

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join the Kinder family after either worship service today to hear about their recent trip to India! They will share after the 9am service downstairs on the stage in the Fellowship Hall, and after the 11am service in Room 112. Pizza will be served during the time of sharing after the second service.

Sisters in Stitches (SIS) meeting October 7. The next meeting will be Saturday, October 7 in the Fellowship Hall at 9am. Please RSVP to Sue Edwards at sue.quilts6@gmail.com if you plan to attend. All levels of experience are welcome, as well as friends who enjoy sewing. We will finish up sewing pencil/supply pouches for children in the Congo, which will be filled and sent over for Christmas. We will also be making a quilt to donate to a local shelter. Join us as we use this time of sewing to serve our city and our world!

Next Baptism is Sunday, October 15. If you would like to have your child or children baptized, please send an email to Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org.

Trunk or Treat on October 28 at 3:30pm. Come enjoy trunk or treating in the APC parking lot! This has been a great outreach event the past couple years, with new families joining us from the neighborhood and beyond. Whether or not you have kids participating, we would love for you to decorate your trunk and pass out candy. Invite your friends and family!

We need volunteers to help organize the event, as well as people to help set up and clean up the day of. In lieu of the previously scheduled interest meeting, please email Andrea Romyn at andrea.romyn@alexandriapres.org if you would like to help!

The Congregational Meeting to elect officers will be Sunday, October 29 in between worship services.

Nominations for the Office of Elder and Deacon. You must 1) be a member to nominate, 2) ascertain the willingness of the individual to serve prior to submitting a nomination, and 3) nominate a man who has taken the required training class. Nomination forms are available at the table as you enter the building and may be submitted to any current elder or to Pastor Tom Holliday until October 22. You may also submit nominations online by scanning the QR code. Men who have either taken or are currently taking the Spiritual Leadership Training Class and eligible for nomination are: Rob Coit, Brian Field, Aaron Renenger. For re-election to the office of elder: Marc Allen, Chris Weld.

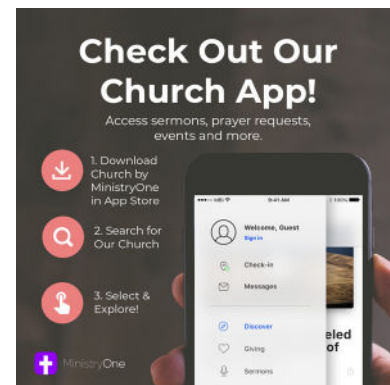
Covenant Fellowship Groups (CFGs). Stop by the desk in the lobby to pick up a CFG brochure and listing of current groups, or scan the QR code to find the info on our website. CFGs are small groups that meet regularly in various locations for teaching, prayer, and fellowship, and are a key vehicle at APC for promoting Gospel-centered fellowship. Contact Pastor Josh Diack at josh.diack@alexandriapres.org with any questions.

Women's Friday Bible Study. Ladies, join us for alternating Fridays from 9:45-11:30am at the church. **The next meeting is October 6.** We are reading 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 are 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.

Women's Thursday morning and Thursday evening Bible studies have begun! This year's theme for the Thursday Bible study is HOPE. Both studies are reading Nancy Guthrie's *The Promised One* from her *Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament* series. The Thursday morning group meets weekly from 9:45-11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Nursery is provided.

The Thursday evening group is hybrid, meeting in person at the church the first Thursday of each month and continuing on Zoom the remaining Thursdays of each month from 7- 8:30pm. **Please rsvp to Lynn Streett at lynn.streett79@gmail.com for both studies!**

Do you have the Church by MinistryOne App? It's a great way to easily access the church directory and online giving, listen to sermons, register for upcoming events, submit prayer requests, and contact the church. Email Stacey Diack at stacey.diack@alexandriapres.org with any questions!



SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

- Hospitality** *This Week:* Allison Bolling, Emily Kerski
Next Week: TBD
- Nursery** *9am:* Chase and Mary Lou Chesser, Flora Chipana, Tom Holliday, Nathan Leamer, Catherine Marks, Juliana Richardson, Andrea Romyn, Doug Shipley
11am: Sifa Balagizi, Juliet Edem, Jodie and Anna Kirk, Laurie LeRoy, Eleanor Nagy, Tom Mood
Next week's 9am: Rob Fisher, Erin Furgerson, Cami Kinder, Janice Nichols, Christian Poole, Stacey, Justin, and Emmett Stephens
Next week's 11am: Sifa Balagizi, Stacey and Sam Diack, Juliet Edem, Frank Girgenti, Caitlin Jolly, Tom Mood, KayCee Poole
- Children's Church** *9am:* Leslie Bridge, Eli Kendrick, Becky Knapp, Amanda Leamer
11am: Ryan and Erin Furgerson
- A/V Team** Chris Blackburn, Hensley Golopp, Bailey Rolland
- Greeters** *9am:* Lindsay Hutter, Jim and Jo Ann Kottkamp, Romyed and Amy Murr
11am: Maggie Cho, Sara Eppright
- Ushers** *9am:* Mark Adams, Sue Edwards, Brian Field, Alex and Heidi Gesch, Katty and Daniel Hoyle, Jonathon Osborne
11am: Christian and Connor Brittle, Mike Mazek, Rick Eppright
- Deacons on Duty** Bruce Barham, Pete Olsen, Stephen Sylvia

KEY EQUIPPING

During our Key Equipping time on Sunday evenings from 5-7pm, ministries are designed to equip all ages, from toddlers to seniors, to be followers and worshipers of Jesus.

Covenant Kids Ministry: Children 2 years old - 5th grade, Lower Level (Nursery for 1 & under) We welcome children to learn foundational truths about God and the Gospel story. We experience what it looks like to love God and love others in community with our worship, small groups, teaching, games, fellowship, and dinner!

PROTAS Youth Ministry: Teens 6th-12th grade, Upper Level Connect each week in community with your peers — the schedule includes games, worship, small group discussions, a short devotion at a teen level, and dinner.

Adult Classes
Exploring our Theology, led by Pastors Josh Diack and Mike Powell, Room 112. Any time we think about a teaching of the Bible and strive to understand it, we are engaging in theology. In this sense, everyone is a theologian. Theology has a direct impact on our life and relationship to God. Join Pastors Josh and Mike in this core theology class as we focus on the biblical teachings of God and Scripture.

Key Pillars of a Gospel Marriage, led by Pastor Tom Holliday, Room 201. This class will address the purpose, the mystery, and the meaning of marriage. We will discuss key pillars of a gospel marriage such as intimacy, communication, and conflict. The class discussions will draw from books on the subject Pastor Tom has found helpful, such as *The Meaning of Marriage* by Tim and Kathy Keller, *The Mystery of Marriage* by Mike Mason, and *Each for the Other* by Bryan Chapell.

Genesis, led by Aaron Renenger, Room 114. From creation to the fall, from Abraham to Joseph, the Book of Genesis is the story of God and his people—a story that finds its ultimate fulfillment in Christ. To study Genesis is to study God's character as revealed in creation and in his covenant love for his rebellious, sinful people. It is also to study our own character—full of sin and faith and doubt—as displayed in the page-turning narratives of some of the most famous, and famously-flawed, biblical characters.

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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.

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Officer Nominations

Covenant Fellowship Groups

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*

Exodus 15:11, 13

Leader: ¹¹“Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?”

All: ¹³“**You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;
you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.**”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

O Worship the King (*Trinity Hymnal #2 verses 1, 2, 4, 5, 6*)

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing His pow’r and His love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in You do we trust, nor find You to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn You above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall lisp to Your praise.

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■ prayer of adoration | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions*

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | *Heidi Gesch (9am); Kari Adams (11am)*

Romans 15:8-13

Christ the Hope of Jews and Gentiles

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name.”

¹⁰And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

¹¹And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him.”

