

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we welcome Dr. Paul Ford to the pulpit. In addition to being a regular APC attender, Paul is a leadership and team building specialist committed to helping Christian leaders discover and fulfill who they are in Christ. His ministry focuses on training and mentoring leaders in eight cultures. Paul has an M.Div. and D.Min. from Fuller Theological Seminary. He is also an ordained pastor with 10+ years of experience in local church ministry. All that he shares in his seminars and writing come from field experience. Paul is currently writing his next book, a devotional entitled “Growing Deeper Together”.

Last Sunday in worship we had the privilege of commissioning APC’s new deaconesses: Emily Kinch, Eleanor Nagy, Margie Williams, and Linda Willows. These women will assist the ordained diaconate with the full breadth of diaconal ministry and responsibility. Please join us in prayer and thanksgiving to God as these women serve our church in this way!

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Supplication. Each January at APC, we invite the congregation to offer written prayers of thanksgiving and supplication. A time will be set aside during the worship service on January 28 to bring your written prayer requests forward and place them in a basket, consecrating them before the Lord. In addition to the form in your bulletin, prayer forms are available in the lobby, and may also be submitted online (through the link in the APC email), or printed and mailed to the church office: 1300 West Braddock Road, Alexandria VA 22302, attention Tom Holliday.

The pastors and elders will read your submissions and will spend time in prayer for you. As you consider your prayer of thanksgiving, we encourage you to thank God for a special prayer that has been answered this past year, which encouraged your faith. As we offer prayers of supplication for the upcoming year, we encourage you to ask God to do something in your life that feels like a stretch—something that requires faith. As we often say at APC, “We want to ask God to do something so great, that if He is not in it, we are sure to fail.”

Nursery volunteers: Thank you for serving in the nursery as we teach and show Jesus to our little ones. Today is the last day to sign up for the next quarter of nursery. Remaining spots will be assigned tomorrow morning.

Spanish Worship Service on Saturday, January 27 at 6pm. Join us 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.

Koinonia Lunch. 20s and 30s of APC, we would love for you to join us at the Quarter Market on January 28 at 12:45pm for food and fellowship. If you are interested in carpooling, please reach out to Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org.

The next Inquirers Class is February 2 & 3. Sign up today by scanning the QR code, or through the link in the APC email or website. 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.

Sanctity of Life Ministries (SLM) Baby Bottle Campaign. Help support SLM’s medical outreach to women and men in crisis pregnancies through their Baby Bottle Campaign! Please pick up a bottle on Sunday, take it home and fill it up with change, cash or a check and return it by February 11. The bottles will be downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after the 9am service, and upstairs in the lobby after the 11am service. Donations made will be given to support SLM’s two pregnancy centers in Alexandria and Fairfax. Contact Pastor Josh Diack with any questions: josh.diack@alexandriapres.org.

New Women’s Thursday Bible studies. Ladies, as we continue with our theme of Unfailing Hope, we invite you to pray about joining the Thursday women’s Bible study. We are going through the book of Hebrews, using Jen Wilkin’s study *Better*. As we “fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith”, we’ll see Him as the better Word, the better high priest, the better sacrifice, etc. The morning study meets weekly from 10-11:30am. Childcare is provided. The evening study is a hybrid class: the first Thursday of each month we meet in person and the remaining weeks we meet via Zoom, from 7-8:30pm. Please RSVP to Lynn Streett at lynn.streett79@gmail.com in order to receive the Zoom link or if you have any questions.

Women’s Friday Bible study meets January 26, February 9 and February 23. Join us for a 3-week study on finding Jesus in Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon, which are the last chapters of Nancy Guthrie’s *The Wisdom of God: Seeing Jesus in the Psalms and Wisdom Books*. It doesn’t matter whether you were able to join us in the fall, come and join us now from 9:45-11:30am. Childcare is provided, but please let us know if you need it. Contact ruth.fisher@hotmail.com to let us know you are coming.

Sisters in Stitches (SIS). The next meeting will be February 17 at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. 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!

The next baptism is Sunday, February 18. If you would like to have your child or children baptized, please send an email to Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org.

Save the Date for our All-Church Dinner—Saturday, February 24 from 6-8pm at APC. Join us for an evening of food and fellowship with your APC church family. More details coming soon!

