transgressors;

yet he bore the sin of many,

and makes intercession for the transgressors.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ confession of sin

Based on Isaiah 53

Leader: Jesus Christ was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed.

All: Holy Father, forgive us for failing to recognize the cost of our sin. We confess that the man of sorrows whom You afflicted, Jesus Christ, willingly gave up His life on our behalf, to redeem us from our ruin. Spotless Lamb of God, Your words have created and sustained the universe, yet we praise You for the deafening silence of Your suffering. Thank You for the undeserved peace and healing You grant lavishly to us.

Holy Spirit, we have all strayed like lost sheep. Teach us to trust in the full atonement of the sacrificed Lamb, so that our souls may be satisfied in the exaltation of our Savior and King, in Whose Name we pray. Amen.

■ assurance of pardon

Isaiah 53:11

■ song of praise

Man of Sorrows! What A Name (*Trinity Hymnal #246*)

Man of sorrows! What a name for the Son of God Who came

ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood,

sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was He.

Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die; It is finished!” was His cry.

Now in heav’n exalted high: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King, all His ransomed home to bring,

then anew this song we’ll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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■ ministry update | *Reverend Nathan Newman, Ministry to State*

■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | *Elder Shant Boyajian (9am); Jodie Kirk (11am)*

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ offertory

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

Revelation 5:1-10 (pg. 967)

The Scroll and the Lamb

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within

and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud

voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” ³And no one in heaven or on

earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep

loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of

the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of

David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb

standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the

seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the

right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the

four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a

harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a

new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll

and to open its seals,

for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God

from every tribe and language and people and nation,

¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,

and they shall reign on the earth.”

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | *Reverend Nathan Newman, Ministry to State*

“The Lamb’s Song”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Is He Worthy?

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do.)

Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do.)

But do you know that all the dark won’t stop

the light from getting through? (We do.)

Do you wish that you could see it all made

new? (We do.)

Is all creation groaning? (It is.) Is a new

creation coming? (It is.)

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within

our midst? (It is.)

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?

(It is.)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open

the scroll?

The Lion of Judah,

Who conquered the grave—

He is David’s Root and the Lamb Who died

to ransom the slave.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing

and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? (He does.)

Does the Spirit move among us? (He does.)

And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever

■ 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 | *Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate (9am)*

Serenity Novak, Worship Assistant (11am)

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