

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today is the last chance to join the Advent Choir!** This choir is open to children in 2nd-8th grades. We will be rehearsing between upstairs in Room 201 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.

**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.

**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. Please prayerfully consider donating toward one or both of the following APC ministry/missions opportunities:

### 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. This Christmas, we will bless over 50 seniors with toiletry kits and Christmas cards/artwork. 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! See the giving options below to donate toward the toiletry kits.

### 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 Lincolnian and/or GNFA:** Scan the QR code or visit our website at [www.alexandriapres.org/give](http://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](mailto:admin@alexandriapres.org) to arrange payment.



## UPCOMING DATES

**Koinonia Friendsgiving** — Friday, November 17  
**Thanksgiving Praise Service and Reception** — Friday, November 19  
**Lessons and Carols** — Sunday, December 17 at 5pm  
**Christmas Eve Service** — Sunday, December 24 at 5pm

## 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:* the Allen family  
*Next Week:* Alex and Allison Bolling, Rodney Veenstra  
**Nursery** *9am:* Tina Brady, Jamie Connelly, Erin Furgerson, Andrew Hobold, Ann Howley, Sarah Huntington, Patricia Kodjo, Christian Poole, Traci Youngquist  
*11am:* Juliet Edem, Sue Edwards, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Jo Porwoll, Jeremy and Staci Root  
*Next week's 9am:* Sifa Balagizi, Stephanie, Abbie, and Ellie Olsen, Tom Petelik, Doug Shipley, Margaret Veenstra, Evan and Maureen Ward  
*Next week's 11am:* Cindy Cai, Dan and Kathryn Johnson, Jackie McCauley, Tom Mood, KayCee Poole, Athena Selim  
**Children's Church** *9am:* Bryant and Lynn Streett, Bryan and Stacy Wittmeyer  
*11am:* Ryan and Erin Furgerson  
**A/V Team** Chris and Abby McGahey, Ethan Novak, Bailey Rolland  
**Greeters** *9am:* Tina Brady, Ryan Furgerson, Jim and Jo Ann Kottkamp, Becky Mason, Lynn Streett  
*11am:* Maggie Cho, Becky Knapp, Cynthia Oviatt, Greg Thomas, Jessica White  
**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



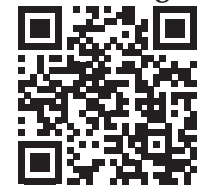
Order a Poinsettia!



Covenant Fellowship Groups



Join the Advent Singers



unchanging truth. changing lives

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 | *Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries*

*Colossians 3:15-17*

Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

**All:** **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of praise

#### I Will Glory in My Redeemer

I will glory in my Redeemer, Whose priceless blood has ransomed me; mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails and hung Him on that judgment tree.

I will glory in my Redeemer, Who crushed the power of sin and death; my only Savior before the holy Judge, the Lamb Who is my righteousness, the Lamb Who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer; my life He bought, my love He owns. I have no longings for another; I'm satisfied in Him alone.

I will glory in my Redeemer; His faithfulness my standing place.

Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, my feet are firm, held by His grace, my feet are firm, held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer, Who carries me on eagle's wings.

He crowns my life with lovingkindness; His triumph song I'll ever sing.

I will glory in my Redeemer, Who waits for me at gates of gold;

and when He calls me, it will be paradise,

His face forever to behold, His face forever to behold.

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### ■ prayer of adoration

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### ■ scripture reading | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions*

*Acts 20:17-35 (pg. 874)*

#### Paul Speaks to the Ephesian Elders

<sup>17</sup>Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him.

<sup>18</sup>And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup>servng the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup>how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup>testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup>except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup>But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup>And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, <sup>27</sup>for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup>Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. <sup>29</sup>I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup>and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup>Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. <sup>32</sup>And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup>I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup>You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup>In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ ordination and installation of officers

### ■ song of praise

#### How Firm a Foundation *(Trinity Hymnal #94, vv. 1-4, 6)*

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word.

What more can He say than to you He has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed, for I am your God, and will still give you aid; I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply; the flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose I will not, I will not desert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

*Authors unknown; Words attr. to George Keith, published in John Rippon’s A Selection of Hymns, 1787; Music FOUNDATION from Joseph Funk’s A Compilation of Genuine Church Music, 1832; © Public Domain; CCLI Song # 107816*

### ■ congregational prayer

### ■ offertory prayer | *Jeremy Root (9am); Cindy Cai (11am)*

### ■ presentation of tithes and offerings

*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

*1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (pg. 901)*

#### The Lord's Supper

<sup>17</sup>But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. <sup>18</sup>For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, <sup>19</sup>for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. <sup>20</sup>When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. <sup>21</sup>For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. <sup>22</sup>What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup>In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

<sup>27</sup>Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup>Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup>For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup>That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup>But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup>But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

<sup>33</sup>So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another— <sup>34</sup>if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home—so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come.

### ■ prayer for illumination

### ■ sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

#### “Do This in Remembrance of Me”

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS TABLE

### ■ sacrament of the lord’s supper

#### *Explanation, Invitation, Participation*

*All baptized Christians who are members in good standing of a church that proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ are invited to participate. Children who have been admitted into the church as communicant members are invited to participate as well. If you have any questions, please ask one of our pastors or elders.*

*Members will be invited to come forward to receive the bread and the cup. You will receive the elements from the pastors and elders standing up front in your section of the Sanctuary, and then take the bread and cup back to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, raise your hand and a server will bring the elements to your seat. We will take the elements together as prompted by the pastor.*

*During the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper you are invited to sing or meditate on the following song:*

### ■ communion song

#### Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die?

Would He devote that sacred head for such a worm as I?

Was it for sins that I had done He groaned upon the tree?

Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!

*My God, why would You shed Your blood, so pure and undefiled, to make a sinful one like me Your chosen, precious child?*

Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut his glories in, when Christ the mighty Maker died for man the creature's sin; thus might I hide my blushing face while His dear cross appears, dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt my eyes to tears.

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## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of response

#### Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior; precious Redeemer and Friend Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men? Oh, You rescue the souls of men

*You are the One that we praise; You are the One we adore You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for Oh, our hearts always hunger for*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost our way Oh, we've hopelessly lost our way

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne Oh, we're falling before Your throne

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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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