

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spanish Worship Service tonight 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 this evening, 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 joel.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. **Sign up by September 27 through the QR scan, email, or APC website.**

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.

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

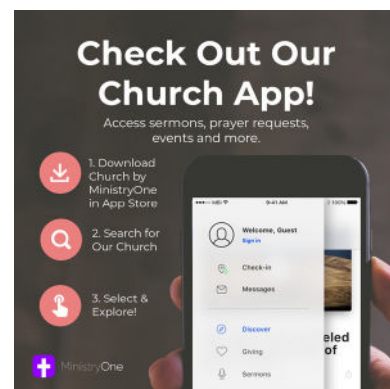
Covenant Fellowship Groups (CFGs). If you missed the CFG Meet and Greet, stop by the desk in the lobby to pick up a CFG brochure and listing of current groups, or scan the QR code to find the info on our website. CFGs are small groups that meet regularly in various locations for teaching, prayer, and 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 amyweld@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:* Kari Adams, the Flores family
Next Week: Allison Bolling, Emily Kerski
- Nursery** *9am:* Femi Adeniji, Sifa Balagizi, Matt Coombs, Sarah Huntington, Catherine Marks, Jenny and Abby McGahey, Stephanie, Abbie, and Ellie Olsen
11am: Hillary Capper, Juliet Edem, KayCee Poole, Joey and Bailey Rolland, Bethany Tinev
Next week's 9am: Chase and Mary Lou Chesser, Flora Chipana, Tom Holliday, Nathan Leamer, Lizzie Lenart, Catherine Marks, Juliana Richardson, Andrea Romyn, Doug Shipley
Next week's 11am: Sifa Balagizi, Juliet Edem, Jodie and Anna Kirk, Laurie LeRoy, Eleanor Nagy, Tom Mood
- Children's Church** *9am:* Shant and Annie Boyajian, Chris and Amy Weld
11am: Mark and Kari Adams
- A/V Team** James Allen, Ethan Novak, Sam and Collin White
- Greeters** *9am:* Ryan Furgerson, Romedy and Amy Murr, Chevelle Tallman
11am: Maggie Cho, Becca Arango, Sara Eppright, Cynthia Oviatt
- Ushers** *9am:* Femi Adeniji, Andy, Kira, and Granville Allison, Will Marks, Janice Nichols, Sam and Collin White
11am: 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.

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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.

<p>APC Visitor Form</p> 	<p>Give to APC</p> 	<p>Inquirers Class</p> 	<p>Covenant Fellowship Groups</p> 
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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 | Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions

Micah 7:18-19

Leader: ¹⁸Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.

All: ¹⁹**He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners (*Trinity Hymnal #498, vv. 1-3, 5*)

Jesus, what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus, Lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Hallelujah, what a Friend!

Saving, helping, keeping, loving,

He is with me to the end.

Jesus, what a Strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him,
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing;
He, my Strength, my vict’ry wins.

Jesus, what a Help in sorrow!
While the billows o’er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking,
He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus, I do now receive Him,
more than all in Him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine.

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | Carrie Brown (9am); Kathy McGee (11am)

Genesis 17:1-8

Abraham and the Covenant of Circumcision

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ⁸And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

all I have needed Thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

I could not love Thee, so blind and unfeeling; covenant promises fell not to me. Then without warning, desire, or deserving, I found my Treasure, my pleasure, in Thee.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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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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■ missions partner update | The Kinder Family

■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | Jackie McCauley, Congregational Care and Safety Policy Monitor (9am); Scott Kirk (11am)

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ offertory | Adult Choir (9am)

Let Everything That Has Breath Praise the Lord

Praise God in the sanctuary, praise God in the highest heav’ns!
Praise God for all earthly wonders, too marvelous for words.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Let all people in every language lift their voice in one accord.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Praise God with the sound of trumpets; praise God with the lute and harp, with tambourines and dancing, with sounds of strings and pipes!

Praise God with the clanging cymbals, with loud resounding cymbals!
Let every living creature shout praises to our God.
From every corner of the earth, from every tribe and tongue, from now and through eternity God’s praises will be sung.

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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

John 3:5-8 (pg. 834)

⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

■ prayer for illumination

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

“The Movement of the Spirit in Reaching the Nations”

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

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul. Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole. Cause Your Word to come alive in me, give me faith for what I cannot see, give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do— Love enough to cover every sin in each thought and deed and attitude, kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striving into works of grace; breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth, giving life to all that God has made, show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for Your ways. Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice, that in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

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■ deacons’ fund offering | Deacon Owen Gentry

■ 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

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