

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is the last day to turn in filled baby bottles to support Sanctity of Life Ministries (SLM) medical outreach to women and men in crisis pregnancies.** Please return the bottles to the table in the upstairs lobby. Contact Pastor Josh Diack with any questions: [josh.diack@alexandriapres.org](mailto:josh.diack@alexandriapres.org).

**We need your help in nursery!** God is blessing us with a growing number of children at APC, and therefore we have an increasing demand for volunteers in the nursery. We are being called to increase the adult to child ratio and possibly expand to an additional nursery room to meet the growing demand. Would you please prayerfully consider serving in this ministry? If you are already serving, would you consider signing up for additional slots?

For new volunteers, a sign up sheet is at the Welcome Desk and Erin will be in the Fellowship Hall with a sign up sheet and to answer questions. For existing volunteers, please scan the QR code to sign up. If you would like to become a nursery volunteer, contact Erin Furgerson at [erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org](mailto:erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org).

**Koinonia Game Night on Monday, February 12 at 7pm at APC.** Bring your favorite board game and join us! Koiniona (coin-o-nea) is a ministry geared toward those in their 20s through to their 30s, designed to create connections between APC members and attendees who are at a similar stage of life.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org).

**Join us for our All-Church Dinner—Saturday, February 24 from 6-8pm in the Fellowship Hall.** The theme is Southwest Fiesta, and there will be great food, fellowship, and even a mariachi band. We will also be holding a dessert making contest, so please let us know when you sign up if you would like to enter. Childcare is provided for children 6 and under. Tickets are available for \$18/ person or \$60/ family. In addition to signing up to attend the dinner, we need volunteers to help with the event. If you are able to help with food preparation, set-up or clean-up, please let us know when you are signing up. Registration will be capped at 200 people. Please ensure that you sign up for everyone in your party. After we reach capacity, we will start a waiting list.

**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](mailto:lynn.streett79@gmail.com) in order to receive the Zoom link or if you have any questions.

**Women's Friday Bible study meets February 23.** Join us for this 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](mailto:ruth.fisher@hotmail.com) to let us know you are coming.



**Save the Date:**  
 February 24: All-Church Dinner  
 March 23: Missions Dinner  
 May 3-5: Men's Retreat at Massanetta Springs

<b>Giving at a Glance</b>	YTD Giving (7/1/23-1/31/24)	\$1,548,975
	YTD Budget (7/1/23-1/31/24)	\$1,504,000
	Difference	\$44,975 (103%)

**SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS**

- Hospitality Nursery** *This Week:* the Rosas family; *Next Week:* Gladys Acevedo, Emily Kerski  
*This Week (9am):* Jamie Connelly, Erin Furgerson, Andrew Hobold, Sharon Holliday, Sarah Huntington, McKinzie Newman, Christian Poole, Doug Shipley, Margaret Veenstra  
*This Week (11am):* Rob, Laura, and Elyse Coit, Laurie and Mella LeRoy, Eleanor Nagy, Andrea Romyn  
*Next Week (9am):* Femi Adeniji, Leslie Bridge, Ryan Furgerson, Lina Gentry, Stephanie Olsen, Joey and Bailey Rolland, Susanna Root, Traci Youngquist  
*Next Week (11am):* Didier Balagizi, John Connelly, Rob Fisher, Frank Girgenti, Chris Nelms, Carmen Rives, Staci Root
- Children's Church** *9am:* Daniel and Andrea Jones, Bryant and Lynn Streett  
*11am:* Ryan and Erin Furgerson
- Tech Team** Hudson Diack, Lee Huntington, Ethan Novak, Emmett Stephens
- Greeters** *9am:* Matt Coombs, Lindsay Hutter, Yaovi and Patricia Kodjo, Becky and Lilee Mason  
*11am:* Pierre Jolly, Marc, Shannon, James and Sarah Allen, Greg Thomas
- Ushers** *9am:* Mark Adams, Sue Edwards, Brian Field, Alex and Heidi Gesch, Katty and Daniel Hoyle, Yaovi Kodjo, Jonathon Osborne  
*11 am:* Christian and Connor Brittle, Christian and Jack Poole

**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 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](mailto:matthew.coombs@alexandriapres.org).

