

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Join the Advent Singers! Rehearsals start today upstairs in Room 201. 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.

**Nursery volunteers: open enrollment closes today!** Thank you for serving in the nursery as we teach and show Jesus to our little ones. Today is the last day to sign yourself up for the next quarter through the link provided in the APC email.

**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 is next Sunday, October 29 in between worship services in the Sanctuary.**

**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. **Please bring either an appetizer or a pie to share!** 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.

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Officer  
Nominations



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Trunk or Treat



Covenant  
Fellowship Groups



Join the  
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## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

### Hospitality

**This Week:** Alex and Allison Bolling

**Next Week:** Andy, Rebecca, and Bethany Schad

### Nursery

**9am:** Femi Adeniji, Flora Chipana, Gus and Woodrow Coombs, Ryan and Amy Douglass, Lina Gentry, Nate Kinder, Sam and Collin White

**11am:** Marc, Shannon, and James Allen, Sifa Balagizi, Josh and Sam Diack, Juliet Edem, Frank Girgenti

**Next week's 9am:** Kari Adams, Sifa Balagizi, Laura and Alex Erickson, Sarah Field, Evelyn Heil, Jessica Newman, Margaret Veenstra

**Next week's 11am:** Rick and Sara Eppright, Frank Girgenti, Chris Nelms, Joey and Bailey Rolland, Andrea Romyn, Mary Mitchell Todd

### Children's Church

**9am:** Josh and Stacey Diack

**11am:** Ryan and Erin Furgerson

### A/V Team

James Allen, Hudson Diack, Ethan Novak, Bailey Rolland

### Greeters

**9am:** Matt Coombs, Kristi Hellmuth, Andrew and Vanessa Hobold, Lindsay Hutter

**11am:** Pierre Jolly, Sara Eppright, Jodie and Anna Kirk, Miluvidia Reyes, Greg Thomas

### 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, Bruce Barham, Pete Olsen, Stephen Sylvia

### Deacons on Duty

## 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

October 22, 2023

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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.

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

*Psalm 5:7-8*

**All: But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.**

**I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.**

**Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.**

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ choral meditation | Youth Choir

#### Hear My Words

Hear my words, O gracious Lord, to my thoughts attentive be; hear my cry, my King, my God. I will make my prayer to Thee.

With the morning light, O Lord, Thou shalt hear my voice arise, and expectant I will bring prayer as morning sacrifice.

Thou art holy, O my God, Thou delightest not in sin; evil shall not dwell with Thee, nor the proud Thy favor win.

Hear my words, O gracious Lord, to my thoughts attentive be; hear my cry, my King, my God. I will make my prayer to Thee.

*Words and music by Stephen Paulus, based on Psalm 5:1-5; © 1977 Hinshaw Music, Inc.*

### ■ song of praise

#### A Christian’s Daily Prayer

As morning dawns and day awakes, to You I bring my need:

O gracious God, my source of strength, in You I live and breathe.

Each hour is Yours, by wisdom planned, each deed empowered by sovereign hands; renew my spirit, help me stand— be glorified today.

As day unfolds, I seek Your will in all of life’s demands, and though the tempter tries me still, I cling to Your commands. Let every effort of my life display the matchless worth of Christ; make me a living sacrifice— be glorified today.

As sun gives way to darkest night, Your Spirit still is here. And though my strength fades like the light, new mercies will appear. I rest in You; abide with me until our trials and suffering give way to final victory— be glorified today; be glorified, I pray.

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### ■ prayer of adoration

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### ■ scripture reading | Ben Youngquist (9am); Susannah Johnston (11am)

*Ephesians 2:1-10 (pg. 917)*

#### By Grace Through Faith

<sup>1</sup>And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of praise

#### His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done; omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum, thrown into a sea without bottom or shore: Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more— stronger than darkness, new every morn: Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam, what Father so tender is calling us home; He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor: Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us; His blood was the payment, His life was the cost. We stood ‘neath a debt we could never afford: Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

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### ■ sacrament of baptism | Ariel Sanchez (9am)

### ■ induction of new members

### ■ congregational prayer

### ■ offertory prayer | Brian Field (9am); Tom Tarrants (11am)

### ■ song of preparation

#### The Church's One Foundation (Trinity Hymnal #347, vv. 1-2, 4-6)

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is His new creation by water and the Word: from heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride; with his own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

The church shall never perish; her dear Lord— to defend, to guide, sustain, and cherish— is with her to the end; though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale, against a foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

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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

*Ephesians 2:11-22 (pg. 917)*

#### One in Christ

<sup>11</sup>Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— <sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup>by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup>And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup>in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

### ■ prayer for illumination

### ■ sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor “A Dwelling Place for God by the Spirit”

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of response

#### Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus’ name.

*Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Savior’s love  
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found: dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

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### ■ deacons’ fund offering | Deacon Stephen Sylvia

### ■ doxology (Trinity Hymnal #731)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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

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