

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To sign up for ministries and events, please scan the QR code, or find links in the APC email and website.

**Key Equipping is not meeting tonight, in light of the holiday weekend. PROTAS and Covenant Kids will meet December 3 and 10. Adult classes will resume January 14.**

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

**GivingTuesday and Year-End gifts to APC.** GivingTuesday is this Tuesday, November 28. Many people are considering specific ways to give. We appreciate your prayerful consideration of APC and including us as part of your giving on this day! Additionally, as you plan a year-end gift to APC, keep in mind that the church office will be closed December 25-January 1, and the last worship service of the year is December 31. Gifts received in the mail the first week of January—if dated and postmarked in 2023—will be included in your 2023 year-end giving statement. You may also make your year-end gifts through APC's online giving portal thru December 31, 2023. In addition, if you would like to donate securities or stocks to APC's general fund, please contact Kathy Sens at [kathy.sens@alexandriapres.org](mailto:kathy.sens@alexandriapres.org) and she can give you the information needed to make a transfer. If you would like to donate a year end gift, simply indicate this on your check and mail it to the APC office. You may also make your donation online. Thank you for considering APC in your GivingTuesday and year-end planning.

**APC Deaconess Suggestions.** In April 2023, Session decided to begin a new Deaconess ministry at APC, appointing Godly women of the congregation to assist the Deacons in their ministry of mercy and administration. At this time, Session welcomes suggestions of female members who discern a call to such service. (It is a prerequisite that any woman suggested have previously completed APC's Spiritual Leadership class.) Suggestions will be received through December 10. Please confirm with the woman that she welcomes the suggestion, before submitting it to Session. Those women that Session appoints as Deaconess will be commissioned at the January 14 worship services.

**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

**Carol singing at Lincolnian on December 23!** We invite you for a time of singing carols and passing out toiletry kits and artwork to the seniors on December 23 from 10:30-11:15am. **We are in need of someone to play keyboard for the time of carols.** Please email Phyllis Sergent at [phyllis.sergent@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.sergent@gmail.com) if you are able to help in this way.

Alternatively, feel free to schedule a visit simply to meet and chat with some of the seniors during this Advent season. 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. This is a meaningful way to love and minister to them, and will be a blessing to all. Email Phyllis Sergent at [phyllis.sergent@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.sergent@gmail.com) to arrange your visit, or with any questions.

**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!

**Walking in the Spirit (WiS) begins January 14 from 5-7pm.** APC is offering a discipleship ministry called Walking in the Spirit (WiS), which will be led by Pastor Tom and Sharon Holliday. This is a 10 week in-depth study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit, which begins Sunday, January 14 and runs through March 24, with a break on February 18. Each class will consist of an hour of teaching followed by an hour of small group interaction, as well as reflection and homework during the week. Since each week builds upon the previous week, we ask that you commit to being present in at least 8 of the 10 weeks. Participants are also invited to a banquet to celebrate and share testimonies of what God has done in our midst. More details will be forthcoming on the banquet.

**Call to Prayer— January 2024.** As we embark on a New Year, the elders invite you to join them in APC-wide prayer opportunities: Sunday, January 7 at 5pm, Wednesday, January 10 at 7:30pm; and Saturday, January 13 at 9am.

**Newcomer Fellowship Dinner, Saturday, January 20, 6pm.** If you've been attending APC for one week or several months, please join us for food and fellowship. You'll have a chance to meet church officers and staff, ask questions, and learn more about the ministry God is building here.

**The next Inquirers Class is February 2 & 3.** If you are interested in membership or in gaining a deeper understanding of APC, we invite you to attend this class. You will receive an introduction to Christianity, the PCA, and the specific vision/mission and philosophy of ministry at APC. It's also a great opportunity to meet other newcomers to the church, as well as pastors and staff! Membership is open to all who profess faith in Christ and believe the basic teachings of the Christian faith. Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church.

**SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS**

**Hospitality**

**This Week:** Alex and Allison Bolling, Sharon Holliday

**Next Week:** Emily Kerski, Allison Bolling

**Nursery**

**9am:** Femi Adeniji, Sifa Balagizi, Tina Brady, Carrie Brown,

Matt and Maggie Coombs, Lina Gentry, Traci Youngquist

**11am:** Stacey Diack, Juliet Edem, Laura and Alex Erickson, Jodie Kirk, Tom Mood, Carmen Rives

**Next week's 9am:** Mark Adams, Marc, Shannon, James, and Sarah Allen, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Chris Nelms, Margaret Veenstra

**Next week's 11am:** Juliet Edem, Allison Rivera, Joey and Bailey Rolland, Staci Root, Athena Selim, Stacey Stephens

**Children's Church**

**9am:** Mary Lou and Chase Chesser, Romyedy & Amy Murr

**11am:** Ryan and Erin Furgerson

**A/V Team**

Liz Crowley, Pete Olsen, Carolina Shon, Joshua Youngquist

**Greeters**

**9am:** Ryan Furgerson, Adam and Hannah Davis, Lindsay Hutter, Jodie Kirk, Katy Rogers

**11am:** Pierre Jolly, Becky and Maelee Mason, Chris Nelms, Katy Rogers, Cathy Rosander, Rachel Veenstra

**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** **Not Meeting November 26**  
**Adult Classes resume January 14**

*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.

**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**

**WE ARE HIRING**

**We are hiring a Nursery Assistant!** The Nursery Assistant is called to a ministry of love, mercy, and outreach to the youngest in our congregation, and those visiting APC, in such a way that they feel welcomed and loved. The Nursery Assistant's primary function will be to oversee certain aspects of the nursery, in close coordination with the Director of Children's Ministries, in order to create a high-quality, safe, and nurturing environment for the children and families we serve. This position is part-time, and expected to take 6-7 hours weekly (including Sunday activities). Please contact Erin Furgerson, by email or in person, if interested in applying and for the full Position Description: [erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org](mailto:erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org).



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 | *Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate*

*Revelation 11:15-17*

Leader: <sup>15</sup>Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.” <sup>16</sup>And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, <sup>17</sup>saying,

**All: “We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign.”**

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of praise

#### Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice;  
all creation rises to rejoice.

*Behold our God, seated on His throne—come let us adore Him!  
Behold our King; nothing can compare— come let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His Words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,  
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave;  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth!)

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### ■ prayer of adoration

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### ■ scripture reading | *Sue Edwards (9am); Femi Adeniji (11am)*

*Psalms 118:14-29 (pg. 479)*

<sup>14</sup>The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>Glad songs of salvation  
are in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,  
<sup>16</sup>the right hand of the Lord exalts,  
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”

<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

<sup>18</sup>The Lord has disciplined me severely,  
but he has not given me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.

<sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

<sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup>Save us, we pray, O Lord!  
O Lord, we pray, give us success!

<sup>26</sup>Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord!  
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

<sup>27</sup>The Lord is God,  
and he has made his light to shine upon us.  
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,  
up to the horns of the altar!

<sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will give thanks to  
you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.

<sup>29</sup>Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ songs of assurance

#### Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small;  
child of weakness, watch and pray; find in me thine all in all.”

Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe.  
Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find— Thy pow’r, and Thine alone,  
can change the leper’s spots, and melt the heart of stone.

For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim;  
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.

And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,  
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat.

O, praise the One Who paid my debt  
and raised this life up from the dead!

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### ■ The Lord Is My Salvation

The grace of God has reached for me and pulled me from the raging sea,  
and I am safe on this solid ground: the Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls; His strength will help me scale these walls;  
I’ll see the dawn of the rising sun: the Lord is my salvation.

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love.  
My debt is paid and the vict’ry won: the Lord is my salvation.*

My hope is hidden in the Lord; He flow’rs each promise of His Word;  
when winter fades I know spring will come: the Lord is my salvation.

In times of waiting, times of need, when I know loss, when I am weak,  
I know His grace will renew these days: the Lord is my salvation.

And when I reach my final day He will not leave me in the grave,  
but I will rise; He will call me home: the Lord is my salvation.

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit; the Lord is our salvation!

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### ■ congregational prayer

### ■ offertory prayer | *Stacy Wittmeyer (9am); Amanda Leamer (11am)*

### ■ musical offering | *Vell Rives*

#### *Come All Christians, Be Committed*

*“Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord.  
Make your lives for Him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord.  
Come into His courts with gladness, each His sacred vows renew,  
Turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.”*

*—Eva B. Lloyd, 1958*

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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

*Philippians 4:1-9 (pg. 923)*

<sup>4</sup>Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

#### Exhortation, Encouragement, and Prayer

<sup>2</sup>I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

### ■ prayer for illumination

### ■ sermon | *Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate*

#### “Prayer with Thanksgiving”

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of response

#### 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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### ■ deacons’ fund offering | *Deacon Owen Gentry*

### ■ 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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