APC Visitor Form



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Covenant Fellowship Groups



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 | Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions

*Matthew 11:28-30*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### prayer of adoration

### choral meditation | Youth Choir

*(Please join in singing the italicized words when prompted.)*

#### Jesus, Strong and Kind

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.  
No one else can satisfy; I should come to Him.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to Him.  
No one else can be my strength; I should come to Him.

*For the Lord is good and faithful; He will keep us day and night.  
We can always run to Jesus— Jesus, strong and kind.*

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.  
No one else can be my shield; I should come to Him.

Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me,  
and He showed me on that cross, He will come to me.

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### song of confession

#### Lord Have Mercy

O God, we come before Your throne, and in our weakness we confess:  
We go astray and sin each day; we cast ourselves upon Your grace.  
O Lord, have mercy on us— sinners in need of grace.  
Forgive us our transgressions and lead us in Your righteous ways.  
God, lead us in Your righteous ways.

The blood You shed has paid our debt; Jesus, You’ve washed our sins away.  
We trust Your grace, believe by faith; in You we have all righteousness.  
O Lord, You’ve shown us mercy— sinners are washed as saints.  
You’ve shown Your loving-kindness; sons of disgrace are righteous made.  
Sons of disgrace are righteous made.

We fix our eyes on You, our prize: Jesus, the Author of our faith.  
Till You return or bring us home, You strengthen us to run the race.  
O Lord, forever faithful; all glory to Your name!  
We have no other Savior, our great Redeemer, God and King.  
Jesus— Redeemer, God and King.

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## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### scripture reading | Rob Coit, Operations Manager (9am)

*Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries (11am)*

*Ephesians 5:25-32 (pg. 919, 920)*

<sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup>that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup>so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup>In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup>because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup>“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup>This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### song of praise

#### 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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### missions partner update | Bruce Forsee, Training Leaders International

### congregational prayer | Elder Rob Fisher (9am); Elder Didier Balagizi (11am)

### offertory prayer | Kara Suckling (9am); Emily Kinch (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

*Hosea 2:14-3:5 ( pg. 704)*

#### The Lord's Mercy on Israel

<sup>14</sup>“Therefore, behold, I will allure her,  
and bring her into the wilderness,  
and speak tenderly to her.

<sup>15</sup>And there I will give her her vineyards  
and make the Valley of Achor a door of hope.

And there she shall answer as in the days of her youth,  
as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt.

<sup>16</sup>“And in that day, declares the Lord, you will call me ‘My Husband,’ and no longer will you call me ‘My Baal.’ <sup>17</sup>For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, and they shall be remembered by name no more. <sup>18</sup>And I will make for them a covenant on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the creeping things of the ground. And I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land, and I will make you lie down in safety. <sup>19</sup>And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. <sup>20</sup>I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>“And in that day I will answer, declares the Lord,  
I will answer the heavens,

and they shall answer the earth,

<sup>22</sup>and the earth shall answer the grain, the wine, and the oil,

and they shall answer Jezreel,

<sup>23</sup>and I will sow her for myself in the land.

And I will have mercy on No Mercy,  
and I will say to Not My People, ‘You are my people’;  
and he shall say, ‘You are my God.’”

#### Hosea Redeems His Wife

<sup>31</sup>And the Lord said to me, “Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the Lord loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins.” <sup>2</sup>So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a lethech of barley. <sup>3</sup>And I said to her, “You must dwell as mine for many days. You shall not play the whore, or belong to another man; so will I also be to you.” <sup>4</sup>For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or household gods. <sup>5</sup>Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the Lord and to his goodness in the latter days.

### prayer for illumination

### sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

**“The Price of Redemption”** Sermon series: God’s Love That Pursues

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### songs 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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#### There Is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer— Jesus, God’s own Son,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

*Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
and leaving Your Spirit till Your work on earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer, Name above all names,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory, I will see His face,  
and there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.

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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 | Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries

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