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality Nursery

This Week: the Schad family; **Next Week:** the Allen family
This Week (9am): Chase Chesser, Gus and Woodrow Coombs, Ryan and Amy Douglass, Owen Gentry, Emily Kinch, Jackie McCauley, Tom Petelik

This Week (11am): Dan and Kathryn Johnson, Tom Mood, Aaron, Christina, Peter, and Abigail Renenger
Next Week (9am): Kari Adams, Sifa Balagizi, Matt Brown, Mary Lou Chesser, Flora Chipana, John Connelly, Romy and Amy Murr, Margaret Veenstra
Next Week (11am): Jon and Laura Erickson, Tom Mood, Sam, Jessica, Collin, and Charlie White

Children’s Church

9am: Will and Catherine Marks, Chris and Amy Weld
11am: Ryan and Erin Furgerson

Tech Team Greeters

Lee Huntington, Amanda Petelik, Sam and Collin White
9am: Adam and Hannah Davis, Ryan Furgerson, Lindsay Hutter
11am: Maggie Cho, Sara Eppright, Kristi Hellmuth, Becky Knapp, Chris Nelms
9am: Femi Adeniji, Andy, Kira, and Granville Allison, Will Marks, Janice Nichols, Sam and Collin White

Ushers

11 am: Sam Diack, JW Jung, Jodie and Seth Kirk, Christian and Jack Poole, Rachel Veenstra

Deacon on Duty

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 worshippers 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.

Adults

The Gospel According to Matthew, Led by Elder Marc Allen, Room 112 (Open to all). From its opening focus on the Messianic lineage, to its spectacular capture of Jesus’ teaching in the Sermon on the Mount, to the Great Commission with which it ends, the Gospel According to Matthew offers beautifully deep teaching about the Kingdom of Heaven and Lord Jesus’ work for our salvation. In this class, we will survey the entirety of the Gospel in our 10 weeks of study.

Introduction to the Christian Life, Led by Elder Aaron Renenger, Room 114 (Open to all). To be called to faith in Christ is to be called to live a life filled with meaning and purpose. This five-week class will explore what it means to live a Christ-centered life, focusing on key passages from Genesis to Revelation that reveal God’s eternal plan and its profound implications for everything we do as Christians.

Walking in the Spirit (WitS), Led by Pastor Tom and Sharon Holliday, Room 201 (Registration closed). This is a 10 week in-depth study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

WE ARE HIRING

Communications Manager: The Communications Manager maintains and develops APC’s communications both inside and outside the congregation through various means including website, social media, weekly emails, bulletins, and more. Experience with Adobe InDesign, Canva, and MailChimp is preferred; however training is available. A full position description is available. This position is part-time with an anticipated 25 hours/week (including Sunday activities). If you desire to use those talents as a member of APC’s staff, please contact Executive Director of Ministries Matt Coombs at matthew.coombs@alexandriapres.org.

APC Visitor Form



Give to APC



Covenant Fellowship Groups



Inquirers Class



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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.

Holy Worship Service

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

■ prelude

■ call to worship | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

Psalm 22:27-28

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember

and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.

²⁸For kingship belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where’er the sun does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

*To our King be highest praise, rising through eternal days.
Just and faithful He shall reign; Jesus shall reign.*

People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.
Blessings abound where’er He reigns; the pris’ner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | *Andrew Hobold (9am); Steven Arango (11am)*

Romans 15:14-21 (pg 893)

Paul the Minister to the Gentiles

¹⁴I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another. ¹⁵But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God ¹⁶to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁷In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. ¹⁸For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed, ¹⁹by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ; ²⁰and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else’s foundation, ²¹but as it is written,

“Those who have never been told of him will see,
and those who have never heard will understand.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ confession of faith

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.**

■ songs of praise

O Church, Arise

O church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our captain.

For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.

With shield of faith and belt of truth, we’ll stand against the devil’s lies;

an army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
and with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure,
and Christ will have the prize for which He died: an inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave,
this victory march continues till the day every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride; give grace for every hurdle,
that we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,
we hear their calls, and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in glory.

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In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save,
till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,
for every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am His and He is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death— this is the power of Christ in me;
from life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I’ll stand.

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■ ministry update | *Sanctity of Life Ministries*

■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | *Daniel Jones (9am); Sterrett Carter (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

Isaiah 58:9-12 (pg. 579)

⁹Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;

you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’

If you take away the yoke from your midst,
the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,

¹⁰if you pour yourself out for the hungry
and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,

then shall your light rise in the darkness
and your gloom be as the noonday.

¹¹And the Lord will guide you continually
and satisfy your desire in scorched places

and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,

like a spring of water,
whose waters do not fail.

¹²And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;

you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to dwell in.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | *Dr. Paul Ford, Team Building and Leadership Specialist with Novo* “**Serving Our World in the Name of Christ**”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Take My Life, and Let It Be (Trinity Hymnal #585)

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee,
swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee,
filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every pow’r as Thou shalt choose,
every pow’r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne,
it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,
ever, only, all for Thee.

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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 | *Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate (9am); Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries (11am)*

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