

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CFG Meet and Greet today! Join us in the Fellowship Hall 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. 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. Contact Pastor Josh Diack at josh.diack@alexandriapres.org with any questions.

Men's Discipleship group beginning September 14 from 7-8am. Jesus calls every Christian to be a disciple and to help others become disciples. As with his first followers, this involves spiritual hunger, commitment, learning, prayer, fellowship, much grace, and the power of the Holy Spirit—all in the context of a supportive community. Join with a group of men who want to learn, grow, and encourage one another to faithfully follow Jesus. Each week the group will read a chapter from the soon to be published book, *The Heart and Soul of Discipleship*. Each chapter will be provided by hard copy or electronic version. The group meets Thursdays from 7-8am in Room 112 starting September 14 and running 10 weeks. Email Jim Taft at jamesdake1017@gmail.com to RSVP.

APC Women's Conference: Unwavering Hope. Join us on September 16th from 9am-3:30pm for our women's conference with guest speaker Judie Puckett! Judie is the Director of Spiritual Formation for Women at Chapelgate Presbyterian Church in Marriottsville, MD. The cost is \$15 per person. If you are interested in a scholarship, please email Lynn Streett at lynn.streett@gmail.com. Please sign up by September 13th through the QR code or APC website!

Women's Thursday morning and Thursday evening Bible studies. The theme for the coming year for the Thursday Bible study is HOPE. Both studies will read 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 will be 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!**

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.

Monthly Spanish Worship Service begins September 24 at 5pm! We are excited to announce a new monthly worship service that will be held in Spanish, led by Pastor Joel Acevedo! Join us on September 24 in the Sanctuary for a time of singing, prayer, and a sermon— all in Spanish. We are in need of musicians and volunteers to run PowerPoint and A/V. Please contact Pastor Joel at acevedo@alexandriapres.org if you are able to serve in this way. Help us spread the word by inviting friends and neighbors, and join us in prayer as we seek to glorify Christ through this time of worship!

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.

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!

Interest meeting on October 1. Join us between worship services (10:20-10:50am) on October 1 for a Trunk or Treat volunteer interest meeting.

Giving at a Glance	YTD Giving (7/1/23-8/31/23)	\$338,345
	YTD Budget (7/1/23-8/31/23)	\$329,000
	Difference	+\$9,345 (103%)

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality

This Week's Coffee Set Up: The Coombs family

Next Week's Coffee Set Up: The Brittle family

Nursery

This Week's 9am Service: Ann Howley, Tommy and Emily Ribaric, Jeremy Root, Justin and Emmett Stephens, Stephen Sylvia, Traci Youngquist

This Week's 11am Service: Laura and Alex Erickson,

Drew and Sally Lindsay, Stephen Sylvia, Angel Tinev

Next Week's 9am Service: Tina Brady, Sarah Field, Andrew Hobold, Patricia

Kodjo, Susanna Root, Rachel Sylvia, Justin Wells-Morgan, Bryan Wittmeyer

Next Week's 11am Service: Stacey and Sam Diack, Dan and Kathryn

Johnson, Laurie LeRoy, Jackie McCauley, Mary Mitchell Todd

Children's Church

This Week's 9am Service: Becky Knapp, Jessica and Nathan Newman, Stacy Wittmeyer

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

A/V Team

This Week: James Allen, Chris Blackburn, Pete Olsen, Bailey Rolland

Greeters

This Week's 9am Service: Ryan Furgerson, Lindsay Hutter, Romy and Amy Murr

This Week's 11am Service: Maggie Cho, Kristi Hellmuth,

Jodie and Anna Kirk, Becky Knapp

Ushers

This Week's 9am service: Femi Adeniji, Andy, Kira, and Granville Allison, Will Marks, Janice Nichols, Sam and Collin White

This Week's 11am service: Sam Diack, JW Jung, Jodie and Seth Kirk, Christian and Jack Poole, Rachel Veenstra

Deacons on Duty

Owen Gentry, Aaron McCauley

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.

APC Visitor Form



Women's Conference



Give to APC



Inquirers Class



Covenant Fellowship Groups



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*

Colossians 1:12-14

Give thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ choral introit | *Adult Choir*

O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift You send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end;
we lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word,
we honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve You as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still,
to marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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■ song of praise

May the Peoples Praise You

You have called us out of darkest night into Your glorious light
that we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.

May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife
with boundless love and deepest joy, with endless life.

*May the peoples praise You; let the nations be glad!
All Your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.*

All the earth is Yours, and all within; each harvest is Your own;
and from Your hand, we give to You to make Christ known.

May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard;
may songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word.

This, our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name;
to every nation, tribe and tongue, Your church proclaims.

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; worthy, worthy is the Lamb Who was slain!
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; all creation praise Your glorious name!

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | *Elder Bryant Streett (9am); Sam White (11am)*

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Jesus, Thank You

The myst'ry of the cross I cannot comprehend
The agonies of Calvary
You, the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

*Your blood has washed away my sin— Jesus, thank You
The Father's wrath completely satisfied— Jesus, thank You
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table— Jesus, thank You*

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near
Your enemy You've made Your friend
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

Lover of my soul, I want to live for You
Lover of my soul, I want to live for You

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■ farewell for the Lockett family (9am)

■ missions partner update | *Keith and Nahla*

■ congregational prayer | *Elder Mark Adams*

■ offertory prayer | *Sarah Field (9am); Elder Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries (11am)*

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ song of preparation

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail— let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us,
truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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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

Proverbs 11:10-11 (pg. 501)

¹⁰When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices,
and when the wicked perish there are shouts of gladness.

¹¹By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted,
but by the mouth of the wicked it is overthrown.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

“The Whole Church, the Whole Gospel, and the Whole City”

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

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Come to Jesus (Rest in Him)

Are you weary, heavy laden? Come and lay your burdens down.
Jesus calls you, Jesus draws you; rest in Him.
He is gentle, He is lowly, He delights to bring us peace;
tender Shepherd, mighty Savior; rest in Him.

*How sure His compassion for us, O how deep is His love,
so come, come to Jesus and rest in Him.*

Are you hopeless, are you guilty, caught in shame for all your sin?
He pursues you to forgive you; rest in Him.
He has paid for every failure, mercy flows in endless streams;
come and follow, freedom calls you; rest in Him.

Are you waiting in your sorrows for this broken world to heal?
He is coming, soon returning; rest in Him.
We will see Him, we will know Him, O what heights of grace revealed:
from His kindness, every promise then fulfilled.
Trust in Jesus; He will keep us to the end.

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

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