

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Congregational Meeting to elect officers is today in the Sanctuary at 10:20am (following the 9am worship service). The nursery will remain open through the meeting. The following men were examined by the elders and deemed eligible to stand for election to the office of elder: Brian Field, Aaron Renenger. For re-election to the office of elder: Marc Allen, Chris Weld.

Spanish Worship Service this evening at 5pm. Join us this evening 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.

The Advent Youth Choir is not rehearsing today, but it's not too late to join for the next rehearsal on November 5! This choir is open to children in 2nd-8th grades. We will be rehearsing between Sunday services (10:20-10:50) on 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.

Koinonia Halloween Party. 20s and 30s of APC, you are invited to the Rollands' on October 30th at 7pm. There will be snacks, Halloween trivia (winner gets a prize) and other Halloween-themed fun! Please contact Bailey Rolland (bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org) for the address.

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 (pizza served). Covenant Kids and PROTAS will not be meeting, as kids are encouraged to attend the service.

Poinsettia Orders. If you would like to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas by ordering a poinsettia, order through the link by scanning the QR code below by November 19. If you prefer to pay by check or cash, you may fill out a form located in the lobby. Poinsettias are \$20 each. Plants may be removed from the Sanctuary and taken home any time after the evening service on Christmas Eve. Contact Andrea Romyn at andrea.romyn@alexandriapres.org with any questions.

UPCOMING DATES

- Officer Ordination** — Sunday, November 5 during morning worship
- Koinonia Friendsgiving** — Friday, November 17
- Lessons and Carols** — Sunday, December 17 at 5pm
- Christmas Eve Service** — Sunday, December 24 at 5pm

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

- Hospitality** *This Week:* the Schad family
Next Week: the Allen family
- Nursery** **9am:** Kari Adams, Sifa Balagizi, Laura and Alex Erickson, Sarah Field, Evelyn Heil, Jessica Newman, Margaret Veenstra
11am: Rick and Sara Eppright, Frank Girgenti, Chris Nelms, Joey and Bailey Rolland, Andrea Romyn, Mary Mitchell Todd
Next week's 9am: Tina Brady, Jamie Connelly, Erin Furgerson, Andrew Hobold, Ann Howley, Sarah Huntington, Patricia Kodjo, Christian Poole, Traci Youngquist
Next week's 11am: Juliet Edem, Sue Edwards, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Jo Porwoll, Jeremy and Staci Root
- Children's Church** No Children's Church on the 5th Sunday of the month
- A/V Team** Chris Blackburn, Eli Kendrick, Emmett Stephens, Joshua Youngquist
- Greeters** **9am:** Matt Coombs, Adam and Hannah Davis, Lindsay Hutter
11am: Pierre Jolly, Becca Arango, Becky Knapp, 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
- Deacons on Duty** Owen Gentry, 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



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.

APC
Visitor Form



Give
to APC



Order a
Poinsettia!



Covenant
Fellowship Groups



Join the
Advent Singers



Holy Worship Service: *Reformation Sunday*

This Sunday we celebrate the reclamation of the truth of God’s Word through the labors of numerous Protestant church reformers, such as John Huss, Martin Luther, John Calvin and John Knox.

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

■ prelude

■ call to worship | *Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries*

Psalm 31:1-3, 5

Leader: ¹In you, O Lord, do I take refuge;

let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me!

All: ²**Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily!**

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!

Leader: ³For you are my rock and my fortress;

and for your name’s sake you lead me and guide me.

All: ⁴**Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *Trinity Hymnal # 92*

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;

our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;

his craft and pow’r are great; and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;

were not the right man on our side, the Man of God’s own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,

Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same; and He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,

we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.

The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;

his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow’rs, no thanks to them, abideth;

the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;

the body they may kill— God’s truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

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■ prayer of adoration

■ song of confession

Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;

Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication.

If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,

Men: O who shall stand before Thee? (Women: who shall stand before Thee?)

O who shall stand before Thee? (who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;

our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth.

No man can glory in Thy sight; all must alike confess Thy might

and live alone by mercy, (live alone by mercy,)

and live alone by mercy. (live alone by mercy.)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;

on Him my soul shall rest; His Word upholds my fainting spirit.

His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my sweet support;

I wait for it with patience, (wait for it with patience,)

I wait for it with patience. (wait for it with patience.)

What though I wait the live-long night, and till the dawn appeareth,

my heart still trusteth in His might, it doubteth not nor feareth;

do thus, O ye of Israel’s seed, ye of the Spirit born indeed,

and wait till God appeareth, (wait till God appeareth,)

and wait till God appeareth. (wait till God appeareth.)

Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth;

His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.

Our Shepherd, good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free

from all their sin and sorrow, (all their sin and sorrow,)

from all their sin and sorrow. (all their sin and sorrow.)

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GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | *Aaron Renenger (9am); Kara Suckling (11am)*

Philippians 2:1-11 (pg. 921)

Christ’s Example of Humility

¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the

Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having

the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or

conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look

not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among

yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not

count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of

a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled

himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God

has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that

at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Glorious Christ

The radiance of the Father before the dawn of time,

You spoke and all creation came to be.

The molecules and planets reveal Your great design,

and every one was made so we could see—so we could see

You are the glorious Christ, the greatest of all delights;

Your power is unequalled, Your love beyond all heights.

No greater sacrifice than when You laid down Your life;

we join the song of angels who praise You day and night— glorious Christ!

You left the air of heaven to breathe the dust of earth

and dwell among the outcast and the poor;

You came to be forsaken, and died to take our curse

so You could be our joy forevermore— forevermore.

You’re seated now in heaven, enthroned at God’s right hand;

You’ve shattered death and freed us from our fears,

and though we cannot see You, You’re coming back again,

and all will be made right when You appear,

and all will be made right when You appear.

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■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer

■ presentation of tithes and offerings| *Adult Choir*

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal

Hark! I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,

as I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the Lamb!

Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM!

And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,

passes swiftly o’er those waters to the city far away.

Souls have crossed before me safely to that land of perfect rest,

and I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blessed.

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Children’s Church does not meet today. On a month that has a 5th Sunday, our curriculum allows for the children to put into practice what they are learning about the different aspects of worship by remaining in the service. Instead, the kids are invited to come forward and sit on the steps at the front of the Sanctuary for a children’s message.

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ children’s message

■ sermon scripture reading

Ephesians 4:1-16 (pg. 918)

Unity in the Body of Christ

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to

which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with

one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There

is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your

call— ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and

through all and in all. ⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of

Christ’s gift. ⁸Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,

and he gave gifts to men.”

⁹(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the

lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the one who also ascended far above

all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the

evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry,

for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the

knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the

fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves

and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful

schemes. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who

is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every

joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow

so that it builds itself up in love.

■ prayer for illumination

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

“Equipping the Saints”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;

Hark! how the heav’nly anthem drowns all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him Who died for thee,

and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side—

rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified;

no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,

but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life Who triumphed o’er the grave,

and rose victorious through the strife for those He came to save;

His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,

Who died, eternal life to bring; and lives, that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of Lords Who over all doth reign,

Who, once on earth th’incarnate Word for ransomed sinners slain,

now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing

their songs before Him day and night— their God, Redeemer, King.

Crown Him the Lord of heav’n, enthroned in worlds above;

crown Him the King to Whom is giv’n the wondrous name of Love.

Crown Him with many crowns, as thrones before Him fall;

crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is King of all.

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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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