

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Koinonia Friendsgiving on November 17 from 6:30-8:30pm in Room 201. We are excited to have an evening full of fun and food! You can bring a favorite dish, no matter what it might be! Sign up through the QR code.

Sisters in Stitches (SIS) meeting November 18. The next meeting will be spent working on a Christmas gift craft on Saturday, November 18 in the Fellowship Hall at 9am. Please RSVP to Sue Edwards at sue.quilts6@gmail.com if you plan to attend. All levels of experience are welcome, as well as friends who enjoy sewing!

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.

Advent and Christmas at APC! Join us for these special services as we await the dawn of Christ’s coming:
Advent Services: Sundays, December 2, 10, 17 at 9am and 11am; December 24 at 10am
Lessons and Carols Service and Reception: Sunday, December 17 at 5pm
Christmas Eve Service: Sunday, December 24 at 5pm

Holiday Giving Opportunities: APC’s theme for the year is “Serving our City and Our World in the Name of Christ”. This holiday season, we have the opportunity to put what we have been learning into practice both locally and globally:

Serving Our City in the Name of Christ

Bless a Senior at Lincolnian—APC has a long-established relationship with our ministry to seniors and is happy to serve The Lincolnian Assisted Living Senior Care Facility in Alexandria. The giving goal for toiletry kits has been met, however we are still collecting artwork and cards to give to the seniors! Artwork and cards can be delivered in the designated box in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great way for children and teens to participate and show love to our seniors!

Serving Our World in the Name of Christ

Good News for Africa (GNFA)— GNFA is a non-profit organization that seeks to care for orphans in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) by providing for their essential needs – food, clothing, shelter, schooling, and medical care – and preparing them for a future life in which they can take care of themselves as productive members of society. They also seek to share the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the children. This Christmas, APC will be providing clothes, shoes, jewelry, and games for the children, as well as meals for Christmas day. The Sisters in Stitches group have made aprons for the care givers and supply pouches for the children, which APC kids have been stuffing with supplies! See the giving options below to give toward these gifts and meals by November 25.

To give toward provisions for GNFA: Scan the QR code or visit our website at www.alexandriapres.org/give. Select the dropdown Fund box to specify where you would like to direct your gift. If you prefer to pay by check, please email the church office at admin@alexandriapres.org to arrange payment.



Giving at a Glance	YTD Giving (7/1/23-10/31/23)	\$700,072
	YTD Budget (7/1/23-10/31/23)	\$759,000
	Difference	-\$58,928 (92%)

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

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

- Hospitality** *This Week:* Alex and Allison Bolling, Rodney Veenstra
Next Week: the Schad family, Rodney Veenstra
- Nursery** *9am:* Sifa Balagizi, Stephanie, Abbie, and Ellie Olsen, Tom Petelik, Doug Shipley, Margaret Veenstra, Evan and Maureen Ward
11am: Cindy Cai, Dan and Kathryn Johnson, Jackie McCauley, Tom Mood, KayCee Poole, Athena Selim
Next week’s 9am: Shannon Allen, Josh and Sam Diack, Adam and Laurie LeRoy, Jenny and Abby McGahey, Juliana Richardson, Susanna Root, Justin Wells-Morgan
Next week’s 11am: Shannon Allen, Rob, Laura, and Elyse Coit, Juliet Edem, Caitlin Jolly, Tom Mood
- Children’s Church** *9am:* Bryant and Lynn Streett, Bryan and Stacy Wittmeyer
11am: Ryan and Erin Furgerson
- A/V Team** James Allen, Hensley Gollopp, Eli Kendrick, Sam White
- Greeters** *9am:* Ryan Furgerson, Mike and Vicki Gutshall, Andrew and Vanessa Hobold, Yaovi and Patricia Kodjo, Romydy and Amy Murr
11am: Pierre Jolly, Sara Eppright, Jodie and Anna Kirk, Greg Thomas
- 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, Angel Tinev

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.


APC Visitor Form




Give to APC




Order a Poinsettia!



Koinonia Friendsgiving



Covenant Fellowship Groups





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.