¹²And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Come Praise and Glorify

Come praise and glorify our God, the Father of our Lord!
In Christ He has in heav’nly realms His blessings on us poured;
for pure and blameless in His sight He destined us to be,
and now we’ve been adopted through His Son eternally.

*To the praise of Your glory, to the praise of Your mercy and grace,
to the praise of Your glory, You are the God who saves!*

Come praise and glorify our God, Who gives His grace in Christ;
in Him our sins are washed away, redeemed through sacrifice.
In Him God has made known to us the myst’ry of His will:
that Christ should be the Head of all, His purpose to fulfill.

Come praise and glorify our God, for we’ve believed the Word,
and through our faith we have a seal, the Spirit of the Lord.
The Spirit guarantees our hope until redemption’s done,
until we join in endless praise to God, the Three in One.

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■ farewell | *Nathan and Lizzie Lenart (9am)*

■ congregational prayer | *Joel Acevedo, Pastor of International Outreach & Mercy (9am); Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate (11am)*

■ offertory prayer | *Amy Weld (9am); Brian Oviatt (11am)*

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ offertory | *Adult Choir (9am)*

How Lovely Are the Messengers

How lovely are the messengers that preach the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

Words and music by Felix Mendelssohn, based on Isaiah 52:7 and Psalm 19:4; Trans. by Karl Klingermann; Arr. by Hal H. Hopson; © 1992 Hope Publishing Co.

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

2 Corinthians 10:13-18 (pg. 910)

¹³But we will not boast beyond limits, but will boast only with regard to the area of influence God assigned to us, to reach even to you. ¹⁴For we are not overextending ourselves, as though we did not reach you. For we were the first to come all the way to you with the gospel of Christ. ¹⁵We do not boast beyond limit in the labors of others. But our hope is that as your faith increases, our area of influence among you may be greatly enlarged, ¹⁶so that we may preach the gospel in lands beyond you, without boasting of work already done in another’s area of influence. ¹⁷“Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.” ¹⁸For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions*

“Using Our Influence to Serve the World”

Sermon series: Serving Our City and Our World in the Name of Christ

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS TABLE

■ confession of sin

Father in heaven, we thank You for the steadfast love You have shown us by purchasing our lives with Jesus’ blood. You deserve our highest praises and our most committed service, but we confess that even in our obedience we have served ourselves. Instead of receiving the gift of Your favor, we have lived in fear and attempted to earn our status in Your church. Instead of resting in Your provision for us, we have been greedy for the benefits of our efforts. Instead of pursuing Your purposes, we have clutched our short-sighted agendas. Truly our righteous deeds are like filthy rags.

Forgive us. Embrace us. Heal us. Cause us to serve You with thankfulness and confidence that because of Christ’s finished work You are eternally pleased with us. Help us to look to our perfect Servant, in Whose Name we ask these things. Amen.

■ assurance of pardon

Psalm 51:16-17

¹⁶For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

■ 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.

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. If you are unable to come forward, raise your hand and a server will bring the elements to your seat. We will take the elements together as prompted by the pastor.

During the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper you are invited to sing or meditate on the following song:

■ communion song

Sing to Jesus

Come and see, look on this mystery: the Lord of the universe nailed to a tree;
Christ our God, spilling His holy blood, bowing in anguish His sacred head.

*Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame, Lord of our sinful hearts; He is our great Redeemer.
Sing to Jesus; honor His name, sing of His faithfulness, pouring His life out unto death.*

Come, you weary, and He will give you rest; come, you who mourn, lay on His breast.
Christ Who died, risen in paradise– giver of mercy, giver of life.

*Sing to Jesus; His is the throne, now and forever; He is the King of Heaven.
Sing to Jesus; we are His own, now and forever; sing for the love our God has shown.*

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GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where’er the sun does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
To Him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

*To our King be highest praise, rising through eternal days.
Just and faithful He shall reign; Jesus shall reign.*

People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.
Blessings abound where’er He reigns; the pris’ner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

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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