

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

In light of the holiday weekend, Key Equipping will not be meeting this evening.

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.

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.

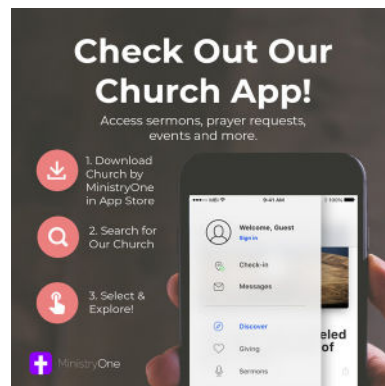
Trunk or Treat on October 28 at 3:30pm. Come enjoy trunk or treating in the APC parking lot! This has been a great outreach event the past couple years, with new families joining us from the neighborhood and beyond. Whether or not you have kids participating, we would love for you to decorate your trunk and pass out candy. Invite your friends and family!
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!

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.

Women's Friday Bible Study. Ladies, join us for alternating Fridays from 9:45-11:30am at the church. **The next meeting is October 20.** 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 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.

Women's Thursday morning and Thursday evening Bible studies. 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, check in children for nursery, 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:* Flora Chipana, Katty and Daniel Hoyle
Next Week: Alex and Allison Bolling

Nursery *9am:* Rob Fisher, Erin Furgerson, Cami Kinder, Janice Nichols, Christian Poole, Stacey, Justin, and Emmett Stephens
11am: Sifa Balagizi, Stacey and Sam Diack, Juliet Edem, Frank Girgenti, Caitlin Jolly, Tom Mood, KayCee Poole
Next week's 9am: Chase and Mary Lou Chesser, Patricia Kodjo, Will and Catherine Marks, Jackie McCauley, Stephanie, Abbie, and Ellie Olsen
Next week's 11am: Juliet Edem, Frank Girgenti, Bethany Tinev, Sam, Jessica, Collin, and Charlie White

Children's Church *9am:* Leslie Bridge, Eli Kendrick, Becky Knapp, Amanda Leamer
11am: Ryan and Erin Furgerson

A/V Team Liz Crowley, Wayne Folta, Chris and Abby McGahey

Greeters *9am:* Matt Coombs, Mary Baird, Adam and Hannah Davis, Jim and Jo Ann Kottkamp, Miluvidia Reyes, Chevelle Tallman
11am: Pierre Jolly, Jodie Kirk, Becky Mason, Cynthia Oviatt, Cathy Rosander, 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 Bryan Wittmeyer, Bruce Barham, Pete Olsen

KEY EQUIPPING *Not Meeting October 8*

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.

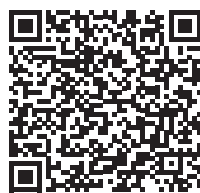
Adult Classes

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



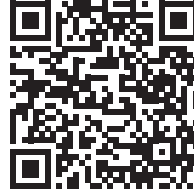
Give to APC



Officer Nominations



Trunk or Treat Sign Up



Covenant Fellowship Groups



October 8, 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*

Zephaniah 3:17

The Lord your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing– Alleluia, Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia, Amen!
let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia, Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia, Amen!
let praises fill the sky; Alleluia, Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He’ll condescend;
His love shall never end. Alleluia, Amen!

Come, sing of wondrous grace, Alleluia, Amen!
what love that took our place; Alleluia, Amen!
Jesus the Lamb was slain, bearing our sin and shame,
yet triumphed o’er the grave! Alleluia, Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia, Amen!
life shall not end the strain; Alleluia, Amen!
on heaven’s blissful shore, His goodness we’ll adore,
singing forevermore, “Alleluia, Amen!”

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■ prayer of adoration

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

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | *Linda Willows (9am); Sara Eppright (11am)*

Ephesians 3:14-21

Prayer for Spiritual Strength

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

And Can It Be That I Should Gain (Trinity Hymnal #455, vv. 1, 3-5)

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*Amazing love! How can it be
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;
humbled Himself, so great His love; and bled for all His chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free— for, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night.
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light.
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown— through Christ, my own.

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■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ song of preparation

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone,
but in the costly wounds of love at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame,
but in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

*I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest Treasure, Wellspring of my soul;
I will trust in Him, no other; my soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die; fame, youth, and beauty hurry by;
but life eternal calls to us at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light,
but I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.

Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness;
my value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross.

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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 3:16-21 (pg. 835)

For God So Loved the World

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever 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. ¹⁹And 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. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹But 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*

“God So Loved”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Here Is Love

Here is love, vast as the ocean, lovingkindness as the flood,
when the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout heav’n’s eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;
through the floodgates of God’s mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above;
heaven’s peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Here is love that conquered evil– Christ, the firstborn from the grave;
death has failed to be found equal to the life of Him Who saves.
In the valley of our darkness dawned His everlasting light;
perfect love in glorious radiance has repelled death’s hellish night.

That same Love beyond all measure, mocked and slain by hateful men,
lives and reigns in resurrection and can never die again.
Here is love for all the ages; radiant Sun of Heav’n, He stands
calling home His Father’s children, holding forth His wounded hands.

Here is love, vast as the heavens; countless as the stars above
are the souls that He has ransomed– precious daughters, treasured sons.
We are called to feast forever on a love beyond our time;
glorious Father, Son, and Spirit now with man are intertwined.

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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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