Holy Worship Service

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

■ prelude

■ call to worship | Joel Acevedo, Pastor of International Outreach and Mercy;

Chris Sicks, Pastor of One Voice Fellowship

from Psalm 96, de Salmo 96

Leader 1: ¹Cantad a Jehová cántico nuevo;
Cantad a Jehová, toda la tierra.

Leader 2: ¹Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!

All: ²**Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Leader 1: ³Proclamad entre las naciones su gloria,
En todos los pueblos sus maravillas.

Leader 2: ³Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

All: ⁴**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.**

Leader 1: ⁵Porque todos los dioses de los pueblos son ídolos;
Pero Jehová hizo los cielos.

Leader 2: ⁵For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.

All: ¹⁰**Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns!
He will judge the peoples with equity.”**

Leader 1: ⁷a Tributad a Jehová, oh familias de los pueblos,
⁸Dad a Jehová la honra debida a su nombre;
Traed ofrendas, y venid a sus atrios.

Leader 2: ⁷a Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
⁸ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

All: ⁹**Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ songs of praise

Hakuna Mungu Kama Wewe

Hakuna Mungu kama wewe, hakuna Mungu kama we!
Hakuna Mungu kama wewe, hakuna na hatakuwepo!
[there’s no one, and there never will be]

There’s no one, there’s no one like Jesus, there’s no one, there’s no one like Him!

There’s no one, there’s no one like Jesus, there’s no one, there’s no one like Him!

Nimetembea pote, pote, nimezunguka pote, pote,
nimetafuta pote, pote, hakuna na hatakuwepo!
*I’ve walked and walked all over, over, I’ve turned and turned all over, over,
I’ve searched and searched all over, over—there’s no one, there’s no one like Him!*

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All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing: O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam; thou, silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless and worship Him in humbleness: O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the redeemed, washed by His blood, come and rejoice in His great love:
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin; cast all your burdens now on Him:
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow’r to reign; heaven and earth will join to say: O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee? All creatures of our God and King:
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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■ prayer of adoration | Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | Amy Weld (9am); Elder Rob Fisher (11am)

Isaiah 56:1-8 (pg. 577)

¹Thus says the Lord:
“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my righteousness be revealed.
²Blessed is the man who does this,
and the son of man who holds it fast,
who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it,
and keeps his hand from doing any evil.”

³Let not the foreigner who has joined
himself to the Lord say,
“The Lord will surely separate me from
his people”;
and let not the eunuch say,
“Behold, I am a dry tree.”

⁴For thus says the Lord:
“To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,
who choose the things that please me
and hold fast my covenant,
⁵I will give in my house and within my walls
a monument and a name
better than sons and daughters;

I will give them an everlasting name
that shall not be cut off.

⁶“And the foreigners who join themselves to
the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of
the Lord, and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does
not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—
⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of
prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of
prayer for all peoples.”

⁸The Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Jesus, Thank You

The myst’ry of the cross I cannot comprehend, the agonies of Calvary
You, the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son, Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

*Your blood has washed away my sin— Jesus, thank You
The Father’s wrath completely satisfied— Jesus, thank You
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table— Jesus, thank You*

By Your perfect sacrifice I’ve been brought near, Your enemy You’ve made Your friend
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace, Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

Lover of my soul, I want to live for You
Lover of my soul, I want to live for You

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■ testimony of thanksgiving | Adam LeRoy, Director of Youth Ministries

■ congregational prayer | Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate

■ offertory prayer | Annie Boyajian (9am); Jessica White (11am)

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

Write Your Blessed Name

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart,
there to remain so indelibly engraved,
that no prosperity, that no adversity
shall ever move me from your love.

Be to me a strong tower of defense,
a comforter in tribulation,
a deliverer in distress,
and a faithful guide to the courts of heaven
through the many temptations and dangers of this life.

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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

Deuteronomy 10:11-19 (pg.145)

¹¹And the Lord said to me, ‘Arise, go on your journey at the head of the people, so that they may go in and possess the land, which I swore to their fathers to give them.’

Circumcise Your Heart

¹²“And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good? ¹⁴Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵Yet the Lord set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. ¹⁶Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. ¹⁷For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | Chris Sicks, Pastor of One Voice Fellowship

“God Loves Strangers”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ songs of response

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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Doxology (Trinity Hymnal #731) (additional languages on screen)

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

■ announcements | Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries (9am);

Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate (11am)

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