

**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.

**Join the Advent Singers! This choir is open to children in 2nd-8th grades.** We will be rehearsing between Sunday services (10:20-10:50) on October 22, November 5, 12, 19, and December 3. We will sing at both services on Sunday, December 10, and the 5:00pm Lessons and Carols service on December 17. To sign up, scan the QR code. Contact Serenity Novak (serenity.novak@alexandriapres.org) with any questions.

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

**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!  
**If you plan to host a trunk and/or help with set up or clean up, sign up by scanning the QR code, or through the link in the APC email or website!**

**Spanish Worship Service Sunday, October 29 at 5pm.** Join us October 29 in the Sanctuary for a time of singing, prayer, and a sermon— all in Spanish. This monthly worship service is led by Joel Acevedo, APC's Pastor of International Outreach and Mercy. We are in need of musicians and volunteers to run slides 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.

**Thanksgiving Praise Service and Reception on Sunday, November 19 at 5pm.** Everyone is invited to gather for a unique service of thanksgiving and praise, where individuals will have the opportunity to publicly give testimony to God's goodness throughout the year, or share a favorite passage with the congregation. This service has been an APC favorite for many years. Immediately following the service, we will enjoy a time of fellowship downstairs. Nursery will be available for ages 4 and under. Covenant Kids and PROTAS will not be meeting, as kids are encouraged to attend the service.

<b>Giving at a Glance</b>	YTD Giving (7/1/23-9/30/23)	\$512,032
	YTD Budget (7/1/23-9/30/23)	\$519,000
	Difference	-\$6,968 (99%)



**SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS**

- Hospitality** *This Week:* Alex and Allison Bolling  
*Next Week:* Alex and Allison Bolling
- Nursery** *9am:* Patricia Kodjo, Will and Catherine Marks, Jackie McCauley, Stephanie, Abbie, and Ellie Olsen, Evan and Maureen Ward  
*11am:* Juliet Edem, Frank Girgenti, Bethany Tinev, Sam, Jessica, Collin, and Charlie White  
*Next week's 9am:* Femi Adeniji, Flora Chipana, Gus and Woodrow Coombs, Ryan and Amy Douglass, Lina Gentry, Nate Kinder  
*Next week's 11am:* Marc, Shannon, and James Allen, Sifa Balagizi, Josh and Sam Diack, Juliet Edem
- Children's Church** *9am:* Josh and Stacey Diack, Nathan and Jess Newman  
*11am:* Ryan and Erin Furgerson
- A/V Team** Ben Crowley, Sam and Collin White
- Greeters** *9am:* Matt Coombs, Romy and Amy Murr, Chevelle Tallman  
*11am:* Marc, Shannon, James and Sarah Allen, Pierre Jolly, Cathy Rosander
- 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.

**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

**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

1 John 3:1

**All: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.**

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of praise

#### Who You Say I Am

Who am I, that the highest King would welcome me?  
I was lost but He brought me in— oh, His love for me  
Oh, His love for me

*Whom the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, yes I am*

Free at last— He has ransomed me; His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me  
Yes, He died for me

*Whom the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, yes I am*

*In my Father's house there's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, yes I am*

I am chosen, not forsaken; I am who You say I am  
You are for me, not against me; I am who You say I am

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### ■ prayer of adoration

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### ■ scripture reading | Marc and Shannon Allen (9am); Pierre and Caitlin Jolly (11am)

*Ephesians 5:1-16*

#### Walk in Love

<sup>1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

<sup>3</sup>But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. <sup>4</sup>Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup>For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not become partners with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

<sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of confession

#### Come, O Sinner

Come, O sinner; come and see Christ the Lord upon a tree.  
See the crown of thorns adorn the King Who labors to breathe in agony.  
Come, O sinner; come and see what our God became to set us free.

Come, O sinner; come and mourn, for He calls your sin His own.  
Do you feel the weight of justice served? He suffers the wrath that you deserve.  
Come, O sinner; come and mourn, for He bears the curse for all you’ve done.

*O, the wonder of this awesome scene where our Savior bleeds!  
O, the power of the love of God; come and stand in awe.*

Come, O sinner; come rejoice: Mercy fills this place of scorn,  
for He dies to save His enemies, that all who draw near may know His peace.  
Come, O sinner; come rejoice: Through the death of Christ, death is destroyed!

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### ■ song of praise

#### My Jesus, I Love Thee (Trinity Hymnal #648)

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for Thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow; if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death;  
and praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;  
and say, when the death-dew lies cold on my brow: if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

*Words by William Featherstone, 1864; Music CARITAS by A.J. Gordon, 1894; © Public Domain;  
CCLI Song # 27817*

### ■ sacrament of baptism

*This morning we are pleased to baptize the following covenant children:  
Thomas Lee Huntington, son of Lee and Sarah Huntington;  
Lilee Terethia Mason, daughter of Steve and Becky Mason;  
Theophilus Cheng-Qian Novak, son of Ethan and Serenity Novak;  
Elias Luke Signer, son of Ben and Kimberly Signer;  
Ward Humphreys Thomas, son of Greg and Mary Anna Thomas;  
Brynly, Margaux, and Rhett Wittmeyer, children of Bryan and Stacy Wittmeyer*

### ■ missions partner update | Satoshi & Cally, Mission to the World (MTW) Europe

### ■ congregational prayer | Elder Rob Fisher

### ■ offertory prayer | Ryan Furgerson (9am); Rob Pittman (11am)

### ■ presentation of tithes and offerings | Adult Choir (9am)

#### Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

*Amazing grace, amazing grace so vast and yet so free!  
The Son of God, the righteous One, is crucified for me.*

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

*Words by John Newton, 1779; addt'l words and music by Craig Courtney; © 2004 Beckenhorst Press, Inc.*

*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 3:16-21 (pg. 835)*

#### For God So Loved the World

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. <sup>20</sup>For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

### ■ prayer for illumination

### ■ sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

#### “Love that Casts Out Darkness”

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of response

#### How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away  
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom,  
but I will boast in Jesus Christ— His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,  
but this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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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 | Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries

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