

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 today's worship service 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. While prayers can be submitted anonymously, if names are included your shepherding group elder will receive and pray along with the pastors. 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."

Koinonia lunch today! 20s and 30s of APC, we would love for you to join us at the Quarter Market today at 12:45pm for food and fellowship. Email Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org with any questions.

Inquirers Class is next weekend, 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 in the upstairs lobby, take it home and fill it up with change, cash or a check and return it by February 11. Bottles should be returned to the table in the upstairs lobby. 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.

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 9:45-11:30am. 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 February 9 and February 23. Join us for these 2 weeks of 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.

Join us for our All-Church Dinner—Saturday, February 24 from 6-8pm in the Fellowship Hall. Be on the lookout for more details coming soon!

Save the Date:

February 24: All-Church Dinner

March 23: Missions Dinner

May 3-5: Men's Retreat at Massanetta Springs

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality

This Week: the Allen family; **Next Week:** Gladys Acevedo, Rodney Veenstra

Nursery

This Week (9am): Kari Adams, Sifa Balagizi, Matt Brown, Mary Lou Chesser,

Flora Chipana, John Connelly, Romy and Amy Murr, Margaret Veenstra

This Week (11am): Jon and Laura Erickson, Tom Mood,

Sam, Jessica, Collin, and Charlie White

Next Week (9am): Marc, Shannon, and Sarah Allen, John Connelly,

Catherine Marks, Abigail Olsen, Christian Poole, Juliana Richardson

Next Week (11am): Cindy Cai, Frank Girgenti, Caitlin Jolly,

Jodie and Anna Kirk, Becky Knapp, Athena Selim, Bethany Tinev

Children's Church

9am: Will and Catherine Marks, Chris and Amy Weld

11am: Ryan and Erin Furgerson

Tech Team

Wayne Folta, Chris and Abby McGahey, Bailey Rolland

Greeters

9am: Ryan Furgerson, Yaovi and Patricia Kodjo, Chris Nelms,

Miluvia Reyes, Lynn Streett

11am: Maggie Cho, Jodie Kirk, Becky Knapp, Becky and Maelee Mason,

Cynthia Oviatt

Ushers

9am: Femi Adeniji, Andy, Kira, and Granville Allison, Will Marks,

Janice Nichols, Sam and Collin White

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

Rachel Veenstra

Deacon on Duty

Aaron McCauley

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.

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 Reneger, 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** | *Joel Acevedo, Pastor of International Outreach and Mercy (9am); Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor (11am)*

Revelation 4:9-11

Leader: ⁹And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

All: ¹¹“**Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.**”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

You made the starry hosts, You traced the mountain peaks
You paint the evening sky with wonders
The earth, it is Your throne from desert to the sea
All nature testifies Your splendor

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Sing His greatness, all creation!
Praise the Lord! Raise your voice,
You heights and all you depths from furthest east to west
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!*

You reached into the dust; in love Your Spirit breathed
You formed us in Your very likeness
To know Your wondrous works, to tell Your mighty deeds
To join the everlasting chorus

Let symphonies resound; let drums and choirs ring out
All heaven hear the sound of worship
Let every nation bring its honors to the King
A roar of harmonies eternal

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Sing His greatness, all creation!
Praise the Lord! Raise your voice, You heights and all you depths from furthest east to west
You distant burning stars, all creatures near and far
From sky to sea to shore, sing out forevermore
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!*

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **scripture reading** | *Elder Chris Weld (9am); Jodie Kirk (11am)*

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (pg 618)

The New Covenant

³¹“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. ³³For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ songs of praise

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;
and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains:
lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
and there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away:
washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;
and there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:
and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,
till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more:
be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

When this poor lispng, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave,
then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing Thy pow'r to save:
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save;
then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.

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O Great God

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart,
own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war;
You have loved and purchased me; make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me,
through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace;
keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed;
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your name through me.

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■ offering prayers of thanksgiving and supplication

■ **offertory prayer** | *Traci Youngquist (9am); Shauna Pittman (11am)*

■ **musical offering** | *Adult Choir (9am)*

O for a Thousand Tongues

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

He breaks the pow’r of canceled sin, He sets the pris’ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosen’d tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

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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

Hosea 1:1-2:1 (pg. 703)

¹The word of the Lord that came to Hosea, the son of Beerī, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

²When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, “Go, take to yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord.” ³So he went and took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

⁴And the Lord said to him, “Call his name Jezreel, for in just a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. ⁵And on that day I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel.”

⁶She conceived again and bore a daughter. And the Lord said to him, “Call her name No Mercy, for I will no more have mercy on the house of Israel, to forgive them at all. ⁷But I will have mercy on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God. I will not save them by bow or by sword or by war or by horses or by horsemen.”

⁸When she had weaned No Mercy, she conceived and bore a son. ⁹And the Lord said, “Call his name Not My People, for you are not my people, and I am not your God.”

¹⁰Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered. And in the place where it was said to them, “You are not my people,” it shall be said to them, “Children of the living God.” ¹¹And the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint for themselves one head. And they shall go up from the land, for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

^{2:1}Say to your brothers, “You are my people,” and to your sisters, “You have received mercy.”

■ prayer for illumination

■ **sermon** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*
“Getting Our Attention”

Sermon series: God’s Love That Pursues

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song, the joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here; sin would reduce me to utter despair;
but through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive, and He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart, which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground and weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Thy mercy in Jesus exempts me from hell; its glories I'll sing, and its wonders I'll tell:
'Twas Jesus my all, as He hung on the tree and opened the channel of mercy for me.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own, and the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
all praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.

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■ **deacons’ fund offering** | *Deacon Aaron McCauley*

■ 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** | *Bailey Rolland, Administrator (9am); Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor (11am)*

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